

914 EXPEDITIONARY AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

8 Observation Squadron (Special) constituted, 28 Jan 1942

Activated, 3 Feb 1942

Redesignated 14 Tow Target Squadron, 14 Nov 1942

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

Reconstituted, 26 Sep 1944

Activated, 6 Oct 1944

Inactivated, 1 Feb 1946

914 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted and activated, 17 May 1961

Organized, 1 Oct 1961

Discontinued and inactivated, 23 Oct 1964

14 Tow Target Squadron and 914 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 1985

Redesignated 914 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron and converted to provisional status, 27 Mar 2003

STATIONS

Pope Field, NC, 3 Feb 1942

Langley Field, VA, 4 Apr 1942

Camp Davis, NC, 8 May 1942-10 Apr 1944

McChord AFB, WA, 6 Oct-17 Nov 1944

Nadzab, New Guinea, 9 Jan 1945

Clark Field, Luzon, 17 Jul 1945-1 Feb 1946

Blytheville AFB, AR, 1 Oct 1961-23 Oct 1964

ASSIGNMENTS

Office of the Chief of Air Corps, 3 Feb 1942

Third Air Force, 12 Dec 1942

I Air Support Command (later, I Tactical Air Division), 17 Dec 1942
First Air Force, 4 Nov 1943-10 Apr 1944
Fourth Air Force, 6 Oct 1944
360 Service Group, 9 Jan 1945
XIII Bomber Command, c. Nov 1945
Thirteenth Air Force, 27 Dec 1945-1 Feb 1946
97 Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1961-23 Oct 1964
Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 27 Mar 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-24
B-10
B-34
L-1
L-4
O-47
O-52
P-47
B-25
A-20
P-70
KC-135, 1962-1964

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Martin H. Andrews, 3 Feb 1942
2nd Lt Hugh L. Rathburn, 4 Apr 1942
Maj Horace B. Wetherell, 21 Jun 1943
Capt James B. Davis, 24 Jun 1943
Capt LeRoy E. Homen, 30 Jul 1943
Capt Paul R. Rouillard, 4 Aug 1943
Capt Wendell L. Jones, 26 Aug 1943
Capt Paul R. Rouillard, 8 Sep 1943-unkn
Maj Fred V. Turner, 6 Oct 1944
Capt Lorenzo M. Thompson, 27 Apr 1945-unkn
Lt Col Elton J. Jennings, 1 Oct 1961
Maj Charles B. Longshore, by 31 Mar 1963
Lt Col John R. Thompson Jr., 31 Jun 1963
Lt Col Charles B. Longshore, 31 Jan 1964-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers
American Theater
Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

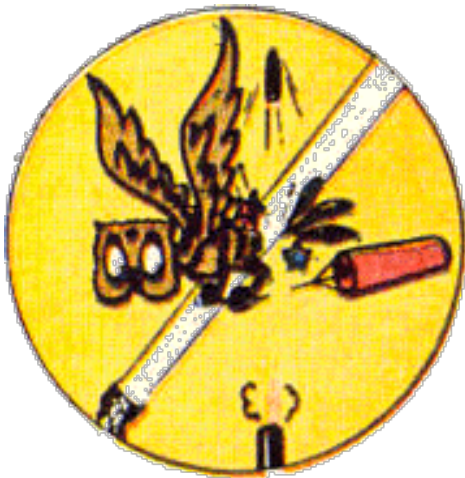
Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

23 Oct-33 Nov 1962

EMBLEM



14 Tow Target Squadron emblem: On a light yellow disc, edged black, a caricatured brown owl in flight, towing a light magenta target sock, while having tail feathers clipped by black anti-aircraft shell fired from black gun in sinister base, contact point of shell and tail feathers marked by black lines, one magenta star, and one light turquoise blue star, all in front of a white searchlight beam, edged black, emitting from black searchlight in dexter base. (Approved, 16 Feb 1944)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Performed towing and tracking for anti-aircraft artillery units, 1942-1944. Towed targets for air-to-air gunnery and anti-aircraft artillery practice, 1945.

Conducted aerial refueling training and performed operations commitments, 1962-1964.

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