

63 BALLOON COMPANY

MISSION

LINEAGE

63 Balloon Company
Organized, Mar 1918
Demobilized, Jun 1919

STATIONS

Fort Omaha, Nebraska

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

2Lt Robert G. Simmons

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 63rd Balloon Company, a depot company was formed March 15th, 1918, at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, with Captain Joseph J. Kingsbury, A.S.S.C. Commanding Officer, and First Lieut. Harry Weber, Second Lieut. Max Ginsburg as the subalterns.

The company was made up of Special Duty men from all the Departments in the Post.

Lieut. Harry Weber was relieved from duty with the company June 13th, 1918, to take command of the 64th Balloon Company then at this Post. Lieut. Max Ginsburg was relieved from duty with the company April 18th, and transferred to Fort Crook. Lieut.-Theodore E. Faulk was assigned to company April 18th, 1918, and relieved May 20th, 1918 to become a balloon officer at Florence Field. Lieut. James P. Roberts assigned to company July 30th, 1918, and was relieved August 27th, 1918, and transferred to an Overseas company. Lieut. Samuel C. Finnel was assigned to company May 20th, 1918, and relieved July 30th, 1918, to take course of instruction. Lieut. Raymond A. Shattuck was assigned to company June 19th, 1918, and relieved August 15th, 1918, and transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. First Lieut. Roland J. Gaupel assigned to company August 20th, 1918, and relieved August 26th, 1918, to take course of instruction. Lieut. Robert G. Simmons assigned to and in command of company September 1st, 1918, and was relieved October 31st, 1918, to become Commanding Officer 83rd Balloon Company. Capt. Joseph J. Kingsbury relieved from duty with company August 31st, 1918, to become Executive Officer at Camp John Wise, Texas. Lieut. Albert F. Hebbard, assigned to company September 2nd, 1918. Lieut. Larry G. Hunt, attached to company September 2nd, 1918, and was relieved September 19th, 1918. Lieut. Arthur R. Weigel was assigned to company July 8th, 1918, and was relieved October 31st, 1918, to become Supply Officer of the 83rd Balloon Company. Lieut. James T. Neely attached to company as Supply Officer September 23rd, 1918. Lieut. Donald L. Yale, attached to company November 25th, 1918. Lieut. Raymond L. Fulmer assigned to company November 4th, 1918, and relieved from duty with company November 8th, 1918, and transferred to Fort Crook, Nebraska. Lieut. Donald (I. Spalsbury, assigned to and in command of company November 7th, 1918.

At the present time 2nd Lieut. Donald C. Spalsbury, A.S.A. is in command of company. 2nd Lieut. Albert F. Hebbard, A.S.A. is acting company commander in the absence of Lieut. Spalsbury. Lieut. James T. Neely Supply Officer. Lieut. Donald L. Yale is company Officer.

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Sources

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