

63rd TROOP CARRIER GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

63rd Transport Group, constituted 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 1 Dec 1940

Redesignated 63rd Troop Carrier Group, Jul 1942

Disbanded, 14 Apr 1944

Reconstituted, allotted to the reserve and redesignated 63rd Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 10 May 1949

Activated, 27 Jun 1949

Ordered to active service, 1 May 1951

Inactivated, 9 May 1951

Redesignated 63rd Troop Carrier Group, Heavy activated, 20 Jun 1953

STATIONS

Wright Field, OH, 1 Dec 1940

Patterson Field, OH, 17 Feb 1941

Brookley Field, AL, 9 Sep 1941

Camp Williams, WI, 24 May 1942

Dodd Field, TX, 18 Sep 1942

Victorville, CA, 18 Nov 1942

Lawson Field, GA, 7 May 1943

Grenada AAFld, MS, 3 Jun 1943

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 19 Jan-14 Apr 1944

Floyd Bennett NAS, NY, 27 Jun 1949-9 May 1951

Altus AFB, OK, 20 Jun 1953

Donaldson AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1953

Norton AFB, CA, 15 Sep 1978-1 Jul 1980

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Transport Command (later I Troop Carrier Command), Apr 1942

Tactical Air Command

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Cpt James L Jackson, 1 Dec 1940

Maj Herman E Hurst, 30 Apr 1942

LTC Edward P Dimmick, 3 Oct 1942-14 Apr 1944

Col Kenneth L Johnson, 20 June 1953

Col Horace A Crosswell, 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

2 Mar- 31 May 1955

EMBLEM

Light blue with a green embattled base, a red lightning flash striking from upper right corner and crossing the corner of one embattlement and a white parachute with shroud lines touching the tip of the flash; above the parachute three white aircraft, on the green base a circle of six yellow stars at the left and a triangle of three yellow stars. (Approved, 2 Oct 1953)

MOTTO

OMNIA, UBIQUE, SEMPER— Anything, Anywhere, Anytime

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained with C-33, C-34, and C-50 aircraft; later equipped with C-47 and C-53's. Transported supplies, materiel, and personnel in the US and the Caribbean area. Became part of Air Transport Command (later I Troop Carrier Command) in Apr 1942. Redesignated 63d Troop Carrier Group in Jul 1942. Became a training organization, preparing cadres for troop carrier groups. Began training replacement crews in Jul 1943.

Trained, transported personnel and supplies, and participated in exercises and maneuvers with airborne troops. In 1955 transported construction equipment from bases in Canada to points north of the Arctic Circle for use in setting up a warning network in the Canadian Arctic; for this operation, accomplished in severe weather and without adequate navigational equipment, the group received an AFOUA

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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