

3rd TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON (HEAVY)



LINEAGE

3rd Provisional Transport Squadron constituted, 1 Mar 1935
Redesignated 3rd Transport Squadron, 25 Jun 1935
Activated, 5 Jul 1935
Redesignated 3rd Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Disbanded, 14 Apr 1944
Reconstituted, 5 Sep 1947
Activated in the reserve, 6 Oct 1947
Redesignated 3rd Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 1 May 1951
Inactivated, 9 May 1951
Redesignated 3rd Troop Carrier Squadron (Heavy), 19 Mar 1953
Activated, 20 Jun 1953
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Dec 1960

STATIONS

Duncan Field, TX, 5 Jul 1937
Camp Williams, WI, 29 May 1942
Dodd Field, TX, 18 Sep 1942
Victorville, CA, 16 Nov 1942
Lawson Field, GA, 7 May 1943
Grenada AAFld, MS, 3 Jun 1943
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 19 Jan-14 Apr 1944
Burlington Mun Aprt, IA, 6 Oct 1947
Ft Slocum, NY, 6 Jun 1949
Floyd Bennett NAS, NY, 27 Jun 1949-9 May 1951
Altus AFB, OK, 20 Jun 1953
Donaldson AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1953-8 Dec 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

San Antonio Air Depot, 5 Jul 1935
10th Transport Group) May 1937

63rd Transport (later Troop Carrier) Group, 10 May 1941-14 Apr 1944
Second Air Force, 6 Oct 1947
Tenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1948
First Air Force, 6 Jun 1949
63rd Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-9 May 1951
63rd Troop Carrier Group, 20 Jun 1953-8 Dec 1960

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-27, 1935
C-33, 1936
C-39, 1938
C-53, 1942
C-47A, 1942
C-48B
C-49F
C-61
C-124, 1953

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

C-33
36-86
36-86

C-39
38-514
38-532

C-47
41-38640
41-38593
41-18462
41-18496
41-18462
41-18466
42-23346
41-38640

C-47A
42-23312

C-48B
42-56611

C-49F
42-5662

C-61
41-38810

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Maj John P. Richter, 5 Jul 1935
Maj Elmer D. Perrin, 12 Jun 1936
1LT Max H. Warren, 24 Jun 1937
LTC Lester T. Miller, 1 Nov 1937
1LT Max H. Warren, 10 Mar 1938
Maj Malcolm S. Lawton, 23 Nov 1938
Cpt Samuel V. Payne, Dec 1940-Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
2 Mar-31 May 1955

EMBLEM

Over and through a golden orange disc, border black, a winged, caricatured wolf brown, tan, and white, in sheep's clothing white, with white halo suspended overhead. (Approved, 10 Sep 1943)

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Regular Army on 1 October 1933, assigned to the 1st Transport Group, and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Organized by March 1934 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit at Indianapolis, IN. Authorized to be partially organized as the 3rd Provisional Transport Squadron on 1 March 1935 and assigned to the San Antonio Air Depot. Redesignated as the 3rd Transport Squadron on 25 June 1935. Fully activated on 15 July 1935, less Reserve personnel, at Duncan Field, TX.

Replacement training, 1943-1944.

The 3rd TCS made a 30-day tour through the USAFE theater of operations to assist in reducing backlog cargo. A total of 764 tons of cargo was moved in flights to bases in Denmark, Greece, France, Italy, Turkey, England, French Morocco and Libya. 10 January 1956.

The 3rd ATS is announced as the first unit to receive the C-141A. The first C-141A was scheduled to arrive during the first quarter of FY 1966, with the 3rd ATS's C-124s scheduled to be phased out by the second quarter of the year. By the third quarter, the squadron was expected to have its full complement of 16 C-141As.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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