

47 FIELD MAINTNENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

47 Field Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Laughlin AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj N. A Gerber, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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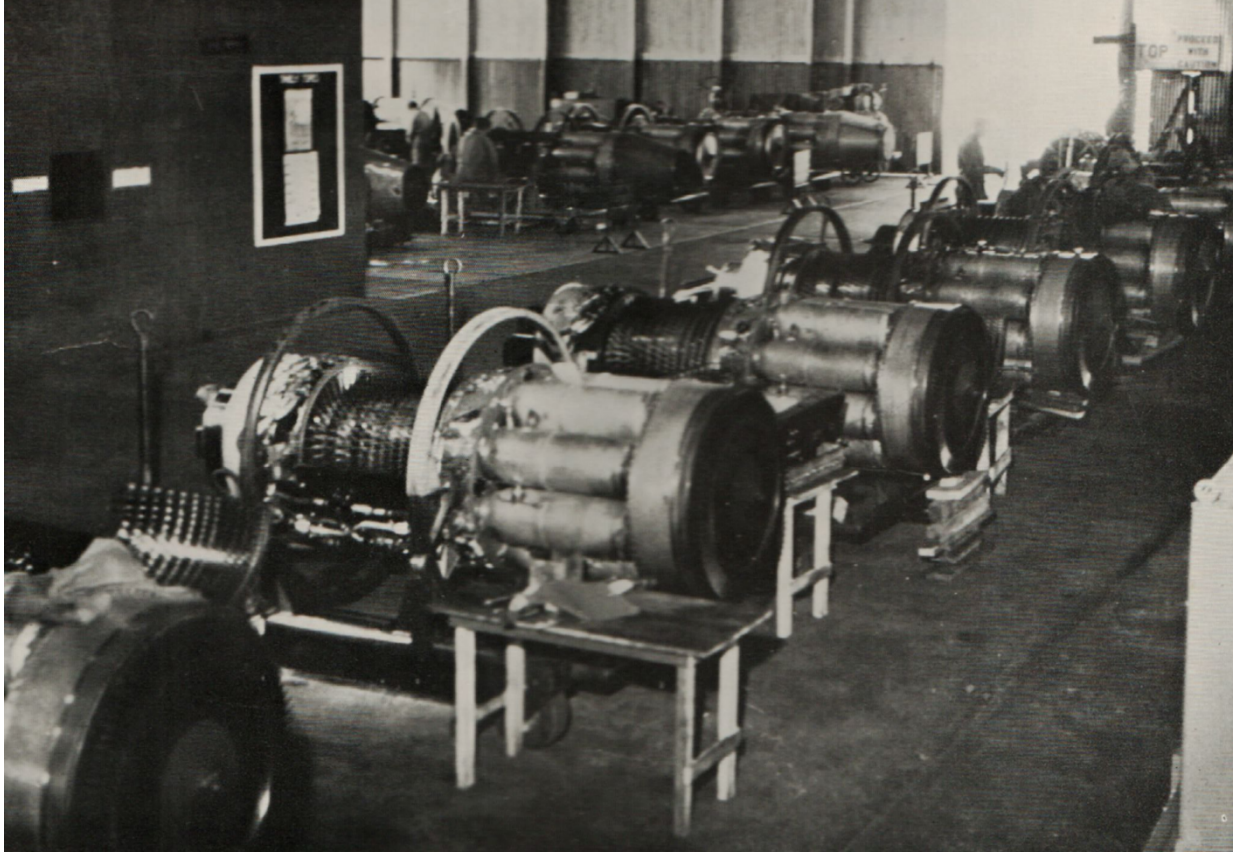


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OPERATIONS

Another B-45 Tornado, number 47-092, struck a low bank and slammed into a field near Rudharn, Norfolk, on July 12, 1956, killing the AOB. Within days the stricken craft was dismantled, loaded onto a flatbed truck, and hauled over to the base 47th Field Maintenance Squadron at Sculthorpe.

Approximately 1,290 man hours later, by using parts cannibalized from the wrecked 47-072, this B-45 was restored to operating condition, on December 15, 1956. It was an impressive effort considering how aircraft this heavily damaged were usually taken, at great expense, to the nearest depot for repairs. Squadron maintenance received official commendation for a job well done.



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