

## 62 OPERATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

62 Transport Group, established, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 11 Dec 1940  
Redesignated 62 Troop Carrier Group, 4 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 14 Nov 1945  
Activated, 7 Sep 1946  
Redesignated 62 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 23 Jun 1948  
Redesignated 62 Troop Carrier Group, Heavy, 12 Oct 1949  
Inactivated, 15 Jan 1960  
Redesignated 62 Military Airlift Group, 31 Jul 1985  
Redesignated 62 Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991  
Activated, 1 Dec 1991

#### STATIONS

McClellan Field, CA, 1 Dec 1940  
Kellogg Field, MI, 30 May 1942  
Florence, SC, 1 Jul-14 Aug 1942  
Keevil, England, 25 Sep 1942  
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942  
Nouvion, Algeria, 24 Dec 1942  
Matemore, Algeria, 16 May 1943  
Tunisia, Jul 1943  
Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943  
Brindisi, Italy, Feb 1944

Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 20 Mar 1944  
Gaudio Airfield, Italy, 8 May 1944  
Galera Airfield, Italy, 30 Jun 1944  
Malignano Airfield, Italy, 30 Sep 1944  
Tarquinia, Italy, 8 Jan 1945  
Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 25 May 1945  
Naples, Italy, 17 Sep-14 Nov 1945  
Bergstrom Field, TX, 7 Sep 1946  
McChord Field, WA, Aug 1947  
Kelly AFB, TX, 9 May 1950  
McChord AFB, WA, 27 Jul 1950  
Larson AFB, WA, 9 May 1952-15 Jan 1960  
McChord AFB, WA, 1 Dec 1991

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Service Command, 11 Dec 1940  
50 Transport Wing, 14 Jan 1941  
51 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jun 1942  
Mediterranean Air Transport Service, 4 Jun-14 Nov 1945  
Third Air Force, 7 Sep 1946  
Ninth Air Force, 1 Nov 1946  
Twelfth Air Force, 5 Aug 1947  
62 Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Aug 1947  
Fourth Air Force, 1 Jun 1950  
Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1950  
Continental Division, MATS, 17 Jul 1950  
1705 Air Transport Wing, 24 Aug 1950  
62 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Oct 1951-15 Jan 1960  
62 Airlift Wing, 1 Dec 1991

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-39, 1941-1942  
C-47, 1942-1945  
C-53, 1940-1945  
C-46, 1946-1947  
C-82, 1947-1949  
C-54, 1949-1951  
C-124, 1951-1960  
C-141, 1991  
C-17, 1999

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Bernard J. Tooher, 11 Dec 1940  
Maj Donald E. Shugart, unkn

Col Samuel J. Davis, 1 Jul 1942  
Lt Col Aubrey S. Hurren, 27 Mar 1943  
Col Gordon L. Edris, 15 May 1944  
Lt Col William M. Massengale Jr., 13 Dec 1944  
Col Gordon L. Edris, 23 Feb 1945  
Col Paul A. Jones, 27 May 1945  
Lt Col Riley B. Whearty, 3 Jun 1945  
Lt Col Oliver K. Halderson, 20 Jul 1945-unkn  
Col Donald J. French, 7 Sep 1946  
Col Adriel N. Williams, 1 Mar 1948  
Col George S. Brown, Jul 1950  
Col Richard Jones, Aug 1951  
Col Lionel F. Johnson, by Jun 1956-Jan 1960  
Col William E. Schepens, 1 Dec 1991  
Col Steven A. Roser, 28 Jan 1993  
Col Thomas P. Kane, 8 Jul 1994  
Col Thomas R. Madson, 5 Jun 1995  
Col Gregory L. Trebon, 2 Jan 1996  
Col Ronald R. Ladnier, 15 Aug 1997  
Col Mark D. Still, 27 Jul 1998  
Col Darren W. McDew, 27 Jul 2000  
Col Michael C. Strouse, 20 Sep 2001  
Col Lyn D. Sherlock, 1 Oct 2002  
Col Christopher E. Coley, 6 Apr 2004  
Col Damon K. Booth, 15 Jul 2005  
Col Ted A. Detwiler, 14 Aug 2006  
Col Joseph T. Wiley, 15 Jun 2007  
Col Glenn Rousseau, 19 Jun 2009  
Col Paul B. Eberhart, 21 Apr 2011  
Col Andrew C. Hird, 21 Mar 2013  
Col Brian J. Wald, 29 Nov 2013  
Col Andrew C. Hird, 7 Apr 2014  
Col David Owens, 7 Jul 2015

## **HONOR**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Southern France

North Apennines  
Po Valley  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award  
11 Sep 2001-10 Sep 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

19 Apr-5 May 1954

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001

11 Sep 2005-10 Sep 2006

11 Sep 2008-10 Sep 2010

11 Sep 2010-10 Sep 2011

10 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013

10 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2015

#### **EMBLEM**



Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

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#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

After activation, the group transported military freight, supplies, and official passengers in North and South America. In England, provided training for parachute and glider troops.

Moved UK Aug.-Sep 1942 Ground echelon left Florence Fd, SC, 14 Sep 1942 and sailed on the Queen Elizabeth 30 Aug 1942, disembarking Greenock 6 Sep 1942 First a/c left Presque Isle, Me 22 Sep. 1942 and last on 7 Oct 1942 Air echelon flew paratroopers to North Africa 11-18 Nov 1942 Ground echelon sailed on Samaria 27 Nov 1942

In Algeria, 62d flew its first combat mission on 29 Nov 1942, dropping British paratroopers on airdromes in Tunisia. Trained with gliders for several months, then towed them to Syracuse. Dropped paratroops behind enemy lines at Catania during the Allied invasion of Sicily in Jul 1943. Dropped paratroops in northern Italy in Jun 1944, to harass the retreating enemy and prevent them from destroying bridges. Flew two missions during the Allied invasion of Southern France in Aug 1944, releasing gliders and parachute troops in the battle area. Towed gliders to and dropped paratroops in Greece during the Allied assault in Oct 1944. Evacuated wounded personnel, and delivered ammunition, food, clothing, medical supplies, and other materials to the partisans behind enemy lines in Italy and in the Balkans; also dropped propaganda leaflets. After the war, the group flew various humanitarian missions, hauled freight and mail, and aided in the redeployment of personnel until Nov 1945.

Flew mail to Japan for U.S. troops in Korea in 1952; brought medical supplies to the flooded areas of Pakistan in 1954; and transported French troops and equipment from France to Indochina, Apr-May 1954. Airlifted radar equipment and supplies for the construction of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line in northern Alaska and Canada, 1955-1956, and thereafter periodically resupplied DEW stations.

From 1991, its squadrons flew a variety of exercises and training missions and provided airlift for worldwide contingencies and humanitarian relief efforts.

Flew resupply missions for Operation Deep Freeze, Antarctica, 1997.

Group elements conducted aerial delivery of rations to Afghani towns and villages during Global War on Terrorism contingency operations in 2001.

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#### Sources

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