

1 AIR POSTAL AND COURIER GROUP

MISSION

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1 Air Postal Group

Organized and activated, 18 Sep 1963

Redesignated 1st Air Postal and Courier Group

STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA, 18 Sep 1963-31 Jan 1973

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 1st Air Postal and Courier Group consisted of flights in Greensboro, NC; Memphis, TN and Maxwell AFB, AL.

The 1 Air Postal Group and one of its flights participated in a two week active duty tour in the Pacific. The group headquarters was at Hickam AFB, HI; Flight 1 at Dobbins; Flight 2 from Greensboro, NC went to Tachikawa AB, Japan. 9-23 Jul 1967

On 23 Mar 1970, after U.S. postal workers had struck for more pay and better working

conditions, President Richard Nixon declared a national emergency because the work stoppage impeded critical government and commercial functions. He authorized the Secretary of Defense to use any military forces necessary to assist the Postmaster General to restore national postal service. In addition TO recalling certain Air National Guard units, the Air Staff ordered the mobilization of two Air Force Reserve postal and courier groups with their eight flights, consisting of about 200 men in all: the 1st Air Postal and Courier Group and the 2d Air Postal and Courier Group headquartered at Hamilton AFB, CA.

Dr. Theodore C. Marrs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Air Force Reserve Affairs, soon determined that the Air Staff had exceeded its authority in calling up the Air Force Reserve units, and he arranged their release. As it was, the postal crisis soon abated, and the units would not have been required much longer in any event. Otherwise insignificant, the brief mobilization demonstrated the readiness and responsiveness of the reserve postal units in reacting quickly and efficiently to a mobilization order.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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