



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**86th SIGNAL BATTALION  
(FIRST VOICE HEARD)**

Constituted 23 March 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 86th Signal Battalion

Activated 1 June 1966 at Fort Bragg

Inactivated 30 April 1971 in Vietnam

Activated 1 July 1977 in Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Reorganized and redesignated 16 January 1998 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 86th Signal Battalion (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II

Counteroffensive, Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase IV

Counteroffensive, Phase V

Counteroffensive, Phase VI

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Summer-Fall 1969

Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase VII

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Southwest Asia  
Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait  
Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism  
*Afghanistan:*  
Consolidation III  
*Iraq:*  
Liberation of Iraq  
Transition of Iraq  
National Resolution  
Iraqi Surge

Company A additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
Global War on Terrorism  
(Additional campaigns to be determined)

Company C additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
*Afghanistan:*  
Consolidation I

**DECORATIONS**

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 1990-1991

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 2002-2004

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Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA  
2006-2007

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN  
2010-2011

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1967-1968

Company A additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered CENTRAL and  
SOUTHWEST ASIA JAN-SEP 2017

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



CHARLES R. BOWERY, JR.  
Chief of Military History

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