

8 MATERIEL SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

Materiel Squadron, 5 Air Base Group constituted, 22 Aug 1940

Activated, 1 Sep 1940

Redesignated 8 Materiel Squadron, 15 Jan 1941

Redesignated 8 Service Squadron, 24 Jul 1942

Redesignated 8 Air Service Squadron

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

Hamilton AAF, CA

Ft Douglas, UT

Townsville, Australia

New Guinea

Philippines

Okinawa

ASSIGNMENTS

5 Air Base Group

45 Air Service Group

V Air Service Area Command

V AF Service Command

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 8 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.

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