

# 86<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER WING

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing constituted, 19 Nov 1943

Activated, 1 Dec 1943

Inactivated, 15 Mar 1946

Allotted to Colorado ANG, 24 May 1946

Extended federal recognition, 3 Jul 1946

Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

(This wing is not related to an 86th Fighter Wing that was constituted on 1 Jul 1948 and activated in Germany the same day by United States Air Forces in Europe.)

### STATIONS

March Field, CA, 1 Dec 1943-25 Mar 1944

Finschhafen, New Guinea, 1 May 1944

Toem, New Guinea, 4 Aug 1944

Sansapor, New Guinea, 19 Aug 1944

Luzon, 16 Jan 1945-15 Mar 1946

### ASSIGNMENTS

Fifth Air Force

### COMMANDERS

LTC Robert L. Johnston, 11 Dec 1943

Col Romulus W. Puryear, 14 Dec 1943

Col Robert L. Johnston, 16 Sep 1944

Col Norman D. Sillin, 5 Nov 1944

Col James O. Guthrie, 14 Dec 1944

Col Robert L. Johnston, 11 Jun 1945-unkn

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

New Guinea  
Western Pacific  
Leyte  
Luzon

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers****Decorations**

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

**EMBLEM**

None

**MOTTO****NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Engaged in combat from May until early in 1945 when the wing became responsible for establishing and operating an aircraft warning system in the Philippine Islands.

Preparations for overseas movement. Relocated 25 March 1944 to Camp Stoneman, Pittsburgh, California. Departed 28 March 1944. Arrived 1 May 1944, Finschhaven, New Guinea. Mission was defense of 21st and 23rd Fighter Sectors; Finschhaven and Cape Gloucester area.

Arrived 19 August 1944, Sansapor Mission was defense of 34th, 35th and 36th Fighter Sectors; from Noemfoor to Morotai. Departed 28 December 1944.

Arrived: 13 January 1945, Lingayan, Luzon Mission was defense of 45th and 56th Fighter Sectors; American occupied Luzon.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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**Sources**

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