

913 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

13 Transport Squadron constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 1 Dec 1940

Redesignated 13 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 15 Oct 1946

913 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted, 7 Apr 1958

Activated, 1 Jun 1958

Inactivated, 1 Nov 1981

13 Troop Carrier Squadron and 913 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 1985

Redesignated 913 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 27 Mar 2002

STATIONS

Patterson Field, OH, 1 Dec 1940

Drew Field, FL, 13 Jul 1941

Pope Field, NC, 25 May 1942

Lockbourne AAB, OH, 8 Aug-22 Sep 1942

Plaines des Gaiacs, New Caledonia, 10 Oct 1942
Tontouta, New Caledonia, 17 Dec 1942
Espiritu Santo, 2 Nov 1943 (operated from Los Negros, 16 Aug-4 Oct 1944)
Biak, 21 Sep 1944 (operated from Wakde, 4-19 Oct 1944)
Dulag, Leyte, 17 Jul 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, 7 Jan 1946
Nichols Field, Luzon, 15 Jun-15 Oct 1946
Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Jun 1958-1 Nov 1981

ASSIGNMENTS

61 Transport (later Troop Carrier) Group, 1 Dec 1940
Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Oct 1942
Thirteenth Air Force, 13 Jan 1943
XIII Air Force Service Command, 1 Jul 1943
403 Troop Carrier Group, 22 Aug 1943-15 Oct 1946
4238 Strategic Wing, 1 Jun 1958
2 Bombardment Wing, 1 Apr 1963-1 Nov 1981
Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 27 Mar 2002

ATTACHMENTS

South Pacific Combat Air Transport Command, 11 Dec 1942-3 Jul 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47 1941-1946
C-53, 1942
C-46, 1945-1946
C-54, 1946
KC-135, 1958

COMMANDERS

1LT Edward P. Dimoch, 1 Dec 1940-unkn
Cpt John C. Bennett, unkn-25 May 1942
Unkn, 26 May-10 Oct 1942
Maj Felder W. Cullum, 11 Oct 1942
Maj John P. Remaklus, 7 Jul 1943
Maj Harold F. Wilson, 26 Nov 1943
Cpt Clare C. Park Jr., 10 Sep 1944
Cpt Erling A. Nasset, 22 May 1945
Cpt Theophilus W. Crutcher, Oct 1945
Cpt William P. Mercer, Nov 1945
Cpt Daniel H. Pierce, Dec 1945
Cpt James D. Tankersley, 2 Mar 1946
Maj Joseph F. Mooney, 1 Apr 1946
LTC Norton H. Van Sicklen, Jul-15 Oct 1946

LTC William W. Culbertson, 1 Jun 1958
LTC John H. Fully Jr., Nov 1960
LTC Robert G. Woda, 15 Oct 1962



LTC George E. Porter (USAF photo)

LTC George E. Porter, 30 Dec 1963
LTC Julian B. Upton, 18 Mar 1965
LTC Jack F. Blankenship, 15 Feb 1966
LTC William C. Branan, 26 Jun 1967
LTC Roy O. Sloan Jr., Dec 1967
LTC William R. Wilson, Jr., 1 Jul 1968
LTC James S. Kendall, 1 May 1969
LTC Dillard D. Bolls, 30 Jan 1971
Col Charles E. Branton, 30 Oct 1973
LTC John C. Bonnette, 23 Jul 1974
LTC Richard C. Milnes, 1 Aug 1975
LTC Warren T. Kwiecinski, 8 Jul 1977
LTC Norbert A. Hala, 9 Feb 1979
LTC Jimmie R. Campbell, 5 Mar-1 Nov 1981

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Guadalcanal
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon

Southern Philippines

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Philippine Islands, 17 Apr-30 Jun 1945

Presidential Unit Citation
[10 Oct-9 Dec 1942]

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul-1 Dec 1965

Navy Unit Commendation
11 Dec 1942-15 Jul 1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM



Approved, 2 Jun 1959

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OPERATIONS

Aerial transportation and medical evacuation in South and Southwest Pacific, 10 Oct 1942-Aug 1945. Supported Strategic Air Command worldwide air refueling requirements, 1958-1981.

Deployed aircraft and crews to the Far East and Southwest Asia, 1965-1972, in support of combat operations and to Alaska, England, Spain, Guam, and Okinawa through Oct 1981.

Aerial transportation in the South and Southwest Pacific, 10 Oct 1942-Aug 1945.

Required to maintain three of its KC-135 on ground alert during three month period; 1961

913 AREFS continued deploying KC-135 to Torrejon AB, Spain for Chrome Dome refueling sorties, temporarily halted participation in Project Dominic, and deployed aircraft for participation in Operation Texas Star. Operations calm down and cover all/looking glass. 1962



913 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy KC-135 crew alerted and running to their jet. (USAF photo)

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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