

# **3075 AIRCRAFT FERRY SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

3075 Aircraft Ferry Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Sep 1948

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Mission is to train ferry crews and perform ferrying missions. Maj Harold J. Mecke, commanding officer.

1 Jul 52, 3075 Aircraft Ferry Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Ok, was redesignated 1739 Ferrying Squadron. No changes made in command organization.

Unit was reassigned to Amarillo Air Force Base, Tx. Maj Harold J. Mecke, commander, was transferred to 1708 Ferrying Group Headquarters and was succeeded by Lt Col Charles R. Fitch, 2 Sep 52.

Lt Col Fitch made numerous personnel changes and assignments. Policy and procedures changes occurred also.

Aircraft assigned to squadron were F-51, B-26, T-6, And T-11. Ferrying capabilities of squadron limited due to shortage of qualified crews and administrative workload generated by establishment of section.

Transition flying training programs established for T-6, F-51, T-33, And B-26. Aircraft accidents occurring during period include an F-47 that crashed on takeoff. Pilot uninjured. C-119 developed engine fire on takeoff. Fire was extinguished in the air, and aircraft was maneuvered at dangerously low airspeed to a safe single engine landing at long beach. To preclude future aircraft accidents, action was taken to screen pilot capabilities and require more rigid standards for instructor pilot and checkout procedures.

Ground training program formulated and implemented with problems in attendance and nonavailability of training aids. Maintenance problems encountered included lack of parts, inability to establish a service stock level, manpower shortage, and lack of sufficient space. Supply section was unable to supply items of personal equipment required by squadron. A C-54 was dispatched to pick up basic items of supply and personal equipment.

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