

542nd BALLOON GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

Headquarters, 42nd Balloon Group, constituted in the Organized Reserve, 29 Jul 1921

Initiated, 4 Nov 1921

Redesignated Headquarters, 542nd Balloon Group, 20 Feb 1924

Inactivated, Jun 1929

Reorganized and redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 542nd Balloon Group

Redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 61st Balloon Group, 1 Jan 1938

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Buffalo, NY, 1921-1929

Inactive 1929-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

XI Corps

XII Corps, 1 Oct 1933

COMMANDERS

Cpt Guy W. Brookhauser, 4 Nov 1921

Cpt John M. Galt, 10 Jun 1923

Unknown, Sep 1923-19 Aug 1926

Maj William J. Dunn, 19 Aug 1926

Maj Archibald K. Benedict, 6 Jan 1927-Jun 1929

Inactive, Jun 1929-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 29 July 1921 as Headquarters, 42nd Balloon Group, assigned to the XI Corps, and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Initiated on 4 November 1921 with headquarters at Buffalo, NY. Redesignated as HQ, 542nd Balloon Group on 20 February 1924. Inactivated by June 1929 at Buffalo by relief of personnel. Relieved from assignment to the XII Corps 1 October 1933 and assigned to the II Corps. Concurrently, reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 542nd Balloon Group. Redesignated as HHS, 61st Balloon Group on 1 January 1938. Concurrently withdrawn from the Organized Reserve and allotted to the Regular Army. Disbanded 31 May 1942.

Subordinate squadrons: 305th Balloon Company 1921-33, 306th Balloon Company 1921-33, 307th Balloon Company 1921-33, 308th Balloon Company 1921-33, Balloon Park No. 32 1921-23, 339th Balloon Service Company 1923-33; 305th Balloon Squadron 1933-41, 306th Balloon Squadron 1933-41, 307th Balloon Squadron 1933-41, 339th Balloon Service Squadron 1933-41