

# 551<sup>st</sup> BALLOON GROUP

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

Headquarters, 51<sup>st</sup> Balloon Group constituted in the Organized Reserve, 29 Jul 1921

Initiated, Dec 1922

Redesignated HQ, 551<sup>st</sup> Balloon Group, 20 Feb 1924

Inactivated, 14 May 1928

Withdrawn and demobilized, 1 Oct 1933

## STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-1922

San Antonio, TX, Dec 1922-1925

Temple, TX, 1925-1928

Inactive 1928-1933

## ASSIGNMENTS

XVIII Corps, Dec 1922-2 Jul 1923

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## COMMANDERS

Unknown, Dec 1922-Dec 1924

Cpt Thomas J. Hughes, Dec 1924-Nov 1926

Cpt Wilson R. McComas, Nov 1926-14 May 1928

Inactive, 14 May 1928-1 Oct 1933

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 29 July 1921 as Headquarters, 51st Balloon Group, assigned to the XVIII Corps, and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Initiated in December 1922 with headquarters at San Antonio, TX. Relieved from the VIII Corps 2 July 1923 and assigned to the XVIII Corps. Redesignated as HQ, 551st Balloon Group on 20 February 1924. Inactivated 14 May 1928 at Temple by relief of personnel. Withdrawn from the Eighth Corps Area 1 October 1933 and demobilized.

Subordinate squadrons: 125th Balloon Company 1921-23, 126th Balloon Company 1921-23, 424th Balloon Company 1921-33, 425th Balloon Company 1921-33, 475th Balloon Company 1923-33, 476th Balloon Company 1923-33, Balloon Park No. 17 1921-23, 137th Balloon Service Company 1923-24, 487th Balloon Service Company 1924-33

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### Sources

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