

1703 AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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Activated, 25 Oct 1949

Discontinued, 18 Jun 1957

STATIONS

Brookley AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

Continental Division, Military Air Transport Service, 25 Oct 1949

1701 Air Transport Wing, 1 May 1953 – 18 Jun 1957

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The first C-74 Globemaster was assigned to the group and the unit was the testing agency for the new airplane.

The group received its first C-124 aircraft, an "A" model, on 6 October 1951. The unit flew the C-124A on a regularly scheduled mission to Ramey AB, Puerto Rico, until 11 October 1953.

The unit acted as a testing agency again, beginning in April, 1953, when the first C-124C versions of the Globemaster II arrived. Familiarization tests were completed by 11 June.

In November 1955, the C-74s were put into flyable storage at Brookley. These same airplanes were flown to Davis-Monthan AFB in 1956, the last departing Brookley AFB in April.

On 30 June 1957, the group was inactivated and the 3rd ATS, which remained at Brookley, was assigned to the 1700th ATG. Within months, the squadron was assigned to the 1608th ATW.

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