

21st BALLOON GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

Headquarters, 2nd Balloon Squadron organized, 16 October 1917
Redesignated as Headquarters, 1st Balloon Group, 8 October 1918
Demobilized in December 1918

21st Balloon Group constituted, 13 Sep 1921
Redesignated 1st Airship Group Headquarters, 3 Jan 1922
Redesignated Headquarters, 21st Airship Group, 1 Jan 1923

Headquarters, 1st Balloon Group reconstituted, 20 Nov 1936

Headquarters, 1st Balloon Group and Headquarters, 21st Airship Group consolidated, 20 Nov 1936

Reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 21st Balloon Group, 1 Jun 1937
Inactivated, 1 Jun 1939

STATIONS

Fort Omaha, NE
Colombey-les-Belles, France
Brooks Field, TX, 1921-22
Scott Field, IL, 1921-39

Inactive 1939-41

ASSIGNMENTS

General Headquarters Reserve

Commanding General, Sixth Corps Area, 12 Aug 1936

COMMANDERS

LTC John A. Paegelow, 13 Sep 1921

Cpt Ira R. Koenig, 1 Jun 1933

Col Frank M. Kennedy, 3 Aug 1933

Col Arthur G. Fisher, 1 Mar 1937-1 Jun 1939

COMMANDERS

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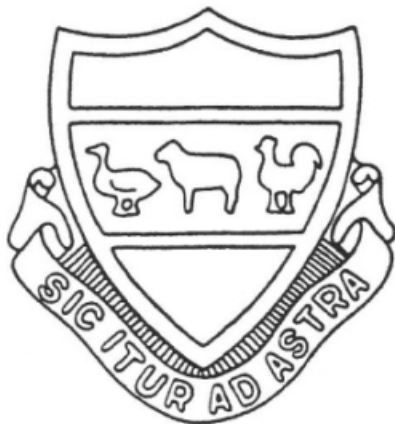
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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Approved, 25 June 1924

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Regular Army on 13 September 1921 as 1st Balloon Group Headquarters, and assigned to the Zone of the Interior. Concurrently activated at Brooks Field, TX. Redesignated as 1st Airship Group Headquarters 3 January 1922. Transferred on 1 July 1922 to Scott Field, IL, to perform duties as support troops for the Air Service Balloon and Airship School. Redesignated as Headquarters, 21st Airship Group on 1 January 1923. Assigned to the General Headquarters Reserve 8 May 1929. Assigned to the General Headquarters Air Force 1 October 1933. Relieved from control of the General Headquarters Air Force 12 August 1936 and placed under control of the Commanding General, Sixth Corps Area. Consolidated on 20 November 1936 with Headquarters, 1st Balloon Group (a WWI unit organized on 16 October 1917 as Headquarters Company, 2nd Balloon Squadron at Fort Omaha, NE; redesignated as Headquarters Company, Balloon Group, I Army Corps 8 October 1918; demobilized in December 1918 at Colombey-les-Belles, France; reconstituted on 20 November 1936). Reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 21st Balloon Group on 1 June 1937. Relieved from the Sixth Corps Area 19 February 1939 and assigned to the 3rd Wing. Inactivated 1 June 1939 at Scott Field.

Subordinate Squadrons: 8th Airship Company 1921-33; 9th Airship Company 1921-33; 9th Airship Squadron 1933-37; 12th Airship Company 1921-33; 16th Airship Company 1921-33; 19th Airship Squadron 1933-37; 24th Airship Service Company 1921-33; 24th Airship Service Squadron 1933-37; 24th Service Squadron 1937-39; 1st Balloon Squadron 1937-39; 2nd Balloon Squadron 1937-39; 3rd Balloon Squadron 1937-39; 8th Balloon Squadron (RAI) on 1937-39; 12th Balloon Squadron (RAI) on 1937-39; 21st Photo Section 1922-37

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

US Army Order of Battle 1919-1941. Steven E. Clay. Combat Studies Institute Press. US Army Combined Arms Center. Fort Leavenworth, KS. Nd.