

581st REPRODUCTION SQUADRON

MISSION

581st Reproduction Squadron mission was to produce psychological warfare propaganda. This squadron produced covert propaganda material and overt propaganda leaflets, the latter as a service to USAF units engaged in leaflet attacks in their particular area. The squadron was expected to produce up to 4 million two-color, 5 x 7-inch leaflets per day. According to the Joint Printing Committee of Congress, the 581st Reproduction Squadron in fact had a printing capability equal to that found in all commercial presses (i.e., newspapers, magazines) in the four states of the US Northwest.⁸ To make such production quotas possible, the squadron was authorized 16 giant commercial standard offset presses.

LINEAGE

581st Reproduction Squadron

Activated

Inactivated, 8 Sep 1953

STATIONS

Mountain Home AFB, ID, 23 Jun 1951-26 Jun 1952

Clark AFB, Philippines, 18 Jul 1952-7 Sep 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

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