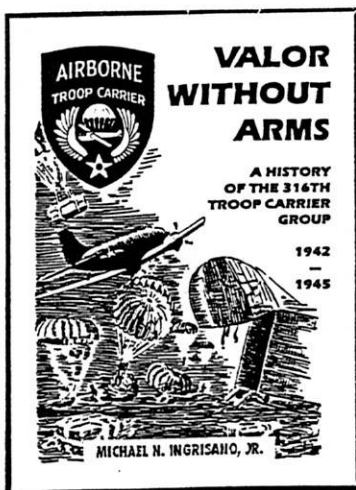


Valor Without Arms

a History of the 316th Troop Carrier Group, 1942–1945
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The 316th Troop Carrier Group was formed at Patterson Field, Ohio, in February 1942. By November, the Group air echelon consisting of Headquarters, 36th, 37th, 44th, and 45th Squadrons, flew to Egypt, its first overseas post. There, staff sergeant pilots flew their C-47s in support of the British 8th Army across North Africa from Egypt to Tunisia, delivering supplies and pioneering in air evacuation. The Group began their long association with the 82nd Airborne Division with the invasion of Sicily on

9–11 July 1943 (operations HUSKY 1 and 2). In February 1944, the Group moved to Cottesmore, England, its base for participating in the invasions of France (Normandy, D-Day), Holland (MARKET GARDEN), and Germany (VARSAVIA). After 30-months of overseas duty, the 316th Troop Carrier Group returned to the US in May 1945, and trained with the 82nd for the pending invasion of Japan. That mission was aborted when Japan surrendered in August 1945. *Group personnel wore nine battle stars, three Distinguished Unit Citations, Silver Stars, numerous Distinguished Flying Crosses, Air Medals, Purple Hearts, and Soldiers' Medals.*



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