

13th AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT (FLOATING)

LINEAGE

13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit (Floating)

STATIONS

Iliocos, Philippines

ASSIGNMENTS

MISSION EQUIPMENT

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGN

OPERATIONS

Aircraft Maintenance Units (Floating) were the smaller ones

The Aircraft Maintenance Units (Floating) were apparently constituted as Floating Repair Units. The abstract for the 5th AMU (Fltg) indicates it was redesignated the day it was activated, but the L&H statement for the 16th AMU (Fltg) indicates it was redesignated before activation. At any rate, all 35 of them were activated in June 1944 (most on 2 Jun 44, the rest on 10 Jun 44). The 1st-4th apparently at Brookley Fld, and the 7th-19th at Daniel Fld. The 20th-35th were activated 2 Jun 44 and disbanded on 21 Sep 44 (possibly the 19th, too).

The AMUs (Fltg) activated at Daniel Fld all moved to Brookley Fld in June or July 1944. All training was done in the Mobile, AL area, with maintenance training at Bates Fld and "sailor" training at Point Clear, AL. Most of the abstracts don't discuss this, but the L&H statement for the 16th AMU (Fltg) indicates these were unit moves in the Mobile area, not temporary duty.

Summaries online indicate these units specialized in fighter repair, while the larger ARUs specialized in B-29s, but there are references in unit histories for AMUs (Fltg) to B-29 work. The fighter orientation is supported by the number that served at Iwo Jima, Ie Shima, and Okinawa.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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