

47 BALLOON COMPANY

MISSION

LINEAGE

47 Balloon Company
Organized, Jul 1918
Demobilized, Jun 1919

STATIONS

Fort Omaha, NE

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

1Lt Beverly W. Holmes
2Lt Marion A. Baldwin
2Lt Frank J. Boyle
2Lt Harold Mills

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 47th Balloon Company was organized on July 31st, 1918, with First Lieut. Beverly W. Holmes as Commanding Officer, Second Lieut. Harold W. Mills as Supply Officer and Second Lieut. Marion A. Baldwin as Mess Officer. This Company was organized as an Overseas Company, and we therefore were issued all ordnance for such a Company.

Intensive Military Training was started from the beginning, and the Company was rapidly put into shape. A bomb shell in the form of a memorandum from the Post Adjutant, dated September 7th, 1918, put an end to the aspirations of the boys for ever seeing Overseas duty. The memorandum made the 47th Company a School or Training Company, rather than an Overseas Company. Four companies of this kind were formed at that time, their duties being to take the men who transferred in from Fort Crook at the completion of their Military Training, and teaching each of them a special duty necessary in a Balloon Company.

In October First Lieut. Beverly W. Holmes was relieved of Command and Second Lieut. Marion A. Baldwin appointed Company Commander. Second Lieut. Glenn Lassiter, who had been attached to the company since September 30th, 1918, was relieved from duty as was also Second Lieut. John W. Kurtz. Second Lieut. Marion A. Baldwin remained in Command until December 20th, when he was ordered to California, to take Flying Course, following Second Lieut. Harry E. Shellberg, who received travel orders a few days previous. Second Lieut. Frank J. Boyle was placed in Command of the Company and Second Lieut. Raymond L. Fulmer attached.

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