

## **21<sup>st</sup> BALLOON COMPANY**

21st Balloon Company (26th Balloon Group)

HQ-Camp Morrison, VA, 1919  
Ross Field, CA, 1919-20  
Fort Shafter, TH, 1920  
Fort Kamehameha, TH, 1920-22  
Inactive 1922-27

Demobilized at Camp Morrison, VA, in December 1918 as the 21st Balloon Company. Reconstituted and organized in June 1919 at Ross Field, Arcadia, CA. Transferred in April 1920 to Fort Shafter, TH. Departed the port of San Francisco on 27 April 1920 on the U.S.A.T. Logan en route to Hawaii. Arrived 6 May 1920 at Honolulu and transferred to Fort Shafter, TH, on the same day. Transferred on 18 September 1920 to Fort Kamehameha, TH, and assigned to the Coast Defenses of Honolulu. Redesignated as Balloon Company No. 21 (Coast Defense) on 30 September 1921. Inactivated on 31 July 1922 at Fort Kamehameha. Concurrently, personnel transferred to the 6th Aero Squadron and the 16th Airship Company made Active Associate. The 23rd Bombardment Squadron made Active Associate 20 September 1922 in lieu of 9th Airship Company. Redesignated as the 21st Balloon Company on 12 February 1923. Assigned to the 26th Balloon Group on 6 February 1923. Demobilized on 28 February 1927.

Commanders, 21st Balloon Company Capt. Ira R. Koenig ao Jan 20-ao Jun 20 1st Lt. Lawrence A. Lawson 12 Jan 21-1 Feb 22 1st Lt. Harry H. Young ao Oct 20-2 Jan 21 1st Lt. Walter D. Williams 1 Feb 22-1 Mar 22 1st Lt. Hoyt G. Ross 2 Jan 21-12 Jan 21 Capt. Horace W. Mooney 1 Mar 22-31 Jul 22 Inactive 31 Jul 22-28 Feb 27

21st Balloon Co was placed on the inactive list Jan. 27, 1922 and the commissioned and enlisted personnel were transferred to the 6th Sq (Pursuit). (P. 35)

26th Balloon Gp Hq and the 3rd and 21st Balloon (inactive) Companies were demobilized May 12, 1927. (p. 45)

### **LINEAGE**

Organized Feb 1918  
Demobilized, Dec 1918  
Reorganized, Jun 1919

### **STATIONS**

Waco TX  
Camp Morrison, VA, Mar 1918  
Lee Hall, VA, Jul 1918

Camp Morrison, VA, Nov 1918  
Ross Field, CA, Jun 1919

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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