

8th MATERIEL SQUADRON

LINEAGE

Materiel Squadron, 5th Air Base Group constituted, 22 Aug 1940
Activated, 1 Sep 1940
Redesignated 8th Materiel Squadron, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 8th Service Squadron, 24 Jul 1942
Redesignated 8th Air Service Squadron
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948.

STATIONS

Hamilton AAF, CA
Ft Douglas, UT
Townsville, Australia
New Guinea
Philippines
Okinawa

ASSIGNMENTS

5th Air Base Group
45th Air Service Group
V Air Service Area Command
V AF Service Command

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 8th Material Squadron was one of the units that was enroute to the Philippines in Nov 1941. This convoy had the ground echelon of the 7th Bomb Gp (H) and the 8th Materiel Sq on board. It left San Francisco on 21 Nov 1941, and was near Fiji on 7 Dec 1941. When war was declared, the convoy was rerouted to Australia, and arrived on 22 Dec 1941. The Hq & Hq Sq, 5th Air Base Group, had left a month earlier and arrived in the Philippines on 20 Nov 1941. The 5th moved to Del Monte Air Base on 3 Dec 1941 in preparation for the arrival by air and sea of the 7th Bomb Gp. That never happened and the 5th AB Gp was lost when the Philippines surrendered in May 1942. The 8th was reassigned to the 45th Air Base Gp in Australia and continued the road back to the Philippines.

Air Force Order of Battle

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