

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
Gaudo 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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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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