LINEAGE
167th AACS Squadron designated, 14 May 1948
Organized, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated 1956th AACS Squadron, 1 Oct 1948
Redesignated 1956th AACS Group, 18 Sep 1959
Redesignated 1956th Communications Group, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1956th Information Systems Group, 1 Aug 1984
Redesignated 1956th Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986
Resdesignated HQ, 1956th Computer Systems Group, 1 Apr 1990
Inactivated, Jul 1991

STATIONS
Tokyo, Japan
Fuchu AB (later, Fuchu AS), 20 Aug 1953
Yokota AB, Japan, 30 Sep 1974

ASSIGNMENTS
68th AACS Group (later, 1809th AACS Group, Far East AACS Region; Far East
Communications Region), 1 Jun 1948
Pacific Communications Area (later, Pacific Communications Division; Pacific Information
Systems Division; Pacific Communications Division), 1 Jul 1972

COMMANDERS
Maj H. A. Mosenthin, Aug 1953-?
LTC Howland K. Johnson, Sep 1959
Col Rocco Sansone, 1 Jun 1960-
LTC William H. Prince, 1963
Col Michael P. Yopchick, 15 Sep 1965
Col Edward J. Stenger, 18 Aug 1968
Col Franklin J. Hickman, Sr., 5 Jul 1969
Col Earle G. Cross, Jr., 10 Aug 1970
LTC Thomas M. Houston, 26 Oct 1970
Col Henry I. Jones, Jr., 4 Aug 1971
Col Louis P. Cyr, 1 Jul 1972
Col Henry I. Jones, Jr., 8 Aug 1972
Col Fred E. Brehm, 23 Jul 1975
Col Albert L. Tarvin, 19 Apr 1977
Col Edward Karolczyk, 28 May 1978
Col John N. Elliott, 4 Jul 1978
Col Gerald E. Bronnenberg, 30 Jun 1981
LTC James W. Clutter (Interim), 14 Jun 1983
Col Jan P. Huggins, 22 Jun 1983
Col William J. Donahue, 5 Jul 1985
LTC Karl S. Scriba (Interim), 15 Jul 1987
Col John D. Culver, 30 Jul 1987
Col Kenneth R. Dirnberger, 26 May 1989

HONORS
Service Streamers
Korean Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1976-31 Dec 1977
1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1983

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE
The Torii Gate represents the group's mission in the Far East, and the lightning bolts are symbolic of readiness and the Air Force Communications Command. The three distinct color divisions represent the three divisions within the group; operations, maintenance, and air traffic control. They also allude to the group's three communications missions, the 5th Air Force, the 475th Air Base Wing, and 1956th Communications Group. The resistor and ground represent the numerous communications and electronics systems which support the mission of United States Forces in the
Northwest Pacific.

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**OPERATIONS**
1979 realignment of some 1956 communications group functions under the control of newly activated 1837 electronics installation squadron;

1976 the 1956 communications group provides communications and electronic support commensurate with evolving requirements in Japan, Korea, and the Pacific area.

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