

45th AIR BASE GROUP (REINFORCED)

MISSION

LINEAGE

45th Air Base Group (Reinforced) constituted and activated, 25 Aug 1940

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Michael F. Davis

Maj Walter C. White

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

The 45th Air Base Group (Reinforced) was activated on August 25, 1940. Units designated for the group at that time were: Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, the Air Base Squadron, and the First and Second Materiel Squadrons.

At the same time, the following officers were relieved from assignment with other units at

Hamilton Field and assigned to the new group:
Col Michael F. Davis, Group Commander
Maj Harry L. Owens, Commanding Headquarters Squadron
Maj Harry A. Halverson, Commanding First Materiel Squadron
Maj Walter C. White, Commanding 45th Air Base Squadron
Captain Reuben C. Hood, Second Materiel Squadron.
Maj Charles H. Kruse, 46th Air Base Squadron
Cpt Alex F. Peterson, Jr., Headquarters Squadron
Cpt Marvin Sledge, 59th Materiel Squadron
1Lt Charles A. States, 60th Materiel Squadron

On September 1, 1940, one hundred enlisted men were transferred from the Fifth Air Base Group at Hamilton to the new unit. Three-hundred-twelve additional enlisted men reported a week later from the Ninth Air Base Group at Moffett Field. With this force the organization was quickly whipped into shape, and the 45th began its duties of providing administration and maintenance to the post and its two tactical units, the 20th and 35th Pursuit Groups.

The short history of the 45th has been featured by hectic personnel changes in both officers and enlisted men, a condition shared with all other Air Corps units during this time of great expansion and activity.

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