

20th BALLOON COMPANY

LINEAGE

Organized Jan 1918

STATIONS

Fort Omaha, NE

Camp Morrison, VA, Sep 1918

Port of Embarkation, Newport News, VA, Oct 1918

Europe, Oct 1918

Mitchel Field, NY, Apr 1919

Lee Hall, Jul 1919

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Arrival in France 3 Nov 1918

Arrival at the front

Days ascensions made in S.O.S

Days ascensions made in Z.O.A

Total days ascensions made

Number of ascensions made in S.O.S.
Number of ascensions made in Z.O.A.
Total number of ascensions made
Total number of hours in air S.O.S.
Total number of hours in air Z.O.A.
Total number of hours in the air
Artillery adjustments in S.O.S.
Artillery adjustments in Z.O.A.
Total number of artillery adjustments
Enemy shells observed
Enemy aircraft observed
Enemy balloons observed
Enemy artillery batteries observed
Enemy traffic on road and railroad observed
Smoke, fires and flares observed
Explosions observed
Jumps from basket
Balloons attacked
Balloons burned
Balloons destroyed
Observers killed
Observers captured

20th Balloon Company (22nd Balloon Group)

HQ-Mitchel Field, NY, 1919
Lee Hall, VA, 1919-22
Inactive 1922-33

Arrived at the port of Hoboken, NJ, on 18 April 1919 on the S.S. Ostego as Balloon Company No. 20. Transferred to Camp Mills, NY, on the same day. Transferred on 19 April 1919 to Mitchel Field, NY. Transferred on 16 May 1919 to Lee Hall, VA, and assigned to the Army Balloon School. Redesignated as Balloon Company No. 20 (Coast Defense) on 30 September 1921. Inactivated on 11 September 1922 at Lee Hall, VA, and 19th Airship Company made Active Associate. Assigned to the 22nd Balloon Group on 6 February 1923. Redesignated as the 20th Balloon Company on 12 February 1923. The 22nd Balloon Group assigned to the Zone of the Interior on 13 June 1924. Allotted to the Sixth Corps Area on 28 February 1927. Chicago, IL, designated as headquarters on reorganization, but unit never organized at that location. Designated mobilization training station was Langley Field 1923-27 and Scott Field 1927-33. Demobilized on 1 October 1933.

Commanders, 20th Balloon Company

1st Lt. Junius A. Smith

ao Jan 20-9 May 21

1st Lt. Robert S. Heald

17 Jan 22-28 Mar 22

1st Lt. Frederick W. Evans

9 May 21-30 Sep 21

1st Lt. Ira R. Koenig

28 Mar 22-18 Apr 22

1st Lt. Dache M. Reeves

30 Sep 21-17 Jan 22

1st Lt. George G. Gressey

18 Apr 22-11 Sep 22

Inactive

11 Sep 22-1 Oct 33

Air Force Order of Battle

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