



450 TACTICAL HELICOPTER SQUADRON

The official lineage of the 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron

BADGE

Description

Argent in front of a Viking axe and sword in saltire Gules a Viking helmet Or.

Significance

Since the Vikings are considered to be among the first people to venture forth into unknown and uncharted areas, the Viking motif bears suitable reference to the fact that the squadron was the first Canadian heavy transport helicopter squadron formed to venture into the comparatively new role of logistic air support using helicopters.

MOTTO

BY AIR TO BATTLE

BATTLE HONOURS

None

LINEAGE

Authorized as '450 Heavy Transport Helicopter Squadron' 29 March 1968,¹ from '1 Army Helicopter Transport Platoon, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps' (authorized 10 December 1963).²

Redesignated '450 Transport Helicopter Squadron' 20 May 1970.³

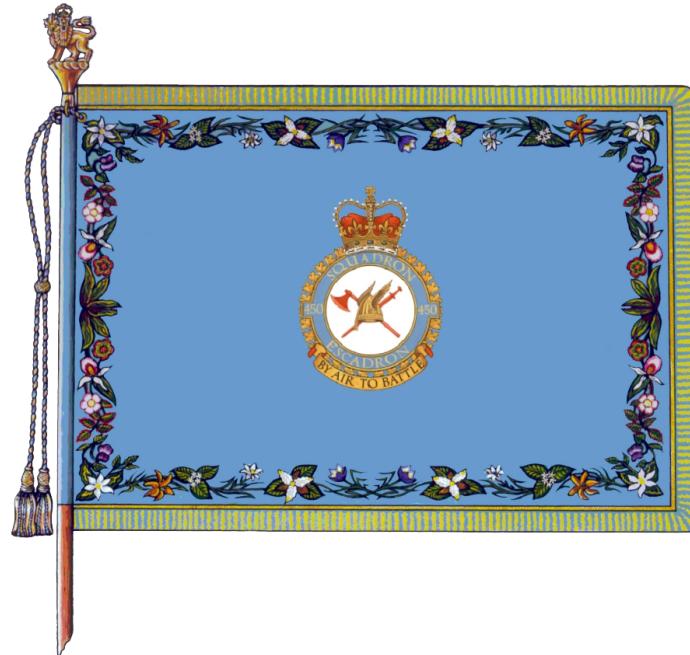
Designated in French as "450e Escadron d'hélicoptères de transport" 27 June 1978.⁴

Redesignated '450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron' 15 June 1993.⁵

Disbanded 1 January 1998.⁶

Reformed as '450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron' 15 November 2011.⁷

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1. CFOO 3.154, 17 April 1968, file 1901-0719/1 (DO)
2. SD 1 Letter No 63/38, 24 December 1963, AHR 1326-1873
3. CFOO 3.154, 20 May 1970, file F 1901-1 1873 (DO)
4. CFOO 2.4.6, 27 June 1978, file 1901-1873 (DMCO). Name remains unchanged when first MOO 65/84 issued on 2 May 1984.
5. MOO 93202, 1 April 1993. CFOO 2.1.7.3, 15 June 1993, file 1901-1873 (DGFD). Note: According to the squadron's Annual Historical Reports for the period 1991 to 1993 and documentation received from the squadron in March 1996, 450 Transport Helicopter Squadron was redesignated '450 Composite Helicopter Squadron' in January 1991. No official confirmation of this redesignation has been found. In addition, the 1993 documentation redesignating the squadron '450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron' does not supersede a CFOO from January 1991, but, rather, one from November 1986
6. MOO 9701, 6 Octobre 1997. NDHQ Message, DEPR 003, 161930Z Jan 98, file 1901-7001 (DEPR 2-9)
7. MOO 2011092, 15 Novembre 2011.

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