

# **46 BASE HEADQUARTERS AND AIR BASE SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

Air Base Squadron, 45 Air Base Group (Reinforced)

Redesignated 46 Air Base Squadron

Redesignated 46 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Hamilton AAF, Rafael, California

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Charles H. Kruse

## **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.

On September 1, 1940, one hundred enlisted men were transferred from the Fifth Air Base Group at Hamilton to the new unit. 312 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 45th began its duties of providing administration and maintenance to the post and its two tactical units, the 20th and 35th Pursuit Groups. A change in numerical designations was ordered on January 17, 1941, giving the Air Base Squadron the number 46 and changing the First and Second Materiel Squadrons to the 59th and 60th.

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