477th FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE
477th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron (Reduced) constituted, 16 Dec 1942
Activated, 31 Dec 1942
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 477th Mission Support Flight, 21 Sep 2007
Activated, 1 Oct 2007
Redesignated 477th Force Support Squadron, 15 Oct 2010

STATIONS
Wright Field, OH, 31 Dec 1942
Muroc, CA, 20 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944
Elmendorf AFB, AK, 1 Oct 2007

ASSIGNMENTS
Army Air Forces Material Command, 31 Dec 1942-1 Apr 1944
477th Fighter Group, 1 Oct 2007

COMMANDERS

HONORS
Service Streamers
World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers
None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Oct 2007-14 Sep 2009

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OPERATIONS
It was also during 1943 that one of the outstanding test bases of the AAF became a formal military installation. The test facility at Rogers Lake, Muroc, California, was established in March 1942. On February 17, 1943, the 477th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron (Reduced) was moved from Wright Field to Muroc. The Materiel Command Flight Test Base, which operated under the administrative control of the Commanding General, Materiel Command (but under the technical supervision of the Chief of the Engineering Division), was fenced off and segregated from the remainder of the Muroc Army Air Base reservation. Its establishment satisfied the demand for a satisfactory place to test aeronautical developments that required an unusual degree of physical protection and security because of their classified status, or projects that required a large flying field due to their experimental nature. In spite of the complex administrative arrangements that accompanied the base's establishment, the Flight Test Base was recognized as one of the finest test establishments of the Materiel Command, and the 1943 evaluation program carried on at Muroc more than justified the expense and labor involved in its maintenance.