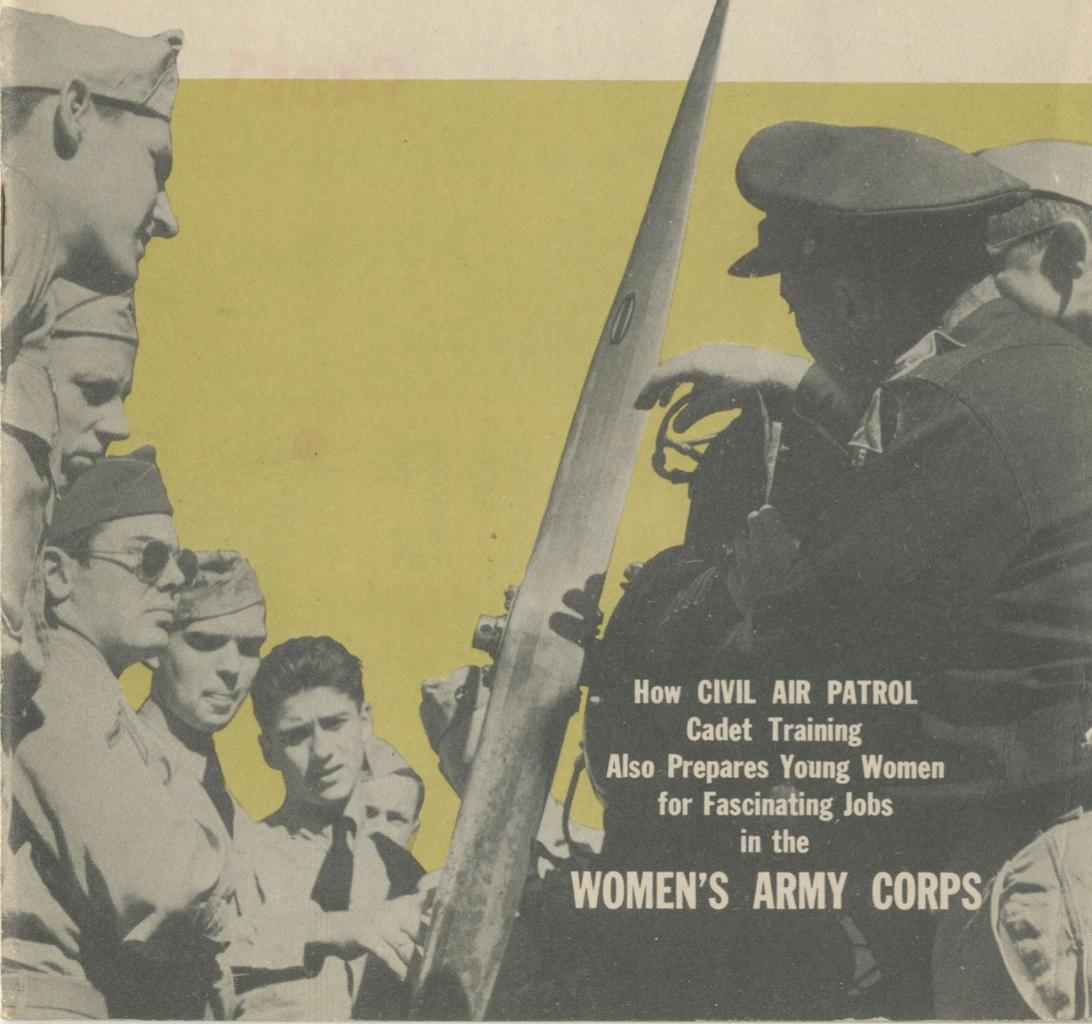


HOW CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET TRAINING

helps you win your wings as
Gunner, Bombardier, Navigator, or Pilot
on an AAF Air Combat Crew!



How CIVIL AIR PATROL
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WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

**PREPARE FOR A FUTURE
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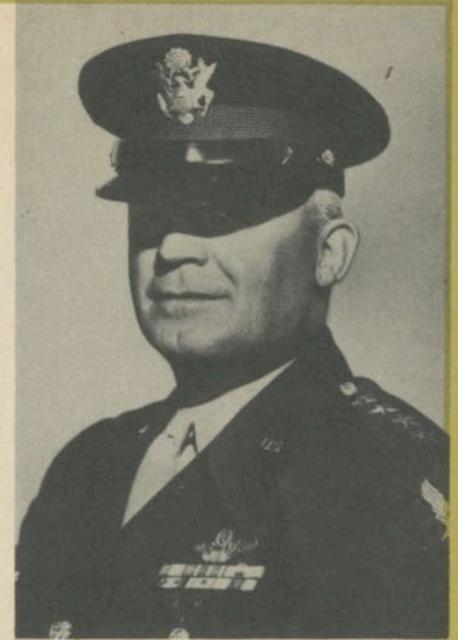


**Preparing Air-Minded
Students of Today to
Become the Fliers of
Tomorrow!**

CAPC



**What
General Arnold
says about
Civil Air Patrol
Cadet Training**



The Civil Air Patrol Cadet program is the best preliminary training you can get if you hope some day to fly with the Army Air Forces! This valuable program is backed up by many men whose experience in flying covers many years. Civil Air Patrol can give you a foundation that will be of great value when you enter the Air Forces.

Through this program, Civil Air Patrol can give you that start which we, who are old-timers, wish we had when we began. The leaders of Civil Air Patrol throughout the country are experienced fliers who learned to fly the hard way, and have proven themselves in millions of miles of flying in wartime missions.

Through their guidance, you will be better equipped for your Army Air Forces training when you reach military age — if we are still at war. When peace is won, the facts that you learned about aviation in your own home town will fit you more readily into the great development of civilian aviation which is before us. When you join the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, you are preparing for a career in aviation.

H. H. ARNOLD
General, U. S. Army
Commanding General, Army Air Forces

The CIVIL AIR PATROL has A Real History

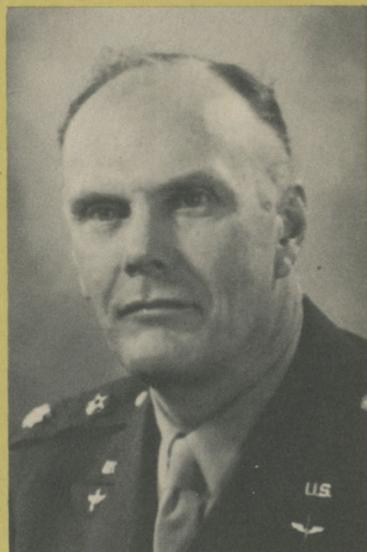
Just a week before Pearl Harbor, Civil Air Patrol came into being through the desire of the civil airmen of the United States to serve with their planes in the war effort. Rapidly organizing throughout the country, the Patrol after a period of service under the Office of Civilian Defense was designated as an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces on April 29, 1943.

Scarcely had CAP formed its local squadrons, early in 1942, when the enemy began to take a heavy toll of shipping along the eastern seaboard. Every available Army and Navy plane was needed on the battle fronts. So volunteers from CAP came with their own planes and radios to set up a series of special coastal patrol bases to fly on watch.

Submarines about to attack convoys crash-dived on the approach of CAP planes. Vessels in distress were reported and their crews saved. Subs were sunk by Army and Navy planes summoned by CAP. Later the CAP fliers were supplied with bombs for emergency attacks. More than 24,000,000 miles of over-water flying in single-motor land planes was done by CAP from bases covering the entire Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and CAP's southern liaison flew along the Rio Grande.

After the submarine menace had been abated, it was possible for the Army and CAP to withdraw from antisubmarine activities and CAP pilots and planes on the coast were assigned to inland missions to relieve military airmen for combat duty.

Other Patrol active assignments for the Army have included military courier service, to speed the delivery of Army dispatches and repair



parts between bases. Similar service is rendered to war industries in many areas. Stoppages of assembly lines has often been prevented by quick shipment of vital parts or materials.

Tow target and "tracking" missions to give practice to the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights are another important work which aids in America's defenses and releases military planes for duty overseas. Searches for lost aircraft, forest patrol, disaster relief in flood or tornado areas, and the flying of blood plasma to the scene of accidents are among the regular jobs of the Patrol which acts as an aerial home guard, trained and ready in every area.

Behind these missions is the work of the local CAP units. Organized with a Wing Command in each of the forty-eight states, CAP has squadrons and flights in more than 1,000 communities.

The Staff of National Headquarters of CAP in New York includes officers of the Army Air Forces. The rest of the organization is composed of civilian volunteers who serve under their own CAP officers and wear the Army uniform with the CAP red shoulder loops and special insignia.

After CAP had developed its senior organization, it undertook the further job of training young men and women of high school and junior college age in military and aviation subjects. Each local squadron or flight of the Patrol is authorized to form a CAP Cadet unit.

Young women, aged fifteen to eighteen, are as eligible for Civil Air Patrol training as young men. In fact, CAP Cadet training helps prepare them to become capable Wacs when reaching the age of twenty, if they enlist in the Women's Army Corps for duty with the Army Air Forces. After their eighteenth birthday they are eligible for senior membership in the Civil Air Patrol where they can contribute to the war effort by taking an active part in aviation, right in their own community.

CAP Cadets do not receive "junior" training. Their courses and standards of instruction are as technical as those for the adults. Instruction is given on a volunteer basis, without charge, by the local people best qualified. In the CAP Cadets, your drillmaster may be a veteran of the last war; your navigation instructor an experienced commercial pilot; and your Morse code instructor a skilled radio amateur.

Prepare now for your part in the air war and for the air age of tomorrow. Join the Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earle L. Johnson".

LT. COL. EARLE L. JOHNSON
*National Commander
Civil Air Patrol*



ARE YOU **15** TO **18** YEARS OF AGE?

Do you want to fly more than anything else in the world? Do you want to better your chances of winning your wings as a Gunner, Bombardier, Navigator, or Pilot of an AAF air combat crew? Who says you're too young? You can start NOW!

Many thousands of young men your age are wearing the Civil Air Patrol uniform and taking courses that will help prepare them for service in the AAF. *The training is a springboard into the Army Air Forces, and for the day when you'll fly your own plane after the war.*

The CAPC course consists of practical training in military and pre-aviation subjects; you'll get the same expert instruction as the older CAP members. You can prepare to take the mental and physical exams required for service as Aviation Cadets in the Army Air Forces . . . get valuable preflight training that will help you succeed in your career in the Service.

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CAPC OFFERS

ENLISTED RESERVE MEN

THESE ADVANTAGES!

Air Corps Enlisted Reserve members are those men of seventeen who have passed the preliminary U. S. Army Air Forces mental and physical tests and who, when called to active duty, have the opportunity to qualify for training as Gunners, Bombardiers, Navigators, or Pilots for AAF air combat crews. They will not be called for duty, however, until they are eighteen or over. If working, they may remain on the job until after their eighteenth birthday. If in high school, they may elect to finish the semester they are in when they become eighteen. High school graduates, not over 17 years and 9 months, are eligible to take advantage of the Army Specialized Training Program, which provides free college training for men approaching military age.

If you are already in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, at home, awaiting your call to duty, you can prepare with the aid of the local CAPC program. The preflight courses and the victory program in the high schools also can give you a running start. All 17-year-old Reservists are eligible for enlistment in the CAP Cadets for *spare-time training by the seasoned pilots of Civil Air Patrol.*

Even if you are only going to be home for a few more weeks, you can learn enough about military courtesies and drill to help adjust more quickly to Army life.



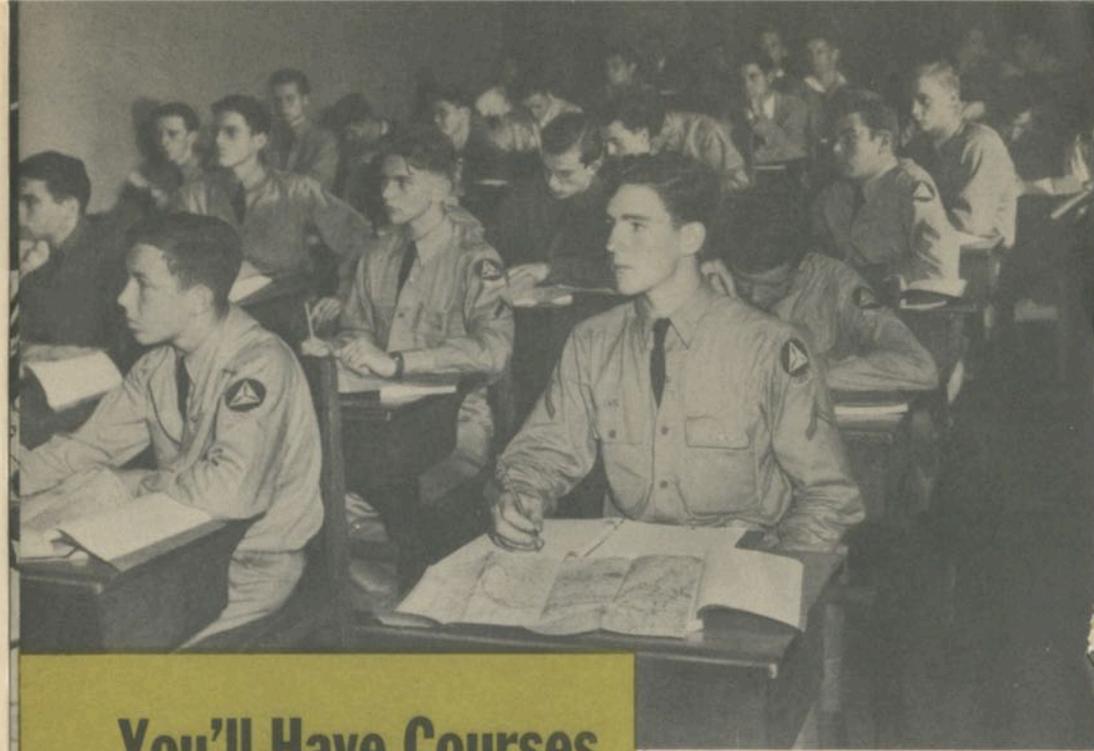
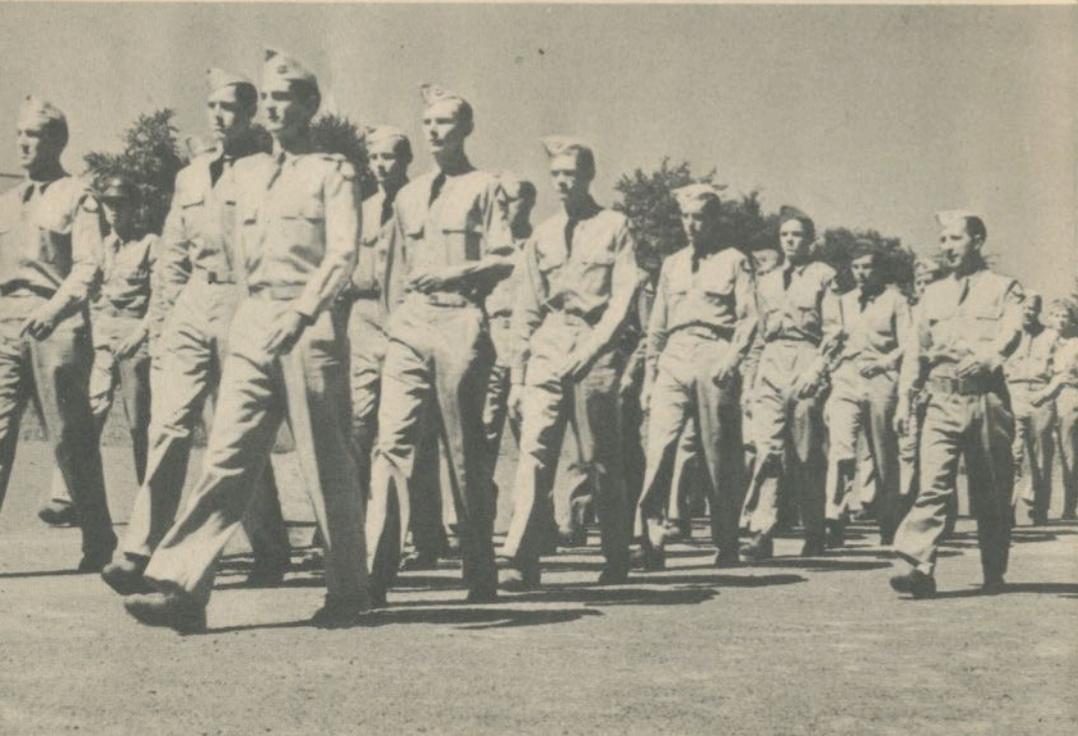
IF YOU ARE SEVENTEEN
... go to your nearest Aviation Cadet Examining Board and see if you qualify for membership in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve. If you pass the mental and physical tests, you'll be sworn in and will receive a pair of miniature Silver Wings. You may have as much as a year to take CAP Cadet courses before you are called for AAF training.

You'll Learn MILITARY LEADERSHIP

You're going to do some real soldiering in the CAPC and you'll like it! You'll start from the ground up with Military Courtesy and Discipline, Infantry Drill, Safeguarding Information, Articles of War, Interior Guard Duty, Duties of Command and Staff Officers, Leadership and Command, Military Correspondence, Operations Orders, and Firearms.

You will get actual experience in giving commands. Think what this background training will mean when you first enter the Army Air Forces! You'll stand out as officer material from your first day.

As a Civil Air Patrol Cadet you will wear the same khaki uniform as the enlisted men in the United States Army. Part of your uniform will be the distinguishing CAPC silver pin, insignia, and red shoulder straps. Titles for CAPC officers, such as Squadron Commander, Squadron Staff, Flight Leader, will also be part of the uniform after you've won them.



You'll Have Courses in PREFLIGHT Aeronautics . . .

Now you are ready to tackle real live aviation subjects. CAP, to the extent permitted by local facilities, will help

you get thoroughly acquainted with planes and flying problems.

Courses include: Theory of Flight, Aircraft Construction, Power Plants, Instruments, Map and Aerial Photograph Reading, Air Navigation, Meteorology, Civil Air Regulations, Control Tower Procedure, Observation and Reconnaissance, and many other subjects.

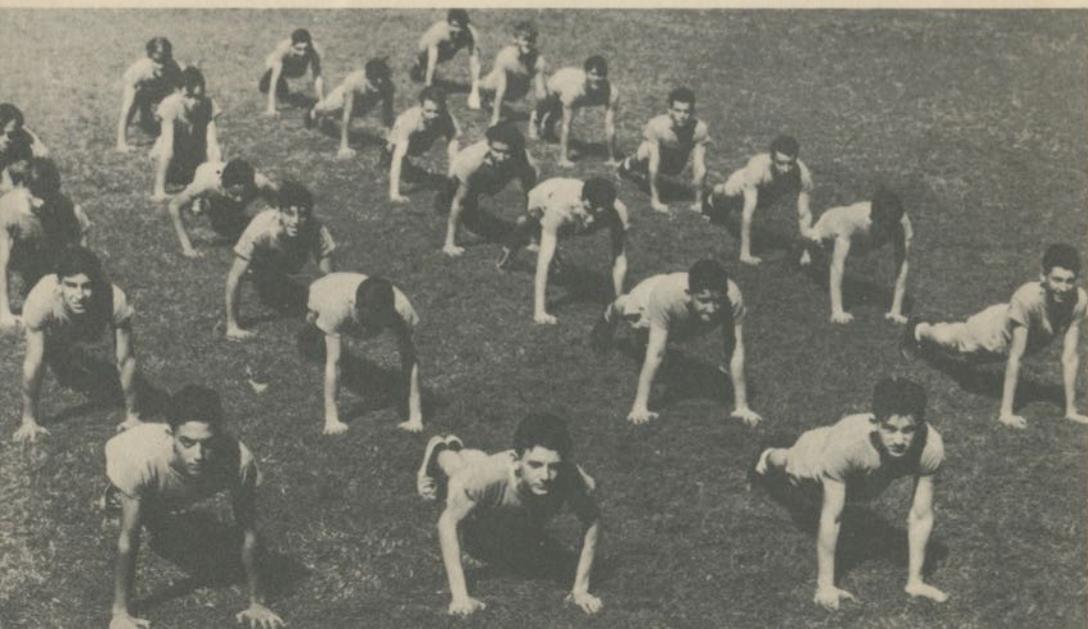
All the ground school subjects required for a private pilot's license are covered in the CAP training program. The longer the time before you are called to AAF duty, the more you will learn from CAP.

You'll Learn Physical Preparedness

The Army Air Forces is no place for a softy. You have to be fit physically as well as mentally!

CAP training will teach you to march like a soldier, chin up and on the alert.

Many applicants for the AAF air combat crew lose out because of minor disabilities that can be corrected if they are caught in time. Training with CAPC will show you where you need help while you've still time to get it.



You'll Learn Radio Communication

A good knowledge of radio communications may save your life some day. Sending and receiving messages by dots and dashes plays a big part in flying. Planes have been saved by CAP members who flashed landing directions. When you complete this course with the CAPC, you should be able to send or receive at least eight words a minute with buzzer or blinker in the International Morse Code.

Many CAP units have their own short-wave stations as well as airplane radios. You will learn how to communicate with control towers and about the vital role of communications in aviation. If you learn the code before you go into the Service, you will have more time to concentrate on other AAF courses.

You'll Work with REAL PLANES



Unless you are in a vital defense zone where civil aviation is grounded, you will go to airports with your CAP Cadet unit.

Wherever possible, the Civil Air Patrol members take cadets for rides to help them get the feel of flying. You will learn about aviation more quickly from working around real planes, than you can in a classroom.

Local CAP units are continually engaged in flight practice missions so as to be ready to go into action in emergency. By observing this practical training, you can learn the principles of reconnaissance, aerial search, patrol, simulated bombing, message dropping, and other subjects which will give you a preview of military aviation.

To be a good Gunner, Bombardier, Navigator, or Pilot on an AAF air combat crew you must have a thorough knowledge of every branch of aviation. In the Civil Air Patrol you work from the ground up.

Some of the Ground Service courses taught are: Aircraft Inspection, Duties of

Servicemen, Fire and Wing Protection, Hangars, and Aircraft Maintenance.

You'll Get GROUND COURSES Too!





You'll Learn to Protect Yourself!

In the Civil Air Patrol Cadets you will be taught to protect yourself not only in the air but on the ground, with firearms and by ground-defense methods.

When you are stationed at a field in a theater of war, you will want to know about protection against gas and incendiaries and a little about camouflage as well.

A knowledge of first aid is one of the most important studies you can undertake, not only to save yourself or a comrade in an emergency, but to form habits of safety.

These studies and crash procedure are among the auxiliary courses which are on your "must" list.

You'll Learn Teamwork!

Today the AAF is the largest, most powerful air force in the world. It has won control of the air in every theater. It has carried the war to the military and industrial hearts of Germany and Japan. It is daring the enemy to "come up and fight." Yet its losses have been less than anyone had anticipated or even dared to hope.

That all this has been accomplished is due, in large measure, to the fact that the AAF air combat crew is *more* than just planes and men. The combat crew is a *team* . . . the greatest fighting team the world has ever seen . . . with Gunners, Bombardiers, Navigators, and Pilots flying and fighting *together*, to win.

And any young man who wants AAF wings should keep this ideal of *teamwork* uppermost in his mind. It is the key to AAF successes in battle. It will be the key to his own success in the AAF.

In the CAPC you'll find real aviation teamwork. You'll learn to think of the other fellow and his problems as soon as you think of your own.

The more you work with various phases of flying, the better you will be prepared to become a member of an air combat crew "team." The sooner you start your Civil Air Patrol Cadet training, the greater will be the number of courses available to you before you are called into the Service.



GIRL CAP CADETS CAN PREPARE THEMSELVES TO SERVE WITH THE WAC

If you are a girl aged fifteen or over, you can become a CAP Cadet and prepare to serve with the Women's Army Corps on duty with the Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces, or Army Service Forces. No matter to which branch you are assigned, your CAPC training will be of help to you. After your eighteenth birthday, you are eligible for senior membership in the Civil Air Patrol where you can make a real contribution to the war effort until you are old enough to join the Women's Army Corps.

By becoming a CAP Cadet now, you can get the same training as the boys who hope to become Aviation Cadets. You, too, can have the thrill of working around planes...of learning preflight aeronautics...photography, radio communications, map reading...and the dozens of

other vital aviation subjects. You can start now to build toward the day when, as a member of the Women's Army Corps, you perhaps can choose to serve shoulder to shoulder with the men who are writing history across the skies of the world.

As a Wac on duty with the Army Air Forces, you may be a radio operator, actually communicating with planes in flight. You may become skilled at using the delicate instruments to prophesy flying weather or you may prepare weather maps to guide our fliers. You may get into the photographic division and help develop vital photographs taken by aerial photographers. Women make excellent Link trainer instructors, and that may be your job. Wacs also hold important positions in control towers, directing air traffic. Whatever your assignment as a Wac, you'll be a part of the "Greatest Team in the World"...and you'll be prepared for the many opportunities open in aviation after the war.



A Word to Parents

Civil Air Patrol accepts young people as Cadets, only with the full consent of their parents. The whole purpose of the program is to prepare your son for a real future, and we are confident that the more you know about this program, the more you'll want your son to be a Cadet. Many CAP members are fathers who have sons or daughters in the Cadets.

America's aviation cadets fly the best training planes in the world. Everything scientifically and humanly possible is done to protect the men who eventually will fly in the AAF. It is important for a young man to start his training as soon as possible. The earlier he starts learning, the more skillful and safe he'll be later on. That's why CAPC training is so valuable.

If your son goes from CAPC into the AAF when he is eighteen, his aptitudes will be carefully tested to determine whether he will be classified as a Gunner, Bombardier, Navigator, or Pilot on the "greatest team in the world." If he has an outstandingly high aptitude rating for a particular position, he may be given an opportunity to compete for the classification that he prefers. But it is important to remember that *all* jobs on the AAF team are vitally important . . . that air combat crews not only are chosen from the very cream of the Nation's young men, but that each seat in every plane must be filled by the man *best qualified* to fill it.

Gunners go into actual combat as noncommissioned officers. In addition to being the world's best aerial marksmen, gunners may qualify as trained technicians — in radio, armament, or engineering. Bombardiers, Navigators, and Pilots are graduated from training as second lieutenants or flight officers.

Your son's job, and his rank, in the AAF will depend upon his own demonstrated abilities.

Because aviation is going to develop tremendously in the years to come, your children will be flying just as the boys and girls of the past generation made the transition from the horse to the automobile. The more they can learn about aviation now, the better they will be prepared for the world of tomorrow. Encourage your son to become a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, if he has his heart set on flying. A delay may find him in some other branch of service after he reaches his eighteenth birthday.



How To Join the CAP Cadets

Apply through your local CAP unit.

If you do not know where the unit is, ask your high school principal, or adviser; inquire at your nearest airport or Aviation Cadet Examining Board.

If there is no CAP unit in your area, get in touch with the one nearest or write the State Wing Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol for information on how to start a local Squadron or Flight.



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