

778 TACTICAL AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

778th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943
Activated, 1 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945
Redesignated 778th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 14 Nov 1945
Redesignated 778th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 15 Dec 1952
Activated, 1 Feb 1953
Redesignated 778th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, 1 Dec 1958
Redesignated 778th Tactical Airlift Squadron

STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Aug 1943
Gowen Field, ID, 22 Aug 1943
Pocatello AAFld, ID, 2 Oct 1943-9 Feb 1944
Pantanella Airfield, Italy, 20 Mar 1944
Gioia, Italy, 20 Apr 1944
Pantanella Airfield, Italy, 1 Jun 1944-6 Jun 1945
Waller Field, Trinidad, 15 Jun-31 Jul 1945
Lawson AFB, GA, 1 Feb 1953
Pope AFB, NC, 16 Sep 1954
Pope AFB, NC, 6 Sep 1954-31 Aug 1971

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Rhein Main AB, Germany, 26 Apr 1955-4 Nov 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

464th Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1943-31 Jul 1945

464th Troop Carrier Group, 1 Feb 1953

464th Troop Carrier Wing, 11 Nov 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945

C-46, 1953-1954

C-119, 1953-1958

C-123, 1958

COMMANDERS

Maj Daniel L. Whalen

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Vienna, Austria, 8 Jul 1944

Pardubice, Czechoslovakia, [24] Aug 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

28 Nov 1961-1 May 1963

EMBLEM



778 Bombardment Squadron emblem



778 Troop Carrier Squadron emblem: On a white disc edged Air Force blue, a happy caricatured white mouse with pink mouth, red nose and eyes, black markings, outlines and details, dressed in orange shirt and Air Force blue knee pants, with green necktie and green visored cap adorned with a white lightning flash; his gloves and shoes black; a silver gray aircraft held high in his right hand and an Air Force golden yellow lightning flash in his left hand; a silver-gray shadow around his feet. (Approved, 17 Apr 1958)

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OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 30 Apr 1944-26 Apr 1945.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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