

# **81 DEPOT SUPPLY SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

81 Depot Supply Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Nichols Field, Philippines

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

81 Air Depot Group

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt John C. Attwood

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

THE past year has seen rapid development of unity and efficiency in the Supply Squadron. This has helped to facilitate the procurement and shipping of supplies, making more useful to the forward areas the valuable work for which the Group was so well known.

By August, 1943, four large 40,000 sq. foot warehouses were in use at Eagle Farm. However, the Depot had to retain all of its previously procured warehouses off the field because of the increasing volume of Air Corps Supplies to be stored in this area. The Squadron was by then operating 28 warehouses. In October, 1943, the men moved their quarters from Warehouse No. 6, joining the rest of the Group at Eagle Farm near the Group Headquarters, thus further unifying both the Group and the Squadron. For the first time since activation, administrative departments were moved under one roof at the Group Headquarters building where the Stock Records Section now occupied the most prominent and largest part of the big structure. Business hereto carried on by letter and telephone was speeded by personal contact, and a great deal of red tape eliminated.

In June, 1943, the Supply Section was employing more than a thousand civilians. Throughout the year comparatively low ranking enlisted men supervised the civilian employees and did a line job. On an average, one soldier supervised the work of ten civilians.

Several Squadron parties were held at the N.C.O. Club, and movies were shown three times weekly. The Squadron softball team played nightly games during the league elimination contests, and won the championship of the Group. September 24, 1943, a commendation was received from Col Minty, upon recommendation of the C.O. of the R.A.A.F. for completing the transfer of hangars from a city 425 miles distant from Eagle Farm in record time. Another example of initiative was the invention of S/Sgt. Dodsworth—a portable electricity producing unit and portable machine shop. These are light enough to be towed by jeeps. In the jungles, this equipment has proved invaluable in repairing planes. In the forward base they are proving great assets and are saving many man-hours of hard labor.

Capt. Paul E. Sullivan, who had been Asst. D.S.O., was appointed Squadron Commander on 8th April, 1944. Capt. J. C. Attwood became Asst. D.S.O. It is hoped that the Squadron will be able to perform its work in the advanced area as well as it has at the Farm, where it was considered more of an institution than an organization.