

38 BALLOON COMPANY

MISSION

LINEAGE

38 Balloon Company organized, Feb 1918
Demobilized, Sep 1919

STATIONS

Camp John Wise
Ross Field, Arcadia, CA, 3 Jul 1918

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

2nd Lt Benjamin B. Cassidy

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Many difficulties were encountered during the early days of the camp particularly in securing sufficient recruits and equipment. Recruits from other camps in Texas commenced to arrive immediately, but the number received was considerably smaller than anticipated. By February 5th a

sufficient number had arrived to enable the formation of the 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th Balloon Companies. These were designated as depot or home companies, and the purpose of their organization was to train recruits to fit them for overseas service.

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