

## 8 AIR DIVISION (AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL)



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

8 Air Division (Tactical) established, 7 Apr 1949

Activated, 1 May 1949

Inactivated, 1 Aug 1950

Redesignated 8 Air Division (Airborne Early Warning and Control), 19 Apr 1954

Activated, 1 May 1954

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1957

### STATIONS

Pope AFB, NC, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950

McClellan AFB, CA, 1 May 1954-1 Jul 1957

### ASSIGNMENTS

Fourteenth Air Force, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950

Western Air Defense Force, 1 May 1954

Air Defense Command, 1 May 1955-1 Jul 1957

### COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950

Unkn, 1-19 May 1954

Brig Gen Kenneth H. Gibson, 19 May 1954-1 Jul 1957

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

On a shield argent, a compass rose gules between two falcon heads, erased in fess, sable, eyes and beaks outlined or, one to the dexter, one to the sinister; on a chief of the second, ten bolts of lightning radiating or; a point in base envecked azure. (Approved, 21 Jun 1957)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Established in 1949 to train units for the air defense of the continental United States. From May 1954-1957, division components flew early warning missions in RC-121 "flying radar stations" off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States.

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### Sources

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