

61 BALLOON COMPANY

MISSION

LINEAGE

61 Balloon Company organized, 28 Aug 1918

Organized Aug 1918

Demobilized Apr 1919

STATIONS

Fort Omaha, NE

Fort Crook, NE, Sep 1918

Fort Omaha, NE, Oct 1918

Langley Field, VA, Mar 1919

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Lt Franklin P. Quick

2nd Lt Angier H. Foster, 26 Dec 1918

2nd Lt Ralph A. Reynolds, 4 Jan 1919

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 61st Balloon Company was organized on August 28th, 1918, at Fort Omaha. Lieut. Franklin P. Quick was made Commanding Officer and Lieuts. Bernard M. Murphy, Angier H. Foster and Horace B. Keeler were assigned to the Company.

On the 10th of September, hurriedly and without the customary advance rumors, the Company was transferred to Ft. Crook. The 61st was the first Balloon Company to enter Crook after it was made a sub-post of Fort Omaha.

Lieut. W. S. Taylor was assigned to the Company September 24th.

On the 10th of November we were transferred to Florence Field to start our Overseas training. But on the 11th of November the Armistice was signed and all hopes of Overseas Service were given up. Our dreams of flying a balloon on the other side vanished.

On December 23rd our Commanding Officer, Lieut. Quick, obtained his discharge.

The Company has been stationed at Fort Crook, Fort Omaha, and Florence Field and in each place has made an enviable record, Lieut. Ralph A. Reynolds is now Company Commander.

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