

# **BALLOON COMPANY NO. 5 (COAST DEFENSE)**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

Balloon Company No. 5

Redesignated Balloon Company No. 5 (Coast Defense), 13 Sep 1921

Demobilized, 30 Jun 1922

## **STATIONS**

Camp Lee, VA, 1919

Brooks Field, TX, 1919-22

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt John D. Jones, Jan 1920

Capt Roland L. Davis, 30 Nov 1920

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Edward L. Fernsten, 20 May 1921

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Joseph W. Benson, 7 Feb 1922

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Joseph W. Benson, 16 Jun 1922

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Arrived at the port of Newport News, VA, on 4 May 1919 on the U.S.S. Susquehanna as Balloon Company No. 5. Transferred to Camp Lee, VA, and arrived there on 8 May 1919. Transferred to Brooks Field, TX, and arrived there on 23 May 1919. Conducted observation and spotter tests 25 August-1 September 1920 with field artillery units of the 2nd Division at Camp Stanley, TX. Redesignated as Balloon Company No. 5 (Coast Defense) on 13 September 1921. Demobilized on 30 June 1922 at Brooks Field and personnel transferred to 8th and 16th Airship Companies and other units at Kelly Field, TX.

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### Sources

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