

6591 SUPPORT SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Cooke AFB CA, 15 Feb 1957-15 Apr 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

On the basis of this formidable list, the investigators examined some 200 potential locations and found only 15 suitable for intercontinental missile use. After due consideration, the Atlas Site Selection Board in June 1956 recommended isolated Camp Cooke as the initial West Coast base for ballistic missile operations and operational personnel training. Higher headquarters agreed that Cooke could also support the training and launches of the equally critical intermediate range missile. The Air Force gave the go-ahead for planning construction of three Atlas complexes and development of the Thor operational training capability; and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson on 16 November 1956 directed the transfer of 64,000 acres of the Army base (the area north of the Lompoc branch of the Southern Pacific Railway) to the Air Force. The first Air Force

unit, the 6591st Support Squadron under operational control of the Western Development Division, took up residence at Camp Cooke in February 1957.

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