

608th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON



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LINEAGE

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STATIONS

March AFB, CA, 17 Jan 1947-28 Mar 1949

Taegu, South Korea, 2 Nov 1951-1 Dec 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATION

The 608th AC&W Squadron during the Korean War was part of the 502nd Tactical Control Group which also included the 605th, 606th and 607th squadrons. The 6123rd Tactical Control Squadron was renamed the 608th about the same time that the move was made to the mountaintop near K18/Kangnung.

608th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Constituted: 15 December 1945, and assigned to Headquarters 502nd Tactical Control Group, Biggs Field, Texas

March, AFB, California

Taegu

Hyangbyong-san 30 miles northeast of Kangnung

Seoul, Korea

Kimpo

Paegnyong-do

Shinchon-ni

Detachment 1

Located: Yanggu Airdrome (North Korea)

Equipment: SCR-584

Detachment 2

Located: Cho-do Island, Korea (Off the West coast of North Korea)

Equipment: SCR-270 (February 1952)

Detachment 3

Located: Tokchong, Korea (1955 - approximately 10 miles North of Uijongbu, and roughly 40 miles from Kimpo. (South of Camp Casey)

Relocated: Kimpo January of 1956

Call Sign: Garlic Control

Equipment: AN/MSQ-1

Detachment 4

Korea K-18

Equipment: TPS-1D

Notes: "In October 1952 the 608th Squadron organized a detachment to operate the tactical air-direction center at Hwangbyong-san..."

"To provide high-altitude surveillance over Seoul and Incheon, the 608th established a search radar detachment at a site on the coast southwest of Incheon near Songgum-ri. This station was integrated into the radar net on 16 November 1952."

Detachment 4 near Kangnung was the largest detachment, however, and also larger than the HQ unit.

The 608th detachment 4 was near Kangnung on mountaintop of Hyangbyong-san. I was based there from August 1952 to August 1953.

The 608th Det 2 was at K54 on Cho-do island, Det 3 at K53 on Paengnyong-do island, Det 4 near Kangnung K18 on mountaintop of Hyangbyong-san (Gyebang-san) 5174', approx 25 mi NW of Kangnung (Gangnung) K-18.

608th AC&W Squadron Headquarters was located in a small compound near K-18 and near Kangnung from January 1952 to late June 1952. 608th Headquarters moved from Kangnung (K18) to Kimpo (K14) in the fall of '52.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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