

85th TRANSPORT GROUP

MISSION

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85th Transport Group

STATIONS

Erding, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Robert A. Harnett, #1953

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

TRANSPORTATION A VITAL JOB The 85th Transportation Group was activated March 16 1952. The mission of the 85th Transportation Group is to provide transportation for the 85th Air Depot Wing, Lieutenant Colonel Gatewood R. Bridges was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Group upon activation. Concurrently with the activation of the Group the 85th Transport Squadron was activated. On the same date the 85th Motor Vehicle Squadron, formerly assigned to the 85th Air Base Group, was reassigned to the Transportation Group.

The Group was organized with a Group Headquarters, a Personnel and Administrative Section, a Traffic, Plans and Control Section, and the two squadrons mentioned above. In June 1952 the responsibility and functions of field maintenance of motor vehicles was reassigned to the Group from the 8 jth Vehicle Repair Squadron of the Maintenance Group. This resulted in the consolidation of organizational and field maintenance responsibilities for the 85th Air Depot Wing, leaving the responsibility for Depot vehicle repairs to the 85th Vehicle Repair Squadron, Maintenance Group.

The Group is responsible for the organizational and field maintenance of approximately 1,000 motor vehicles assigned to the 85th Air Depot Wing, and attached units. In July 1952 it was necessary to employ contractors to assist in bringing all the vehicles of the Depot up to a safe operating condition as required by appropriate Technical Orders. To complete this project within a minimum time a two-shift concept was employed, supplementing the normal day shift with a night group. The project was completed in approximately four months and the assigned personnel are now able to maintain this high standard.

The 85th Transport Squadron has the responsibility of rail, passenger, surface freight and air freight for the 85th Air Depot Wing. In addition, there is a Fuel Transport Cell, a Medium Transport Cell and a Car Cell. The mission of the Fuel Transport Cell is over-the-road hauling of aircraft fuel. This cell is fully manned with approximately 90 per cent trained personnel. The air freight section receives and ships by air approximately 75 tons of air freight per month. The rail passenger and freight section provides rail transportation for approximately 500 passengers per month, and ships 10,000 tons of freight per month. The Medium Transport Cell is engaged in on-base hauling, and off-base transportation to satellite communities.

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