

HQ AND HQ SQUADRON, 17 SERVICE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

Air Park No. 10 organized, 6 Jun 1921
Redesignated 65 Service Squadron, 22 Dec 1922

65 Aero Squadron organized, 8 Apr 1918
Demobilized, 19 Jul 1919
Reconstituted, 16 Oct 1936

65 Service Squadron and 65 Aero Squadron consolidated, 16 Oct 1936

Reorganized and redesignated Base Headquarters and 17th Air Base Squadron, 1 Sep 1937
Redesignated, HHS, 17 Service Group

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1943

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Park Field, TN
Luke Field, TH, 1921-1937

ASSIGNMENTS

5th Composite Group

COMMANDERS

Capt Frank W. Wright, 6 Jun 1921
1st Lt William G. Moore, 3 May 1923
Capt Donald P. Muse, 4 Sep 1923
Capt Lester T. Miller, 9 May 1925
1st Lt Bernard J. Tooher, 19 Jan 1926
1st Lt Oliver P. Gothlin, 1 Apr 1926
1st Lt Lotha A. Smith, 10 Aug 1926
Capt Lester T. Miller, 31 Jan 1927

Capt Henry Pascale, 1 Aug 1927
Capt Raymond E. O'Neill, 15 Jun 1928
Capt Henry Pascale, 1 Nov 1928
1st Lt Carl A. Cover, 1 Mar 1929
Capt Clarence B. Lober, 1 Jul 1929
Capt John P. Temple, 1 Nov 1929
Capt Lewis R. P. Reese, 8 Mar 1930
1st Lt Carl W. Pyle, 15 Nov 1930
1st Lt Benjamin F. Griffin, 1 Dec 1930
1st Lt Rowland Kiebertz, 1 Feb 1931
Capt James F. Powell, 21 Apr 1931
1st Lt Fred C. Fishback, 17 Jun 1932
Capt Douglas Johnston, 1 Apr 1933
Capt Walcott P. Hayes, 18 Jul 1933
Capt Frank L. Cook, 26 Oct 1934
Capt Walcott P. Hayes, 1 Mar 1935
Capt Frank L. Cook, 22 Jun 1935
Capt Harold G. Peterson, 4 Jul 1935
Capt William G. Bowyer, 28 May 1936
Capt Thomas R. Starratt, 16 Jun 1936
Maj Dache Reeves, 3 Aug 1936
1st Lt Lawrence H. Douthit, 1 Feb 1937
Maj Newman R. Laughinghouse, 19 Jun 1937

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Organized on 6 June 1921 in the Regular Army at Luke Field, TH, as Air Park No. 10, assigned to the 5th Composite Group, and allotted to the Hawaiian Department. Redesignated as the 65th Service Squadron on 22 December 1922. Consolidated on 16 October 1936 with the 65th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized on 8 April 1918 at Kelly Field, TX; demobilized on 19 July 1919 at Park Field, TN; reconstituted on 16 October 1936). Reorganized and redesignated Base

Headquarters and 17th Air Base Squadron on 1 September 1937. Disbanded on 1 April 1943 as HHS, 17th Service Group.

The 65 Service Squadron comprised two sections, the Station Repair Section and the Station Supply Section, and their mission was to service, repair, overhaul and supply the airplanes in the Hawaiian Air Force. In August 1927, the first civilians were hired by Lt. Carl Cover, Commanding Officer of the 65 Service Squadron, Carl Burton was the first civilian to be assigned to Engine Repair. He later became Chief Inspector.

In February 1931, the War Department directed the removal of the Air Section from the Hawaiian General Depot to Luke Field. The consolidation of the Air Section and the Repair Section of the 65th Serv Sq took place in May. By 5 June 1931, all three sections were consolidated.

The Hawaiian Air Depot was activated at Luke Field, on Ford Island, on 5 June 1931 Activation became effective on 1 July 1931. The activation of the Hawaiian Air Depot was actually the consolidation of three separately operated units: the Air Section of the Hawaiian General Area Supply Depot in Honolulu, and the Station Repair Section and Station Supply Section of the 65th Service Squadron, located at Luke Field.

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