

563 BALLOON GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

HQ, 63 Balloon Group constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 12 Nov 1921

Reorganized and redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 563 Balloon Group, 1 Oct 1933

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-1922

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1921-1927

Inactive 1927-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Balloon Wing (Later, 10 Balloon Wing)

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Charles S. Rockey, 12 Nov 1921-18 Nov 1921

Capt William D. Grant, 18 Nov 1921-26 Jan 1922

Maj William S. Calkins, 13 Feb 1923-19 Sep 1923

Capt George W. Gibson, 20 Sep 1923-Jan 1924

Unknown, Jan 1924-11 Jan 1927

Inactive, 11 Jan 1927-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

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 Third Corps Area. Initiated on 12 November 1921 with headquarters at Philadelphia, PA. Withdrawn from the Third Corps Area 11 January 1927 and allotted to the Fourth Corps Area. Shreveport, LA, designated 22 October 1929 as headquarters on reorganization, but the unit was never organized at that location. Relieved from assignment to the 10th Balloon Wing on 1 October 1933. Concurrently, reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 563rd Balloon Group. Disbanded 31 May 1942.

Subordinate squadrons: 145th Balloon Company 1921-23, 146th Balloon Company 1921-23, 359th Balloon Company 1921-33, 360th Balloon Company 1921-33, 493rd Balloon Company 1924-33, 494th Balloon Company 1924-33, 350th Balloon Service Company 1923-33; 359th Balloon Squadron 1933-41, 534th Balloon Squadron 1933-41, 350th Balloon Service Squadron 1933-41

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