



86th Fighter Bomber Group Association
526th Fighter Bomber Squadron



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526 F-B Sq., 86 F-B Gp., APC
520, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.
Office of the Intelligence Officer.

26 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Squadron History.

To: Intelligence Officer, 86 Fighter-Bomber Gp., A.P.O. 520, New York, N.Y.

1. Following is an outline history of the 526 Fighter-Bomber Sq., 86 Fighter-Bomber Gp., A.P.O. 520, c/o Postmaster, New York City, New York (formerly the 310th Bomb Sq. (D), 86th Bomb Gp. (D), APO 3659, c/o Postmaster, New York City, N.Y.; and APC 525, c/o Postmaster, New York City, N.Y.) as per request.

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OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE 526 F-B SQ., 86 F-B GP., APC 520, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

A. ORIGINAL UNIT:

1. Designation: 310th Bomb. Sq. (L), 86th Bomb. Gp. (L).
2. Date of Organization: 10 February 1942.
3. Place of Organization: Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
4. Authority: General Order No. 5, Hq. Third Air Force, Tampa, Florida.
5. Personnel: Obtained from the 57th Bomb. Sq. (L), 43th Bomb. Gp. (L), AFCC.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

1. On 19 June 1942, the personnel of the organization were transferred from the 310th Bomb. Sq. (L), 86th Bomb. Gp. (L) AFCC to the 387th Bomb. Sq. (L), 312th Bomb. Gp. (L) AFCC, per Special Order 149, dated 19 June 1942, Hq. Army Air Base, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
2. On 4 August, 1942, 126 men (entire strength) transferred from 387th Bomb. Sq. (L), 312th Bomb. Gp. (L) AFCC, to A/C unassigned and departed from Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, for Key Field Air Base, Meridian, Mississippi, where they arrived on 7 August 1942.

3. On 7 August 1942, 126 E.M. assigned and joined organization, from A/C unassigned. 23 E.M. from Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia, assigned and joined organization.

4. On 11 August 1942, all personnel of organization transferred from the 587th Bomb. Sq. (L), 312th Bomb. Gp. (L) AFCC to 310th Bomb. Sq. (L), 86th Bomb. Gp. (L) AAF, per Par. 5, Special Order No. 188, Hq. Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma.

5. On 1 September 1942, new Table of Organization assigned Squadron. Organization changed from Light Bombardment Squadron to Dive Bombardment Squadron, and authorized A-31 and A-24 type aircraft.

6. On 1 June 1943, Fighter Table of Organization assigned to Squadron, superseding Dive Bombardment Table of Organization.

7. On 11 September 1943, Designation of Organization changed from 310th Bomb. Sq. (D), 86th Bomb. Gp. (D) to 526th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 86th Fighter-Bomber Group., per General Order 49, Hq. 12th Air Force, dated 5 September 1943.

C. STRENGTH OF ORGANIZATION:

1. At beginning of period, 1 officer and 32 enlisted men assigned, Special Order 18, Hq. II A.S.C., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 3 February 1942.

2. Monthly Strength:

a. 28 February 1942,	1 officer assigned	32 E.M. assigned
b. 31 March 1942		36 E.M. assigned
c. 30 April 1942		36 E.M. assigned
d. 31 May 1942		44 E.M. assigned
e. 30 June 1942		84 E.M. assigned
f. 31 July 1942		126 E.M. assigned
g. 11 August 1942	11 officers assigned	197 E.M. assigned
h. 30 Sept. 1942	23 officers assigned	211 E.M. assigned
i. 31 October 1942	27 officers assigned	254 E.M. assigned
j. 30 November 1942	27 officers assigned	267 E.M. assigned
k. 31 December 1942	32 officers assigned	270 E.M. assigned
l. 31 January 1943	32 officers assigned	253 E.M. assigned
m. 28 February 1943	33 officers assigned	254 E.M. assigned
n. 31 March 1943	31 officers assigned	256 E.M. assigned
o. 30 April 1943	32 officers assigned	253 E.M. assigned
p. 31 May 1943	32 officers assigned	253 E.M. assigned
q. 30 June 1943	48 officers assigned	255 E.M. assigned
r. 31 July 1943	47 officers assigned	246 E.M. assigned
s. 31 August 1943	46 officers assigned	244 E.M. assigned
t. 30 September 1943	44 officers assigned	253 E.M. assigned

D. STATIONS: (Permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

1. Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 10 February 1942 to 4 August 1942.

2. Enroute to Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi, from Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, via train, 4 August 1942 to 7 August, 1942.

