

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, 15th AIR BASE GROUP

Base Headquarters and 15th Air Base Squadron

HQ-Albrook Field, CZ, 1937-40

Constituted in the Regular Army on 18 October 1927 as the 80th Observation Squadron and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area (see 80th Observation Squadron Chapter 31). Redesignated as the 80th Service Squadron on 8 May 1929 and assigned to the 20th Pursuit Group. Activated on 15 November 1930 at Mather Field, CA, with personnel from the Air Corps Detachment, Mather Field. Consolidated on 24 August 1932 with the 80th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized on 1 March 1918 at Waco Field, TX; demobilized on 22 September 1919 at Post Field, OK; reconstituted on 24 August 1932). Sailed from San Francisco for the Panama Canal on the U.S.A.T. Gen. U.S. Grant about 15 October 1932. Arrived at Balboa, CZ, on 24 October 1932 and transferred to Albrook Field, CZ, the same day. Reorganized and redesignated Base Headquarters and 15th Air Base Squadron on 1 September 1937. Redesignated on 6 December 1939 as Base Headquarters and 15th Air Base Squadron (2 Group). Redesignated on 1 February 1940 as Base Headquarters and 15th Air Base Squadron (Double). Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1940 as HHS, 15th Air Base Group (Reinforced).

Status: Disbanded on 1 November 1943. Commanders, BHQ & 15th Air Base Squadron

Lt. Col. Benjamin G. Weir 1 Sep 37-11 Jul 38 Lt. Col. Willis H. Hale 11 Jul 38-31 Aug 39 Lt.

Col. Adlai H. Gilkeson 31 Aug 39-1 Sep 40

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

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