

# 16<sup>th</sup> ARMY AIR FORCES BAND

## **The 612th arrives at Mikage**

The same order that established the 610th also established the **612th AC&W Squadron at Mikage, near Osaka on Honshu**, also reporting to the 528th Group, through the 315th Composite Wing at Itazuke.

## **The 618th arises in the Philippines**

Another major piece of the SJRG, the **618th AC&W Squadron, which had been activated at Rizal in the Philippines, was transferred to Fifth Air Force in Japan**. It set up its headquarters at Kashikawa, near Osaka, Honshu, in April 1947.

It took over a radar site, formerly operated by Australian forces, on the beach near Matsue. In effect, the 618th assumed responsibility for the area of Honshu that had formerly been assigned to Commonwealth Forces.

In June 1949 the 618th moved its HQ to Miho AB. After two more moves, finally **on 1 October 1951 the 618th moved its HQ to Itazuke, thus consolidating the group and its three squadron headquarters at Itazuke AB, just outside Fukuoka, Kyushu. The 610th had moved its HQ to Itazuke earlier that year.**

The **612th** remained the SJRG's "orphan child". By the time the 527th arrived at Itazuke, the group history notes that the 612th was "non-operational on Kyushu" because of a shortage of personnel. Histories in 1947 report that the 612th had moved in HQ to Itami AB, but shortly after that, moved back to Itazuke. On 30 June 1948, the 612th was inactivated.

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