

AAF 421 (27th Troop Carrier Sqdn.)

February 25, 1943.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Marking for the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th Troop Carrier Group, Army Air Field, Dunnellon, Florida.

By authority contained in AG letter 400.161 (12-7-42) OB-S-A, dated December 19, 1942, subject: "Army Air Forces Organizational Designs", the following insignia for the marking of aircraft of the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron, Army Air Forces, is approved:

AIRCRAFT MARKING: Over and through a light blue disc, border red, piped white, a black and white checkered taxicab, winged gold, resting on a white cloud formation in base, as per record drawing.

The insignia will face toward the front of the aircraft.

HISTORY:

The 27th Troop Carrier Squadron was originally organized as the 27th Transport Squadron, which was constituted and authorized to be made active at Augusta, Georgia, pursuant to War Department letter, AG 320.2 (1-12-42), dated January 19, 1942. The Squadron was made active February 1, 1942, and redesignated the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron, pursuant to War Department letter, AG 320.2 (7-3-42), dated July 4, 1942.

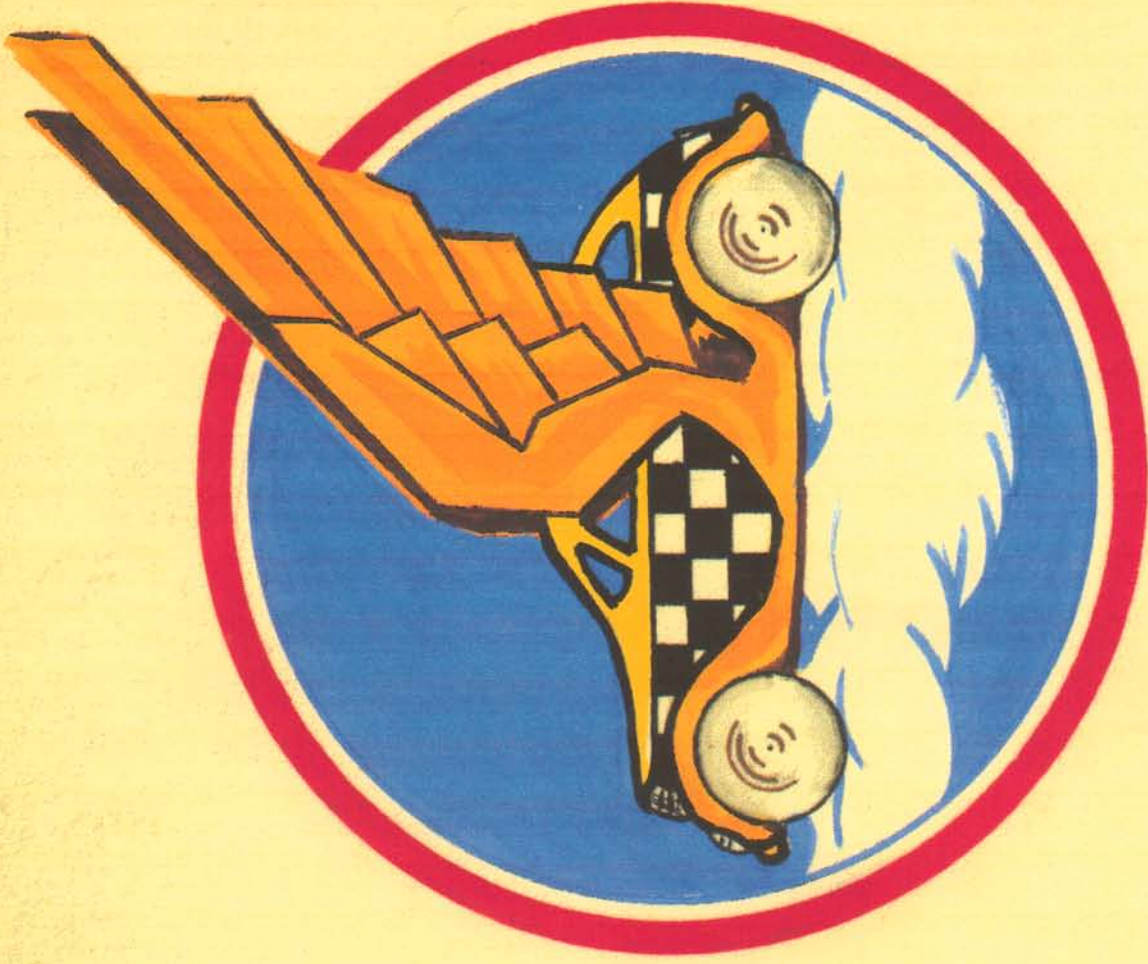
The 27th Troop Carrier Squadron has no other history and is not entitled to battle honors.

By command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

J. M. BEVANS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
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Dear Sir:

During the fragment of history when the Twenty-Seventh Troop Carrier Squadron flew the skys of the world we carried two insignias. The first the "Flying Taxi" exhibit one inclosed and second the "Hump T. Dump" exhibit two inclosed.

I beg your assistance under the, "Freedom of Information", act in assisting me in putting our history together for posterity.

First the -"Flying Taxi":

I would appreciate copies of any information you might have in your files in regard to this graphic. We would be most happy to reimburse for expenses involved.

We know same was approved by the Insignia and Design, Special Service Division of the United States Army on 25 February 1943. However that all the data we have.

Can you please furnish info as to where the design came from, who designed it, who requested the Special Service Division to get involved etc.?

Second the - "Hump-T-Dump":

Was this design ever submitted to the Army for approval?

Was it aproved?

If so what info do you have on this insignia?

Records and photographs in our archives show the "Flying Taxi" to have been used Stateside and the "Hump-T-Dump" at the time the unit was assigned to the Tenth and later the Fourteenth Air Force.

Yours truly,

Harry A. Blair
Vice President - Historian



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

June 3, 1992

Office of The Director

Mr. Harry A. Blair
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Historical Branch
Post Office Box 582
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Dear Mr. Blair:

This is in response to your letter dated May 29, 1992 in which you requested information concerning the insignia of the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron.

Records at this Institute contain information on only one design for the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron. All information concerning this insignia is enclosed. I am returning your drawings to you.

I hope this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

G. T. Luchino
Gerald T. Luchino
Director

Enclosures