

# 67 INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FLIGHT

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

17 Photographic Technical Unit activated (before constitution), 5 Nov 1944  
Constituted, 27 Nov 1944  
Inactivated, 9 Nov 1945

67 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron constituted, 8 Aug 1950  
Activated, 2 Sep 1950  
Inactivated, 1 Mar 1951  
Activated, 1 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 8 Feb 1971  
Activated, 15 Jul 1971  
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1977

17 Photographic Technical Unit and 67 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron consolidated and redesignated 17 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, 16 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit remained inactive.

Redesignated 67 Intelligence Support Flight, 30 Nov 1995  
Activated, 31 Dec 1995

### STATIONS

Charleroi, Belgium, 5 Nov 1944  
Vogelsang, Germany, 25 Mar 1945  
Limburg, Germany, 3 Apr 1945  
Eschwege, Germany, 12 Apr 1945  
Virton, Belgium, 16 May 1945-unk  
Langley AFB, VA, 2 Sep 1950-1 Mar 1951  
Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Mar 1951  
Kimpo AB, South Korea, 22 Aug 1951  
Itami AB, Japan, 7 Dec 1954

Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Jul 1957-8 Feb 1971  
Bergstrom AFB, TX 15 Jul 1971-1 Sep 1977  
Kelly AFB, TX, 31 Dec 1995

#### **DEPLOYED STATION**

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

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

IX Tactical Air Command, 5 Nov 1944  
Ninth Air Force, 16 May-15 Jul 1945  
Tactical Air Command, 2 Sep 1950-1 Mar 1951  
67 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Mar 1951  
Fifth Air Force, 8 Dec 1960-8 Feb 1971  
67 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Jul 1971-1 Sep 1977  
67 Intelligence Group, 31 Dec 1995

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

363 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 2 Sep 1950-1 Mar 1951  
67 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 14 Mar 1951-22 Dec 1952  
Fifth Air Force, 8 Mar-7 Dec 1960

#### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Joseph F. Condon, Mar 1951  
Lt Col Schuyler S. Harris, Sep 1951  
Lt Col William W. Robinson, 1953  
Maj Demay H. White, 1955  
Lt Col Robert Spencer, Jul 1956  
Lt Col Daniel T. George, 1958  
Lt Col Wesley F. Wallace, 1961  
Maj Lewis E. Watson, 1962  
Lt Col John R. Paulman, 1962  
Lt Col Lawrence U. Gray, 1964  
Lt Col William Echert, 1967  
Lt Col Alfred M. Kamajian, 1967  
Maj Marvin Richman, 1968  
Lt Col Michael Mitchell, 1969

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

##### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater  
Rhineland 1944-1945

Central Europe 1945

Korea

First UN Counteroffensive 1951

CCF Spring Offensive 1951

UN Summer-Fall Offensive 1951

Second Korean Winter 1951-1952

Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

Third Korean Winter 1952-1953

Korea, Summer 1953

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Dec 1952-30 Apr 1953

1 Feb 1964-31 Jan 1966

1 Jun 1967-31 May 1968

1 Jun 1968-31 May 1970

15 Jul 1971-15 May 1973

16 May 1974-15 May 1976

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

[1 Mar] 1951-31 Mar 1953

#### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 3 Aug 1959

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

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 it's 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 (Kimpo) 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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