

561st BALLOON GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

61st Balloon Group constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921
Initiated, Apr 1922
Withdrawn from the First Corps Area, 11 Jan 1927
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1927
Redesignated 561st Balloon Group
Withdrawn from the Organized Reserve and demobilized, 1 Oct 1933

STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-1922
New Haven, CT, 1922-1927
Inactive 1927-1933

ASSIGNMENTS

1st Balloon Wing (later, 10th Balloon Wing)

COMMANDERS

Cpt Ashbel R. Welles, Apr 1922-Aug 1922
Maj Edward E. Ashley, Nov 1922-Jun 1925
Unknown, Jun 1925-Apr 1926
Cpt Ashbel R. Welles, Apr 1926-1 Feb 1927
Inactive, 1 Feb 1927-1 Oct 1933

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM**MOTTO****NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921, assigned to the 1st Balloon Wing (General Headquarters Reserve) (later redesignated as the 10th Balloon Wing), and allotted to the First Corps Area. Initiated in April 1922 with headquarters at New Haven, CT. Withdrawn from the First Corps Area 11 January 1927 and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Inactivated 1 February 1927 at New Haven by relief of personnel. Withdrawn from the Organized Reserve 1 October 1933 and demobilized.

Subordinate squadrons: 351st Balloon Company 1921-33, 352nd Balloon Company 1921-33, 353rd Balloon Company 1921-33, 354th Balloon Company 1921-33, 348th Balloon Service Company 1921-33

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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