

3026 AAF BASE UNIT

MISSION

Pilot School, Basic

LINEAGE

3026 AAF Base Unit

STATIONS

Merced AAF, CA, 1 May 1944-30 Jun 1945

LINEAGE

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

17 May 1945, Former *Our Gang* actor Bobby "Wheezer" Hutchins (Robert E. Hutchins) is killed in a mid-air collision while trying to land a North American AT-6D Texan, serial number 42-86536, of the 3026th Base Unit, when it strikes North American AT-6C Texan, 42-49068, of the same unit, at Merced Army Air Field in Merced, California, during a training exercise. The other pilot, Edward F. Hamel, survives.

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