

# **45 AIR BASE GROUP (REINFORCED)**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

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

## **STATIONS**

Hamilton Field, California

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Michael F. Davis

Maj Walter C. White

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 45 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 45 Air Base Squadron  
Capt Reuben C. Hood, Second Materiel Squadron.  
Maj Charles H. Kruse, 46 Air Base Squadron  
Capt Alex F. Peterson, Jr., Headquarters Squadron  
Capt Marvin Sledge, 59 Materiel Squadron  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Charles A. States, 60 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 45 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 45 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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