

# **2 AAF BASE UNIT (HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, ARMY AIR FORCES)**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

2 AAF Base Unit (Headquarters Squadron, Army Air Forces)

## **STATIONS**

Bolling Field, DC

*Langley, VA*

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col C. G. Brown

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Several squadrons at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C.: Signal Company, Headquarters Squadron, AAF, Air Force Detachment, 25th Weather Squadron Detachment, Photographic Services Detachment, etc. were merged in Dec 1943 and placed under the command of LTC C. G. Brown. In September 1944 the Squadron was replaced by 2nd AAF Base Unit.

The majority of 2nd AAF Base Unit men and women acted as service personnel at the two

principal Army Air Force installations in the Military District of Washington: the Pentagon and the Army Air Force Annex at Gravelly Point. In addition, a considerable number of the Unit's personnel were scattered throughout the continental United States and the world. In Washington, approximately one-third of the personnel worked off-hours and night schedules.

Virtually every important Headquarters AAF division had a 2nd AAF Base Unit man or woman in its complement. They were photographers, weather observers, statistical control clerks, military intelligence men, artists and draftsmen who worked on charts and graphs, 'writers who publish such AAF publications as 'Air Force', 'Air Force Guide Book', and 'Impact', motion picture men, translators, radio and radar research technicians, Potomac ferry boat operators, cartographers, cryptographers, clerks and chauffeurs.

One squadron of the Unit was assigned to duties with military attaches in various foreign countries. Another did research work on captured Jap equipment (some of the men in this unit actually worked in Jap airplane factories): another squadron furnished personnel for Air Inspector teams; still another worked in close co-operation with commercial airlines and bases.

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