UNIT HISTORY

On 8 July 1943 General Order #11 from Headquarters Army Air Base, Muroc, California, activated the 862nd WAAC Post Headquarters Company, Army Air Force.

Muroc waited the arrival of the WAACs. On the 20th of July 1943, General Order #105 from Headquarters, Fourth Air Force, San Francisco, California, authorized the equipment of the company in accordance with Table of Equipment #21 dated 10 March 1943. Still no WAACs arrived at Muroc.

General Order #160, paragraph 1, Headquarters, Fourth Air Force, San Francisco, California, dated 10 October 1943, inactivated the 862nd WAC Post Headquarters Company, AAF; but Paragraph #2 authorized the organization of Provisional WAC Detachment AAB, Muroc, California.

General Order #171, Headquarters, Fourth Air Force, San Francisco, Calif., dated 2 November 1943, authorized the organization of WAC Detachment, Army Air Base, Muroc, California. The WACs were coming.

19 January 1944. Paragraph 11 Special Order #19, Headquarters, AAB, March Field, California, assigned 1st Lt. Jane I. Musser to the 323rd Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, Muroc, Clifornia, and a detachment WAC Officer was at last started for Muroc.

21 January 1944. Lt. Jane I. Musser arrived at Muroc and then she started waiting for the enlisted WACs. Muroc waited too, but very skeptically, for they had waited for a long time already.

26 January 1944. From San Francisco eight WACs arrived - tired, hungry and too all-in to say anything but "We're hungry, where do we sleep, and what a change from the Palace Hotel."

First Sergeant Mary N. Nixon, formerly in San Diego, S/Sgt Margaret R. Zurbrick, from the San Francisco Fighter Wing, the one who is to feed us, and Sgt. Gilliland also from San Francisco, were the first of the cadre to arrive - assigned per paragraph 1, Special Order #25, Headquarters, San Francisco Fighter Wing, San Francisco, California. About an hour later Privates, Lees, Pardue, Stott, Wright and Zemanskas, also from the San Francisco group, followed; and by grapevine Muroc Army Air Field knew that truly its first enlisted WACs were on the post. The latter group were assigned per Par. 6, Special Order #23, HQ, Fourth Air Force, San Francisco, California.

The next morning Lt. Musser started looking for her supply sergeant. She had not arrived but the Frisco girls had heard (grapevine again) that she was to come from Los Angeles. Meanwhile, we did have to have foot lockers and office

Jan 44 end w/ 10 WACs at Muroc

Jane Inglis Musser age 23

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