15 COMPTROLLER SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE[1]
15th Statistical Control Unit (Special) constituted, 27 Aug 1942
Activated, 31 Aug 1942
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 15 Comptroller Flight, 2 Nov 1995
Activated, 13 Nov 1995
Redesignated 15 Comptroller Squadron, 5 Feb 1996

STATIONS
Wright Field, OH, 31 Aug 1942
Patterson Field, OH, 12 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944
Hickam AFB, (later Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam), Hawaii, 13 Nov 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS
Service Streamers
World War II American Theater

[1] Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Emblem approved, 7 September 2004.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The fundamental challenge for logisticians was to develop a methodology for gathering and organizing information which would tell them what and how much to stock. At the end of August 1942, ASC took a big step towards that goal when a new organization, the 15th Statistical Control Unit, joined its staff. After setting up field reporting units at the depots and an analysis branch at the command headquarters, the statisticians went to work and soon enough, more accurate, more detailed, and more timely information began to flow in. The most important and comprehensive of the reports that were instituted at this time was the "Daily Airplane Status Report," which by regulation was intended "to provide all echelons of command with constant information as to the location, condition, and use of all AAF tactical airplanes in the continental United States." On the basis of this report, the 15th Statistical Control Unit was able to determine the number of aircraft for which ASC was responsible, what caused aircraft to be grounded, the length of time each aircraft remained grounded, and the spare parts required to put aircraft back in the air. This analysis also showed what parts failed most often and what parts were in short supply or difficult to procure. Even the field units could not escape the scrutiny of ASC's statisticians, who could quickly see from these reports which depots and subdepots were efficient and which were inefficient in keeping aircraft off the ground.