

48 BALLOON COMPANY

MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Balloon Company
Organized, Aug 1918
Demobilized, Jan 1919

STATIONS

Fort Omaha, Nebraska

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

2nd Lt Richard Walton
2nd Lt James. Bird

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

About the 15th of August, 1918, 130 men equally divided between the 17th and 30th Companies, were picked for a hurried and excited preparation for departure for Morrison, Virginia, and banded under a new name, "The Forty-Eighth Balloon Company."

Lieut. E. Paul Phillips was the First Commanding Officer, with Lieut. Gorman B. Howell, Robert P. Clapp and Lieut. Phillip Frank as the other Officers.

For two weeks the men labored under the impression that the 48th was destined for immediate Overseas Service but awoke one morning to find that it was required to stick here as a permanent "School Company."

Lieut. Phillips was relieved as Commanding Officer, reporting to Arcadia, California, as an instructor and Lieut. Richard S. Walton took command.

Lieut. Frank's stay was also short as he was sent to Camp John Wise, Texas.

The latter part of September, Lieut. Clapp was relieved from duty with the 48th Company and assigned to the Motor Transport Corps, and Lieut. Bird assigned to the Company, and quarters were moved from the old tents west of the North Barracks, to Barracks No. 3.

On November 1st, Lieut. Walton was relieved from duty with the 48th Company and put in Command of the 81st Balloon Company, Lieut. James N. Bird then taking command and here we are.

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