86th AIRLIFT SQUADRON

LINEAGE
86th Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 15 Apr 1943
Activated, 1 May 1943
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1945
Activated in the reserve, 3 Sep 1947
Redesignated 86th Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 27 Jun 1949
Inactivated, 1 Aug 1950
Activated, 26 Jan 1951
Inactivated, 10 Jun
86th Air Transport Squadron
86th Military Airlift Squadron
86th Airlift Squadron

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS
Baer Field, IN, 1 May 1943
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 8 Jun 1943
Pope Field, NC, 9 Oct 1943
Baer Field, IN, 31 Dec 1943-Jan 1944
Balderton, England, 20 Jan 1944
Ramsbury, England, 6 Feb 1944 (operated from Montala Airfield, Italy, 19 Jul-23 Aug 1944)
Coulommiers/Voisins, France, Feb-Jul 1945
Baer Field, IN, 13 Aug 1945
Marfa AAFld, TX, 14 Sep 19 Nov 1945
Orchard Place Aprt, IL, 3 Sep 1947-1 Aug 1950
Tachikawa, Japan, 26 Jan 1951
Brady AB, Japan, Mar-10 Jun 1952
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 20 Jul 1952-19 Mar 1954 as 86th Air Transport Squadron!
Charleston AFB, SC, 20 May 1954-1 Jul 1955
Travis AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1963
ASSIGNMENTS
437th Troop Carrier Group, 1 May 1943-15 Nov 1945
Second Air Force, 3 Sep 1947
Tenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1948
437th Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-1 Aug 1950
437th Troop Carrier Group, 26 Jan 1951-10 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS
C-47 1943-1945
C-46, 1951-1952

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS
Service Streamers
American Theater

Campaign Streamers
World War II
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Korean War
First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea Summer-Fall, 195

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations
Distinguished Unit Citation
France, [6-7] Jun 1944

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
EMBLEM
None

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS
Airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; relief of Bastogne; transportation of personnel and cargo in ETO and MTO during World War II, and between Japan and Korea during Korean War; airborne assault on Munsan-ni, Korea.

86 ALS INACTIVATED AND REPLACED BY 20 ALS FROM CHARLESTON AFB SC. 1993

C-141 AIRCREW FROM 86 ALS TRANSPORTED GEN YEVANOF, RUSSIAN EQUIVALENT TO AMC COMMANDER, FROM TRAVIS AFB CA TO SAINT LOUIS MO AND ALTUS AFB OK. 1993-1994

By 1962, the 1501 ATW was operating three different airlifters: the C-124, C-133 and C-135. The 28th, 75th and 85th ATSs flew C-124s, while the 84th ATS flew C-133s and the 44th ATS flew C-135s. The 55th ATS had apparently been deactivated. A new squadron, the 86th ATS [flying C-130s], would join the wing in June 1963.

OPERATION MAGIC CARPET
In late August 1952, during the space of four days, 13 C-54 aircraft from the Military Air Transport Service's Atlantic Division flew 75 missions, airlifting 3,763 Moslem pilgrims stranded in Beirut, Lebanon, to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Jeddah was the nearest airport to the holy city of Mecca. The United States State Department agreed to help the Lebanese government when an unusually large number of pilgrims swamped the international airport at Beirut. The operation was nicknamed "Hajji Baba," but was also called "Al Hajj" and "Magic Carpet." Brigadier General Wentworth Goss, formerly the Military Air Transport Service Chief of Staff, served as the task force commander. He consolidated into a single airlift force resources from the 41st Air Transport Squadron based at Tripoli and the 86th Air Transport Squadron at Rhein-Main Air Base, Federal Republic of Germany. Within 24 hours of notification, crews were moving the first pilgrims to Saudi Arabia. The airlift was extended twice, more than doubling the original estimate of between 1,000-1,500 passengers. The 41st flew a daily aircraft utilization rate of just over 13 hours while the 86th rate approached 12 hours per plane. This diplomatic mission did much to restore America's standing in the Middle East, which had been diminished by the United States' position on the Palestine issue.
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