

529th BASIC FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

529th School Squadron
Redesignated 529th Basic Flying Training Squadron

STATIONS

Lemoore AAF, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

99th Basic Flying Training Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

BT-13A

BT-15

AT-17B

UC-78B

COMMANDERS

Maj Malcom J. Buchanan

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In Dec 1943, the squadron was sent to Coalinga Municipal Airport to maintain the field during the winter. The Airport had a pretty fair field and a hangar. The hangar was used for administrative offices and as a mess hall. All maintenance was accomplished on the parking line. The only housing facilities for the ground crew were tents. During the cold weather the only source of wood supply for the stoves in the tents came from the oil derricks. Coalinga was set up as separate operation from the home base (Lemoore). Operations were under the command of Maj George E. Smith, commander of the 529th. Crash trucks and ambulances were available at all times during flying operations. Civilian guards were employed to patrol the field every night from 1700 until 0700. The "Coalinga Expedition" was considered a big success.

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