

# 67<sup>th</sup> RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

67<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Technical Squadron

## STATIONS

Langley AFB, VA, 2 Sep 1950-1 Mar 1951

Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Jul 1957-8 Feb 1971

Bergstrom AFB, TX 15 Jul 1971-1 Sep 1977

## DEPLOYED STATION

Taegu, South Korea, 1 Mar 1951-22 Aug 1951

Kimpo, Korea

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

LTC Joseph F. Condon, Mar 1951

LTC Schuyler S. Harris, Sep 1951

LTC William W. Robinson, 1953

Maj DeMay H. White, 1955

LTC Robert Spencer, July 1956

LTC Daniel T. George, 1958

LTC Wesley F Wallace, 1961

Maj Lewis E. Watson, 1962

LTC John R. Paulman, Nov 1962

LTC Lawrence U. Gray, Dec 1964

LTC William Echert, Oct 1967

LTC Alfred M. Kamajian, Nov 1967

Maj Marvin Richman, Nov 1968

LTC Michael Mitchell, May 1969

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

On June 25th, 1950 the communist Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) invaded the Republic of Korea (ROK), at that time there was one "Recce Tech" in the Far East Air Force (FEAF), the 548th RTS stationed at Yokota Air Base (AB), Japan. In August 1950, the 363 RTS moved from Langley AFB, Virginia, to Itazuke AB, Japan to provide additional imagery support to the FEAF. To fill the void resulting from the move of the 363 RTS to Japan, the 67 RTS was activated at Langley AFB with skeleton manning. In October 1950, the 363 RTS moved to a school building in downtown Taegu, ROK. After a fire in the photo lab destroyed much of its equipment and film, the 363rd moved onto K-2 (Taegu) AB.

On February 25, 1951, the 67 TRW was formed at Itazuke AB, On March 21st, the 67 TRW moved to K-2 and the 363 RTS moving back to Langley. In August 1951, the 67 RTS moved to K-14 (Kimp'o) AB, west of the ROK capital of Seoul. In Korea, the 67th processed and exploited imagery flown by the RB-26 Invader, RF-80 Shooting Star, RF-86 Sabre Jet, and the RF-51 Mustang. On July 27, 1953 the truce was signed at Panmunjon. In late 1954, the 67 RTS moved to Itami AB (Now the terminal area of the Osaka International Airport), Japan, and on July 1, 1957 it moved to Yokota AB where it replaced the 548 RTS.

The Recce Tech Squadron absorbed the cartographic personnel and functions of the inactivated 548 RTS and remained active to monitor the Korean DMZ and peripheral reconnaissance of Communist Asia as well as other intelligence imagery tasks.

As the only functioning "Recce Tech" west of California, tasking and incoming imagery multiplied and so did innovation to help the steadily declining manning accomplish the growing workload on a timely basis. The importance of the 67th was shown by an operating budget of \$3 million and assets worth over \$4.5 million/ including several "one of a kind" machines in the Photo Lab. It was also one of the first Air Force intelligence units to experiment with data automation, developing: an Integrated Data Base that became the Pacific standard; a man/machine readable PI reporting format that was used Worldwide; a Route Search system to aid PIs to wade through increasing

volumes of information; and a system to allow PIs on-line access to intelligence and reporting tools.

On one occasion, with three back-to-back high priority missions, the Photo Lab processed 4,200 feet of Original Negative and distributed 83,500 feet of Duplicate Positive in 17 hours. Using that imagery, 24 PIs had an Initial Report out in three hours, satisfying national requirements, and eventually wrote 34 reports from ONE mission with 7,000 targets researched, completely updating data on a denied nation.

In September 1970, it was announced that the 67th RTS would be inactivated as part of a reduction in forces in Japan and the missions and many of the personnel would be moved to the 548 RTG in Hawaii. There were other reasons besides the reduction in force for the closure of the 67th, mainly command decisions made in Hawaii and at the National level. By the spring of 1971, building 206 on Yokota had been cleared out and the last of the 67th personnel departed for either Hawaii or other assignments.

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