

2nd AIRLIFT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

2nd Provisional Transport Squadron constituted, 1 Mar 1935
Redesignated 2nd Transport Squadron, 28 Jun 1935
Redesignated 2nd Transport Squadron and activated, 28 Jun 1935
Redesignated 2nd Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 24 Dec 1945
Redesignated 2nd Airlift Squadron and activated, 1 Jun 1992

STATIONS

Columbus, OH, 1934-1935
Olmsted Field, PA, 28 Jun 1935
Stout Field, IN, 21 May 1942
Kellogg Field, MI, 1 Jul 1942
Bowman Field, KY, 4 Aug 1942
Pope Field, NC, 1 Oct 1942–23 Jan 1943
Yangkai, China, 17 Feb 1943
Dinjan, India, 1 Jul 1943
Shingbwiayang, Burma, 14 Aug 1944
Dinjan, India, 1 Jun 1945
Chihkiang, China, 24 Aug 1945
Hankow, China, 25 Sep–21 Nov 1945
Camp Anza, CA, 23–24 Dec 1945
Pope AFB, NC, 1 Jun 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

1st Transport Group
Middletown Air Depot, PA, 28 Jun 1935
10th Transport (later, 10th Troop Carrier) Group, 20 May 1937
Tenth Air Force, 17 Feb 1943
Assam Air Base Command, c. 1 Jul 1943
443rd Troop Carrier Group, 6 Mar 1944–24 Dec 1945
23rd Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992

ATTACHMENTS

India-China Wing, Air Transport Command, 9 Mar–1 Jul 1943

Troop Carrier Command, Eastern Air Command, 20 Dec 1943–6 Mar 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-27, 1935–1937

C-33, 1936–1939

C-39

Various civilian and military modifications of DC-3, 1939–1941

C-47A, 1942–1945

C-46D, 1945

C-130, 1992

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

BC-1

37-429

C-27A 33-24

C-27C

33-24

32-399

32-400

C-33

36-72

36-76

C-39

38-510

38-525

C-46D

44-78142

44-78252

44-78094

44-78436

44-78186

C-47

41-38684

41-38734

41-38721

41-19497

41-38734

41-3870

41-38734
41-38702
41-18613

C-47A
42-100694
42-23607
42-100457
42-100458
42-100614
43-30641
43-15395
43-30640
42-100691
42-93275
43-15370
42-100969
42-93490
42-92971
42-93740
42-93355
42-24271

C-47B
44-76245
43-48626

C-50A
41-7710

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Charles H. Deerwester, 15 Jun 1937-4 Jul 1937
Maj George G. Lundberg, 26 Jul 1937
Maj Charles B. DeShields, 18 Oct 1937
Maj John R. Drumm, 1 Feb 1939
Unknown, 1 Feb 1940-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

India-Burma with Arrowhead

China Defensive

Central Burma

China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

China, Burma, and India, [25 Feb]–31 Dec 1943

Burma, 1–29 Feb 1944

China, 5–30 Sep 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

6 Jul 1992-5 July 1994

31 May 1995- 31 Mar 1997

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

1 Sep 2011-31 Aug 2012

EMBLEM

Upon a disc per bend indented Or and Azure, a Brown spear in fesse, headed Gold, winged Gules. (Approved, 5 May 1942)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained transport pilots, 21 May–1 Oct 1942.

On 17 Feb 1943, the 2nd entered the fight overseas for the first time when it transferred to the China-Burma-India theater to serve under the 10th Air Force. Here, the unit supported “Merrill’s Marauders” and the Mars Task Force in the battle for Burma. It also supported British forces in their battle for Mandalay Island. After liberating Burma, the squadron returned to India to fly supplies to southern China over the Himalayas, a mission that became known as “Flying the Hump.” This proved to be one of the most dangerous flying missions of World War II due to poor weather, monsoon seasons and the high altitude of the flights over the mountains. After the end of World War II, the 2nd moved to China on 24 Aug 1945, where it provided transportation support to the Chinese Army.

The 2nd AS has distinguished itself in numerous multinational cooperative efforts, humanitarian

relief, combat, and combat support operations such as Provide Promise, Provide Hope, Desert Calm, Vigilant Warrior, Joint Guardian, Joint Forge, Cooperative Key, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



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