

80th AIR DEPOT WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

80th Air Depot Group constituted, 31 Jan 1942
Activated, 13 Mar 1942
Inactivated, 9 Apr 1946
Redesignated 80th Air Depot Wing, 10 Jan 1951
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1953
Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

STATIONS

McClellan Field, CA
Karachi, India
Ranaghat, India, 3 Oct 1945
Bengal Air Depot, Titaghar, India, 4 Apr 1946
Kelly AFB, TX
Nouasseur AB, Morocco, 13 Jul 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Clarence G. Brown, 13 Mar 1951
BG Wilfred Hardy, Aug 1951
BG James L. Jackson, May 1952

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In February 1945 the 80th ADG was moved to Panagarh the site of the Eastern Air Depot which was also the home of the 47th ADG. It was a new base with plenty of construction going on and appeared to being built for the long haul. New hangars and base operations and a large concrete flight line. We went from the new barracks at Karachi back to tents. Panagarh was as hot or hotter than Karachi with no large community nearby - Calcutta was over 100 miles.

At the end of the war there were many aircraft being prepared for use against the Japanese. As the war ended many were painted over with the Chinese insignia. As the planes that had either large repairs or a lot of flight time were returned to the air depot they were stripped of good parts and sent to the scrap pile which was a burning pit of aircraft. All types of aircraft were destroyed, bombers, fighters, gliders, and light planes were placed in a pile and set ablaze.

USAFE expanded its responsibilities in the Mediterranean on 24 February when it organized the 7019th Base Complement Squadron (Provisional). The squadron arrived at Casablanca, French Morocco, in early March as the advance element of the 80th Air Depot Wing. The 80th was located at Nouasseur Air Base in March and charged with providing logistical support for the growing USAF activities in Morocco, including the 5th Air Division, a SAC organization established at Rabat in May. (The 80th was transferred from Air Materiel Command to USAFE on 16 August.) 1951

The 80th Air Depot Wing supported an expanding logistics service area plus the WRM (War Reserve Material) stockpile, and both air bases supported some rotating USAFF. and SAC bomber, fighter and reconnaissance planes.

The 80th Air Depot Wing filled an important part of the USAFE Depot Support System, along with Burtonwood Air Depot in England and the Chateauroux Air Depot in France. Open storage continued for many classes of supplies that needed shelter. Still, more than 40,000 short tons of supplies had been handled in the first six months of 1952 and approximately 300,000 line items requisitioned."

The 80th Air Depot Wing now maintained that the unit mission as logistic support, or operating a large air depot.

80th Supply Squadron
80th Repair Squadron
80th Depot Repair Squadron
80th Depot Supply Squadron

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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