

# 601<sup>st</sup> FERRYING SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

601<sup>st</sup> Ferrying Squadron

## STATIONS

Love Field, Dallas, TX

## ASSIGNMENTS

5<sup>th</sup> Ferrying Group

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

26 October 1944 WASP pilot Gertrude Tompkins Silver of the 601st Ferrying Squadron, 5th Ferrying Group, Love Field, Dallas, Texas, departs Mines Field, Los Angeles, California, in North American P-51D-15-NA Mustang, 44-15669, at 1600, headed for the East Coast. She took off into the wind, into an offshore fog bank, and was expected that night at Palm Springs. She never arrived. Due to a paperwork foul-up, a search did not get under way for several days, and while the eventual search of land and sea was massive, it failed to find a trace of Silver or her

plane. She is the only missing WASP pilot. She had married Sgt. Henry Silver one month before her disappearance.

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Sources

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