

# **37 BALLOON COMPANY**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

61 Balloon Company organized, Jan 1918  
Redesignated 37 Balloon Company, Feb 1918  
Demobilized, Sep 1919

## **STATIONS**

Camp John Wise  
Ross Field, CA, 3 Jul 1918

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **COMMANDERS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt John H. Bishop

## **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 37<sup>th</sup> 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.

July 3rd the 37th Balloon Company, commanded by 2nd Lieut. John H. Bishop left for the new balloon school at Arcadia, California.

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