

580th AIR RESUPPLY SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

580th Aerial Resupply Squadron

580th Air Resupply Squadron

STATIONS

Mountain Home AFB, ID, 16 Apr 1951-19 Sep 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-29A

C-119

SA-16

COMMANDERS

LTC A. S. Tainsh

LTC Harry L. Smith

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGN

OPERATIONS

B-29 461681 Crashed near Wheelus Field, 15 Jan 54

B-29 469810 Crashed near Mountain Home AFB, ID, 4 Sep 51

C-119 12542 Crashed in Libya-9 Aug 53

24 January 1952 Grumman SA-16A Albatross, 51-001, of the 580th Air Resupply Squadron on cross-country flight from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, to San Diego, California, suffers failure of port engine over Death Valley, crew of six successfully bails out at 1830 hrs. with no injuries, walks some 14 miles to Furnace Creek, California where they are picked up the following day by an SA-16 from the 42d Air Rescue Squadron, March AFB, California. The abandoned SA-16 crashes into Towne Summit mountain ridge of the Panamint Range W of Stovepipe Wells with starboard engine still running. Wreckage is still there.

Air Force Order of Battle

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