

1262 AAF BASE UNIT

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1262 AAF Base Unit

1262 AAF Base Unit (North African Division, ATC)

1262 AAF Base Unit (Foreign Transport Station)

STATIONS

Tripoli, Libya

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On 1 October 1944 Air Force elements under the command of Colonel Theron B. Herndon were able to begin moving into Mellaha from the British base at Castel Benito; and on 15 April 1945, the field became operational and the ATC's 1262d Army Air Force (AAF) Base Unit, from Castel Benito, occupied Mellaha. The 1262d was commanded by Major Roy E. Brown. Major Brown succeeded Colonel Herndon as commander of Mellaha on 11 September 1945. He was followed by Major John E. Maher in late November 1945.

On 1 December 1946, the Tripoli command was designated the 1431st AAF Base Unit under direct jurisdiction of the European Division of ATC, The organization, consisting of 20 officers and 43 troops, remained under Major Pedrazzini, who was relieved on 26 December 1946 by Colonel J. P. Kidwell, last commander of the base prior to its inactivation.

USAF Unit Histories

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