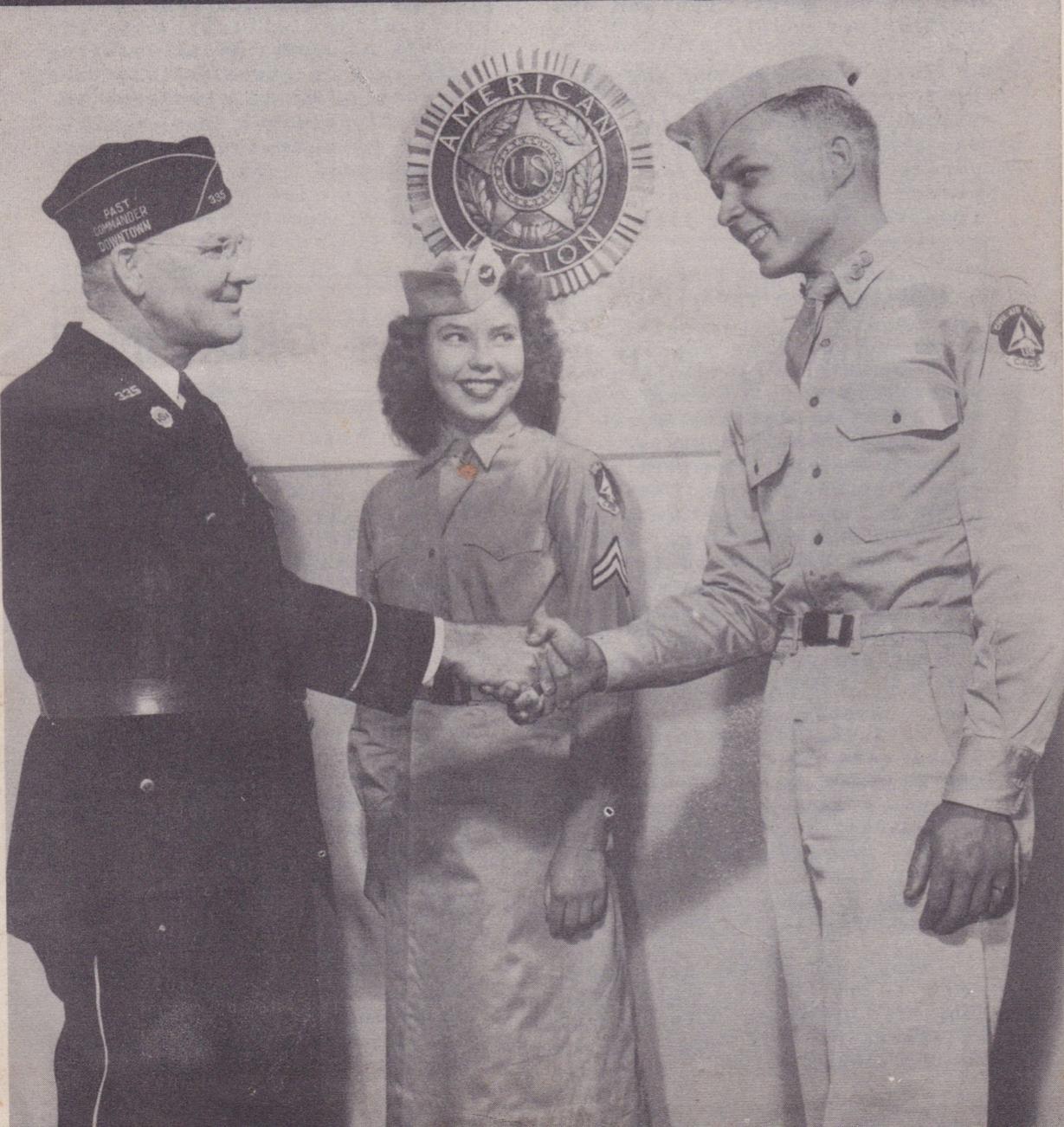


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Minnesota GREMLIN



C - 124 NEW AF SUPER TRANSPORT

The Douglas C-124 cargo aircraft Company, Santa Monica, California has received production contracts, will be the largest production transport used by the Air Force to date. Orders have been placed for 28 service models of the huge plane. A previous contract provided for construction of one prototype and one static test model.

The C-124 is two and one-half times the size of the war-famous C-54 Skymaster and has a designed gross weight of 175,000 pounds. Despite the great difference in size, it can operate from the same short fields the Skymaster uses.

Designed to fulfill the requirements of "strategic" aircraft support and supply, the C-124 qualified for the job through its ability to carry large pay loads a distance equal to the range of heavy bombers. The cargo plane can transport a pay load of 50,000 pounds of military cargo 1,200 miles and return to base without refueling. Lesser loads can be carried greater distances. Such heavy ground force equipment as tanks, field guns, bulldozers, and fully loaded trucks may be transported aboard the plane.

Many of the features of the C-124 were developed from the design of the Douglas C-74 Globemaster, a larger version of the C-54. Design of the wings, empennage, power plants and a number of other service-proven features of that transport are incorporated in the huge C-124.

Wing span of the new transport is 173 feet, 3 inches. Length is 127 feet, 2 inches and it has an overall height of 48 feet, 3 inches.

NATIONAL GUARD TO FERRY CADETS

National Guard planes will fly Civil Air Patrol cadets to and from their summer encampments this year, Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief, National Guard Bureau, announced recently.

National Guard C-47 transport planes will pick up the cadets at some central staging base in each state and fly them to some 14 or 15 Air Force installations where they are scheduled to make their two-week encampments.

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MPLS CAP CADET WINS CANADA TRIP



The Minneapolis Squadron is very proud of their new ambassador to Canada. At this very moment he's visiting famous Canadian cities spreading Goodwill and comparing aviation ideas.

For the "ambassador" is cadet 1st Lt. Donald H. Stark, 17, of the Mpls C.A.P. Squadron recently selected as one of 24 outstanding U.S. Civil Air Patrol cadets to visit Canada for two weeks as part of a mutual exchange arrangement with the Canadian Air Cadet League. A similar number of Canadian boys are now arriving in the United States.

Donald began his trip July 28th when he was flown by Capt. Victor Malmgren, Minn. CAP liaison officer to Selfridge Field, Mich. After crossing the Canadian border Stark began a tour that will take him to Ft William, Vancouver and finally a stay for 3 days at the Patricia Bay Canadian Air Cadet Camp.

Later Don will cruise the British Columbia coast as a guest of the Air Cadet League.

At colorful Calgary both the U.S. cadets and the Canadian cadets who have been touring their respective countries will come together for a full day of fellowship and idea exchanging. Later in the evening a nation-wide radio program will offer cadets of both the U.S. and Canada an opportunity of telling listeners of their experiences in visiting a friendly neighbor that features "borders without bayonets."

Cadet Stark joined the CAP three years ago and has actively participated in every phase of the program. Presently he is cadet adjutant of the Mpls Squadron. Recently he was cited by his commanding officer for successfully manning the Link Trainer for 3 weekends at the Wold AFB during a shortage of regular Air Force personnel.

Canadian Air Cadets visiting the United States will split in two groups and then inspect everything from huge aircraft factories to a Hollywood motion picture studio. The Eastern tour members will be shown historic American landmarks in Washington and Mt. Vernon.

OUR COVER PHOTO

Extending congratulations to Cadet Lt. Don Stark on his selection as a U.S. Exchange cadet with Canada was Lt. Col Frank J. Hickling, Minn. Deputy Wing Commander and a leader in American Legion-CAP cooperation. Cpl Dorothy Curtis, center, Mpls Squadron recently was picked to attend the girls summer camp at Chanute Field.

CAP TRAINS YOUTH ; SAFEGUARDS U.S.A. HICKLING TELLS MINNESOTA LEGIONNAIRES

Successful sponsorship of the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol was fully reported to more than 500 delegates to the Minnesota State American Legion Convention by Lt Col Frank J. Hickling this week in Mpls.



Hickling

Reviewing support of the Minnesota Wing of the CAP by Downtown Post No. 335 since the project began in March of this year Col Hickling noted a significant expansion of the Civil Air Patrol in the state and outlined progressive plans for the future.

"Since the date of the Wing sponsorship by Downtown Post No. 335 the Senior membership in the state has doubled. This is significant because the senior members form the framework for the planned future expansion of CAP in Minnesota," Hickling told the Legion delegates.

The Legion convention was given the full history of the CAP from the dark days following Pearl Harbor to the present troubled times. Once again Hickling stated:

"Whether we like it or not large appropriations have been made for defense of our nation. To a great degree this covers protection of our shores from foreign aggression. Civil Air Patrol essentially features protection of our interior by reaching the younger generation with important phases of aeronautical training and by renewing the skill of Senior members, many of who are Air Force Veterans."

Because the Downtown Post No. 335 of the American Legion is convinced of the importance of the CAP program long-range plans have been made for the future Col Hickling told the Legionnaires.

"Through the help of the sponsoring Post many special undertakings will be possible. As an illustration our Post is now sending 40 CAP cadets an Air Force summer camp for two weeks as a reward for outstanding effort. Further, Downtown Post is aiding the Minnesota Wing in selling CAP throughout the state by supplying speakers, publicity and material to Legion Posts or other civic groups desirous of sponsoring a squadron in their local community.

In concluding his address Col Hickling stated that: "Sponsorship of a squadron by an American Legion Post breathes new life into a community and provides a challenging and worthwhile project for any Legion Post or other civic group."

News From Mora

Mora has been actively using the L-4 during the last two weeks in July. Orientation rides were given all qualified cadets. The L-4 was also valuable for cross-country navigation practice with Lt. Seline as the instructor.

The Cadet's Coke business has brought in so much profit that it's now possible to buy enough aviation gasoline to keep several planes flying all day.

Interest in the Mora Civil Air Patrol has shown a sharp increase lately with a number of new enlistments of highly specialized personnel.

9 MPLS CADETS

ATTEND LAKE CAMP

This year for the first time, the Minneapolis Sqd., CAP, held a Cadet Summer Encampment. The encampment was held at the summer home of 1st Lt. Lyle R. Larson, Sqd. Adjutant. This is located at Big Sandy Lake, near McGregor, Minnesota. The idea of having the outing was more or less an experiment to determine whether it would be wise to have larger camps in the future.

A picked group of nine cadets with Lt. Larson in Command left Minneapolis by military bus on Monday, 21 June for the Camp Site. Included in the group were Cadet 1st Lt. Jerome Glubke, Cadet 1st Lt. Donald Stark, Cadet 2nd Lt. Keith Webster, Cadet 1st Sgt. Jon Rohe, Cadet S/Sgt. Richard Berg, Cadet S/Sgt. Harold Nelson, Cadet Pfc Claus Johnson, Cadet Pfc Thomas Bramwell, and Cadet Pat Fitzgerald.

Leaving Mpls. at 0800 hours, the group arrived at their destination at 1100 hours. A hearty lunch was served and most of the afternoon was spent in setting up bunks and instruction in arranging of clothes and bed clothes.

Many humorous and entertaining incidents happened including a 'Hell Night' on Saturday night during which every lad learned what it meant to do many unpredictable things in the middle of the night. Three of the evenings the Cadets were given late passes to go to town. On Sunday the group attended Church Services and then were free to do as they wished. Indications come from the Senior Staff and from those present at the Camp, that it was

a success and that plans are being made for a bigger and better Cadet Encampment next year.

Robbinsdale News

A completely reorganized Robbinsdale squadron now secure in permanent quarters at the Crystal Airport, just north of Robbinsdale is staging a remarkable comeback. After a low-point of 6 cadets and 6 seniors in 1946 the Robbinsdale squadron now proudly points to a active roster of 29 seniors and 24 cadets.

Ambitious plans shoot for a squadron of 200 which will be only a little below the organizations war-time peak of 175 seniors and 100 cadets in 1942.

The squadron has obtained field facilities at Crystal from owners Don Ross, Roy Hanson, Bob and Gordy Lindstrom in return for helping with field main-

urn for helping with field maintenance. Both Lindstroms were formerly CAP squadron commanders and may soon return to the CAP. Another former squadron commander, Harry Holcomb, top mechanic at Crystal, is also interested in the Civil Air Patrol once again. Holcomb's experience in aviation dates from Gene Shanks days.

Former seniors that made the original Robbinsdale squadron effective during 1941-42 are working and helping with the rebuilding. These include Chuck Webber, Kenny Monson, Dave Dover, Art Griswold, Kay Dobbs, Mastely, K. Moore, H. McBroom and many former cadets back now as seniors. They are Tom O'Conner, Howard Durst, Larry Flavin, Alex Berger, Joe Letosky and Don Boos.

Mpls Squadron News

This past month has brought many changes in the Minneapolis Squadron. Cadets Captain Thomas Randall and Cadet 2nd Lt. Richard Hagen have been placed on Inactive status in order to join the U.S. Navy for one year. Good luck to them both. This has resulted in changes on the Cadet Staff. Several promotions have been made also. They are as follows: To Cadet Captain: Jerome Glubke - Cadet Commander; To Cadet 1st Lt.: Keith Webster - Cadet Executive Officer; To Cadet 2nd Lt.: Jon Rohe - Cadet Adjutant, Richard Berg - Flight Lt. - Flt. 'B', Harold Nelson - Flight Lt. - Flt. 'C'; to 1st Sgt.: Jerry Antelman - Cadet Sgt. - Major.

On 24 July, 70 Cadets, Seniors, and Officers of the Minneapolis Squadron formed a trim unit to march in the Aquatennial Parade. The staff is proud of of the entire Unit shown marching below in the Parade lead by Major A. J. Tourangeau.

The Sqd. Adj, Lt. Larson, has announced the names of the Cadets who are to attend the Summer Camp at Chanute Field, Ill.

Boys:

Cadets: C. Johnson, R. Johnson D. Ondich, J. Wallinder, A. Froeligh, P. Fitzgerald, J. Starbuck, and K. Tupper. There are still two not appointed.

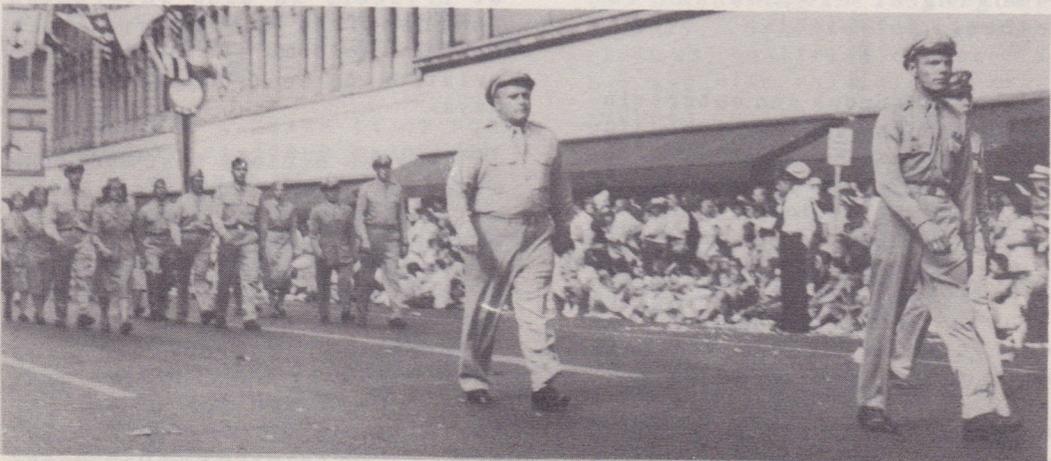
Girls:

Seniors: 2nd Lt. Audree Kelly and S/Sgt Kay LeRoy. Cadets: Dorothy Curtis and Barbara Malbourn.

US AF COMMISSIONS OFFERED 12 CADETS

Twelve outstanding aviation cadets who graduated recently at Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Arizona, and Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, Louisiana, were offered regular commissions in the United States Air Force.

The Air Force plans to offer regular USAF commissions to as many as five percent of each cadet class for distinguished achievement in scholarship, leadership and flying.



THE SQUAWK BOX

Maj. C. J. Disser



The big news has to do with the arrival of the Main Wing radio station, but more of that later. A few days ago Sgt. Uberti and yours truly were at the 137th AFBU at Wold-Chamberlain on some routine business. As we were about to leave, a large truck backed up to the double door of a C-47. Large crates began to move onto the truck, and upon our closer inspection we discovered four big brutes were responsible for the activity. Dressed in olive-drab coveralls and working like troopers were: Colonel Phillips, Major Cleary, Major Lundin and Capt. Malgren. Oh yes, - the crates, that was a C-47 load of SCR-511 "Carry-talkie" radios. As is customary, Squadrons will be notified when to pick-up their allotment. To the four brutes goes thanks and appreciation of the Wing Communications staff. With the skipper getting his hands dirty on radio gear, we are bound to get things done in a big way!

The main station arrived by way of boxcar July 10th, after which it was moved to the Air Base, where it is operating from its own shelter. Plans call for moving the complete station into a small building as soon as the modification can be completed. Call letters for the SCR-399 are

VPAU. Other transmitters at the same location will be operated under a "K" series call. Schedule of operation of the station will be published in the near future. CAP personnel must ob-

tain permission to visit the station from the Wing Office, and must be in proper uniform to be admitted to the Air Base.

The 500 watt transmitter will operate on voice and code to stations within the Minnesota Wing, and on code to other wings of region 5. Range of the station is several hundred miles. All points within the state will be well covered by the station. The name "MINNESOTA" will identify the station, which will be operated by four communications specialists, under the supervision of the Ass't Wing Communications Officer, Ed Turner.

Albert Lea Reporting

The Albert Lea Squadron was honored this month by a visit from Capt Victor Malmgren and Lt Col Frank Hickling, Deputy Wing Commander. They addressed the local American Legion Post in support of the civil Air Patrol.

Last week the Albert Lea CAP weather instruments were taken down for their yearly overhaul. Several close calls were had when the 25 foot, 100 pound wing direction pole was lowered. However no damage was done to the instruments. By the way, Albert Lea feels that it is the only CAP Squadron in the area operating a weather station. Do we hold the claim undisputed?

After more than 6 years in the Albert Lea Armory we've finally been forced to look for new quarters because of a requested \$3,000 yearly rent. The Squadron is now attempting to obtain space at the Albert Lea Airport.

Grem-Lines

Major Joseph W. Parks, former Liaison Officer State of Minnesota, sends his regards to all those he worked with during his stay with Civil Air Patrol. Major Parks condition is improving satisfactorily and expects to be in a walking cast this fall. All Civil Air Patrol personnel interested in communication with Major Parks may do so by addressing mail to 5445 New Braunfels Avenue North, Apartment "B", San Antonio, Texas.

Reno, Nevada Cadets of the Reno Air Squadron assisted in the United Airlines breakfast flight held at Reno on 16 May. Four states, Nevada, Calif., Oregon and Utah, were represented by the 163 fliers who arrived in 69 planes.

Washington, D.C. Personnel Order No. 356, of National Headquarters appointed Sabu Dastigir, of "Elephant Boy" fame, to the grade of 2nd Lieutenant in Group #1 of the California Wing. Lt. Dastigir is the Personnel Officer of Group Staff. Lt. Dastigir was a S/Sgt. in the Air Force during World War II, and flew many combat hours as gunner on a B-24 bomber.

Fargo, North Dakota Howard Goodwin, a senior at the Walhalla, N. D., high school was handed a \$100 check for a flight scholarship in Fargo by Irven A. Myhra, North Dakota Wing Commander. Goodwin received the award as the winner of a statewide competition for outstanding students in classes which took the CAP sponsored pre-flight aviation course the past school year.

Cut Bank, Montana Col. R. A. Kullberg, Montana Wing Commander recently pinned Civil Patrol Wings on a father and two sons, members of the Montana Wing. The father, George Fagan, is a veteran of World War I. The sons, Royal and Bob Fagan, are veterans of World War II.

The Air Force celebrates September 18th, the first birthday of the USAF as an autonomous service in the National Military Establishment. Previous celebration of Air Force Day have been held on 1 August, the date of the establishment in 1907 of the Aeronautical Division in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. This is important in reaffirming the fact that although AF is the newest department of the Military establishment it is the oldest air arm in the services.

The motto "Air Power is Peace Power", will continue to be used for the celebration but a additional motto "Know Your Air Force Better", will also be featured.

Denver, Colo. On Sunday, 29 June 1948 a breakfast flight sponsored by the Colorado Wing was held at Lowry Air Force Base. Planes were permitted to land at the base from 0900 to 1030. After breakfast in the Base Cafeteria the fliers were welcomed by Brigadier General R. Beam, Commanding General of the Base. Following Gen. Beam's address, Governor Knous and Mayor Quigg Newton spoke to the fliers.