

1374 MAPPING AND CHARTING SQUADRON



MISSION

The squadron operates and maintains over 60 different types of electronic and camera equipment but they also live for months at a time manning ground electronics sites in some of the most inaccessible location in the world.

The operations section trains personnel in electronics, maintenance personnel in electronics maintenance operations, assists with the reconnaissance of ground station sites for aerial survey projects and mans the sites.

LINEAGE

1374 Mapping and Charting Squadron

STATIONS

Turner AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

1370 Photo-Mapping Wing

COMMANDERS

Maj John Egert, III

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Jun 1953-Aug 1956

1 Sep 1956-1 Jul 1959

1 Jul 1964-30 Jun 1966

EMBLEM

The transit and electronic represent Hiran surveying; the camera represents photography. Wing indicate both are aerial.

MOTTO

INTER PRIMOS—Among the First

NICKNAME**OPERATIONS**

In recent years, the 4 man ground station teams have camped out on the Greenland Ice Cap atop mountain peaks so sharp even a helicopter could not land on them; on coral atolls in the Pacific and on Texas Towers sunk into the ocean floor.

A no less importation function carried out by the communications and electronics facilities section, the section keeps all the intricate electronic equipment used by the group in working order but it also devises test equipment and aids in the test program being conducted on the C-130 aircraft.

The camera maintenance section keeps in repair the complex cameras and their mounts used in mapping photography as well as the dramas used to record Hiran information in flight.

With exact synchronization and minimum distortion required to make pictures to precision standards their work is basic to the group's whole mission.

The squadron has recently reduced the ground station teams from four to three men. The radar operations and power unit men have all been trained to take over the duties of the radio operator. The radio is the team's only link with the outside world out on projects

In recognition of the need for personnel to live for long periods of time in tents out in the wilds, ground site crew are trained not only in the operation of their equipment but also in the techniques of living under primitive conditions. As the last part of this training, teams live and work at sites set up near Turner AFB to test their ability to live and work together without friction and keep themselves fed sheltered and healthy.

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