

118th COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

LINEAGE

118th Combat Support Squadron activated
Inactivated at 2400, 26 Feb 1975
Activated

STATIONS

Nashville, TN

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Joseph O. Martin Jr., 26 Mar 1971
LTC Clarence Suiter
Maj Donald L. Early
LTC Robert J. Dennison, #1986

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 118 Combat Support Squadron supply section had begun its pre-conversion tasks on 1 February 1971, with a wall-to-wall inventory of all property and a loading of that inventory into a computer; the loading process, which included some 11,000 line items, was

accomplished and the conversion was complete by 1 May 1971. The new supply system — the Univac 1050 II Real Time Computer System — was described as "an advanced, general purpose digital computer system capable of rapid response to requests from remote units without interrupting the input/output operations"; the real time system, one that kept track of a process as it changed, could also report the effects of a change immediately after it occurred. This meant that a piece of data requested, such as the balance of an item in stock, would be current as of the moment of the report. The parent base of support for the system was Columbus AFB, Mississippi.

The 118 CSS Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO) in April became part of a nationwide effort to get all personnel records at the nation's 98 Air National Guard bases computerized.

The CBPO received two Burroughs TC-521 machines on 2 April 1973, and on 6 April 1973 were connected on line to a Burroughs 5500 computer located at Byltheville AFT, AR. On 13 April 1973, personnel data began being fed into the computer, a process which ran continuously until completion 15 April 1973. A total of 20,126 record items were loaded into the computer. Capt Robert J. Dennison, Chief of CBPO, said the computerization means that "for the first time in history, the Air National Guard personnel records are compatible to the Air Force." Called Base Level Military Personnel (BLIMPS), the system means that Guard records can be automatically transferred to Air Force files in the event a unit is called to active duty, Capt Dennison said.

The 118 Tactical Airlift Group and 118 Combat Support Squadron were inactivated at 2359, 26 February 1975. Personnel, equipment, and funds were transferred to the 118 Combat Support Group which was activated effective 27 February 1975. All personnel in the 205 Weather Flight were transferred to the 105th Weather Flight effective 15 March 1975.

From 27 July-6 August 1983, the 118 Tactical Hospital and 118 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron were supported by members of the 118 Combat Support Squadron during the summer camp at Eglin Air Force Base FL.

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