

# 58<sup>th</sup> BALLOON COMPANY

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

58<sup>th</sup> Balloon Company  
Activated, 29 Mar 1918  
Inactivated, 3 Jul 1919

## STATIONS

Camp John Wise, TX  
Camp Morrison, VA, Aug 1918  
Europe, Oct 1918  
France, 3 Nov 1918  
Camp Hill, VA, Jun 1919  
Camp Lee, VA, Jul 1919

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The arrival of more recruits resulted in the formation of several new companies during the month of March. 58th Balloon Company was organized March 30th. All of these companies were trained for overseas service except the 58th Company, which was organized as a home or training company.

Orders were also received about this time for the 58th Balloon Company to proceed to Morrison, Virginia, but owing to the fact that this organization had been formed as a home training company, it was necessary to organize it almost completely for overseas service. This was accomplished as soon as possible, and on August 15th it left for Morrison, Virginia, commanded by 2nd Lieut. H. R. Whitty.

Organized by transfer of 196 from 39<sup>th</sup> Balloon Company on 29 Mar, 1918, at Camp John Wise, TX. 2LT Cleves S. Fisher commander. Company used as a training company flying one balloon. Men trained in machine gun, telephone, balloon, electrical, and rigging schools and upon graduation from such schools were transferred into outgoing companies.

LT Cleves relieved of command and 2LT Henry R. Whitty assigned commanding officer, 1 Aug 1918, Camp Wise, TX.

Company left Camp John Wise at 1500 enroute to Aviation General Supply Depot and Concentration Camp, Morrison, VA, Arrived Morrison 19 Aug 1918. Lt Whitty relieved of command and 2Lt Harry W. Shackelford transferred to company and assumed command on account of seniority.

LT Shackelford sick in hospital and transferred to 19<sup>th</sup> Balloon Company. 1LT Julius G. Turcott assigned as commanding officer.

Left Morrison enroute to Port of Embarkation, Newport News, VA on 4 Oct 1918. Embarked on "Lutetia" enroute for AEF. Returned on account of outbreak of epidemic of influenza in company.

2LT Harry W. Shackelford reassigned to company assuming command on account of seniority.

Left Morrison, VA enroute to Port of Embarkation. Embarked on "Duca D'Aosta" for AEF arrived Brest France, 3 Nov with 170 enlisted men, 4 medical men attached, four air service officers, and one medical officer.

Stationed at Rest Camp APO 716, 3 Nov-8 Nov. On 8 Nov left rest camp enroute to Valdahon (Doubs). Destination changed to Etalans (Doubs) at Besancon. Arrived on 12 Nov, relieving 14<sup>th</sup> Balloon Company.

1LT Harry G. Montgomery assigned as commanding, 3 Dec 1918.

Arrival in France 3 Nov 1918

Arrival at the front

Days ascensions made in S.O.S

Days ascensions made in Z.O.A

Total days ascensions made

Number of ascensions made in S.O.S.

Number of ascensions made in Z.O.A.

Total number of ascensions made

Total number of hours in air S.O.S.

Total number of hours in air Z.O.A.

Total number of hours in the air

Artillery adjustments in S.O.S.

Artillery adjustments in Z.O.A

Total number or artillery adjustments

Enemy shells observed

Enemy aircraft observed

Enemy balloons observed

Enemy artillery batteries observed

Enemy traffic on road and railroad observed

Smoke, fires and flares observed

Explosions observed

Jumps from basket

Balloons attacked

Balloons burned

Balloons destroyed

Observers killed

Observers captured

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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