

27 DEPOT SUPPLY SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

27 Depot Supply Squadron
Activated, Jan 1942

STATIONS

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Elsavador, Philippines

ASSIGNMENTS

27 Air Depot Group

COMMANDERS

Capt William D. Sterling, #1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

To operate and maintain the Depot Supply Section is the mission of the 27th Depot Supply Squadron. During the first few months following their activation in January of 1942, the

Squadron's activities consisted of training personnel and handling a meagre flow of organizational equipment. Later they undertook their first major task —the packing of the 27th Air Depot Group's supplies and equipment for shipment overseas. The ability with which they handled the task proved them to be from the start an outstanding supply Squadron. While at Amberley Field fifty per cent of the personnel were detailed to work at Depot 1 in Brisbane, where they gained additional knowledge in the handling and distribution of Air Corps supplies. When it became known that the Group would have to build its own warehouses and hangars at Port Moresby, Supply Squadron personnel procured the necessary heavy equipment. Upon arrival at Port Moresby part of the Squadron put the wheels of Depot Supply in motion, while the balance of the personnel bent their backs to the task of building warehouses. The efficiency with which Supply Squadron handled its mission while at Port Moresby contributed greatly to the successes of General George C. Kenney's Fifth Air Force.

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