

26th BALLOON GROUP

HQ, 26th Balloon Group (1923-33) (Hawaiian Department) Regular Army Inactive
HHS, 26th Balloon Group (1933-41)

HQ-Not organized 1923-26
Chicago, IL, 1926-33
Inactive 1933-36
Oklahoma City, OK, 1936-41

Subordinate Squadrons: 1st Balloon Company 1929-33; 1st Balloon Squadron 1933-37; 2nd Balloon Company 1930-33; 3rd Balloon Company (RAI) on 1923-33; 3rd Balloon Squadron 1933-37; 4th Balloon Company (RAI) on 1929-33; 4th Balloon Squadron 1933-41; 21st Balloon Company 1923-27; 26th Balloon Service Squadron 1933-36; 31st Balloon Service Squadron 1929-33 & 1936-41; 3rd Photo Section 1929-33

Constituted in the Regular Army on 6 February 1923 as Headquarters, 26th Balloon Group and assigned to the Hawaiian Department. Designated Active Associate was the 5th Composite Group. Designated mobilization training station was Luke Field, TH, 1923-27 and Scott Field, IL, 1927-33. Organized on 14 July 1926 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit with headquarters at Chicago, IL. Demobilized on 28 February 1927. Reconstituted 18 October 1927, allotted to the Sixth Corps Area, and concurrently reorganized as a RAI unit with headquarters at Chicago. Inactivated by June 1933 in the Sixth Corps Area by relief of personnel. Withdrawn from the Sixth Corps Area 1 October 1933 and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Concurrently, redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 26th Balloon Group and assigned to the VIII Corps. Organized on 14 December 1936 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit with headquarters at the Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City, OK. Location 7 December 1941—Oklahoma City, OK.

Commanders, 26th Balloon Group

Medical officers only 14 Jul 26-28 Feb 27 Capt. John H. Engelbrecht** 14 Dec 36-ao Feb 36
Demobilized 28 Feb 27-18 Oct 27 Unknown** ao Feb 36-ao Jun 37 Unknown** 18 Oct 27-1
Oct 33 Capt. Elmer R. Norris** ao Jun 37-ao Aug 37 Inactive 1 Oct 33-14 Dec 36 Unknown**
ao Aug 37-7 Dec 41 ** RAI Commanders: Organized Reserve officers.

LINEAGE

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