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1. There was a two-fold purpose in the activation of the WASP program; (a) As an experiment to prove their capabilities in handling domestic flying missions in case of potential need in great numbers, (b) To release men pilots for higher ~~grade~~ types of duty including combat. This purpose has been accomplished. It has been established that women pilots can be relied upon in great numbers to perform any domestic flying mission.
2. In 1944 a total of 584 women pilots were graduated from the WASP training school in Sweetwater, Texas.
3. During 1944 23 WASPs were killed; 6 while in training, and 17 while on operational duty.
4. WASPs are employed by Training Command, Air Transport Command, Air Technical Services, AAF Weather Wing, Proving Ground Command, First Air Force, Second Air Force, and Fourth Air Force.
5. WASPs have flown all types of aircraft including B-29 Superfortress and P-59A jet-propelled plane.
6. As there are sufficient male pilots to handle all AAF missions the WASP will be inactivated on 20 December 1944.

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