

WING AND GROUP COMMANDERS: Here's your second CAP Newsletter. This and subsequent weekly issues are all in the clear to keep your members posted and give your local newspapers national background for stories which will help expedite enrollment of pilots. We will be mailing the Newsletter to principal aviation writers out through the country.

NEW MISSIONS: Your headquarters officers are much encouraged by the growing interest of Federal officials who call the Patrol for service and find the missions capably manned and promptly performed.

We wish we could tell you some of the requests which have come from national offices within the past week. One was so secret that three men delivered it in a sealed envelope with CONFIDENTIAL stamped all over it.

But we can report some examples of fine cooperation which State Wings are working out with military and civilian services.

TESTING SPOTTER SYSTEM: The Third Interceptor Command is enthusiastic over the results of tests of the Aircraft Warning System by the Florida CAP. Lt. Colonel Charles W. Lawrence, Air Corps, wrote Major Wright Vermilya, Florida WC:

"The members of your force volunteered their services and flew the courses prescribed by the Headquarters in an excellent manner. This exercise enabled us to test the training of observation post, filter, and information center personnel and the necessary communications details."

Colonel Lawrence suggested that similar exercises throughout the country will be valuable in testing the Warning System and that funds be secured to compensate members of the CAP for such work.

FERRYING PILOTS FURNISHED FAST: One of the Wing Commanders, on urgent request from an officer of the Ferry Command, has furnished in three days more than 50 pilots of the exceptionally high order of skills required and they have gone to work ferrying planes.

WIRES FROM WINGS: Telegraphic reports from Wing Commanders are beginning to look like these:

"RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LAND AND AIR FORCES UNDER DEVELOPMENT. CO-ORDINATION OF STATE POLICE, HIGHWAY, AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENTS COMPLETED. CONTRACTS IN PROCESS WITH POWER AND PIPE LINE COMPANIES FOR PATROL SERVICE. COOPERATING WITH NAVY ON MAMMOTH MOCK AIR RAID. COOPERATING WITH STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL ON STATEWIDE MEETINGS." WALKER W. WINSLOW, WC, INDIANA.

"OFFERED VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO INFANTRY FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL. CONDUCTING SPOTTER FLIGHTS. MADE STATE SURVEY OF ROOF MARKING FOR OCD. GRADUATING THIRTY WITH THIRD CLASS RADIO LICENSES; ENROLLED FIFTY MORE. FINISHING CHEMICAL WARFARE CLASS. HAVE CONDUCTED BLACKOUT TESTS BY AIR." HOLGER HOIRIIS, WC, DELAWARE.

Well done, Indiana and Delaware!

CALL OF THE STATES: This week's roll call shows 21,180 applications received in Washington, a gain of 4,564 since last week's Newsletter. New York is now at the top of the list in number of applicants with 1,684 already in. New Hampshire is tops in percentage of certificated pilots registered, with 58.6% of its pilot

population accounted for. Here are the current totals and percentages:

		%		%		%		
Ala.	303	26.1	Mo.	282	55.5	Ohio	1461	32.1
Ariz.	183	22.2	Md.	305	26.0	Okla.	232	11.9
Ark.	210	17.4	Mass.	444	18.8	Ore.	434	27.1
Calif.	1216	9.2	Mich.	1355	36.0	Pa.	1334	26.7
Colo.	179	11.8	Minn.	357	8.1	R. I.	84	23.1
Conn.	391	45.5	Miss.	58	6.8	S. C.	306	26.9
Del.	143	55.8	Mo.	604	18.0	S. D.	164	23.6
Fla.	456	18.8	Mont.	341	38.7	Tenn.	353	20.2
Ga.	221	9.7	Nebr.	254	17.9	Texas	680	10.0
Ida.	204	22.7	Nev.	34	31.3	Utah	195	18.5
Ill.	1206	25.2	N. H.	227	58.6	Vt.	64	20.1
Ind.	810	32.8	N. J.	581	22.9	Va.	163	10.5
Iowa	629	24.1	N. M.	162	29.4	Wash.	457	15.6
Kans.	395	14.7	N. Y.	1634	23.8	W. Va.	259	23.1
Ky.	267	45.1	N. C.	337	27.5	Wisc.	421	26.2
La.	393	25.3	N. D.	76	12.3	Wyo.	76	15.4

ILLINOIS NEWSLETTER: A neat 4-page planographed Newsletter is being published each month by the Illinois Wing for distribution to members through regular organization channels. Aim is to report progress in every district in the State, keep each member up to date on regulations and aims, and "help keep up the fine spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation in accomplishing the work entrusted to our group."

Christened the ILLINOIS WINGOVER, the No. 1 issue carries a Headquarters Column by Bob Belt, Wing Adjutant, and urges the boys to send in news through staff channels.

HOPE FOR COAST FLYING: "At present, noncommercial flight is banned within 150 miles of the West Coast, but...."

"When the Civil Air Patrol can prove to the Army and Navy that it is responsible and capable of doing a real patrol job" says Leonard B. Daniels, Group Commander for the Bay Area, "we anticipate that the 150-mile radius will be relaxed as far as the Patrol is concerned" -- San Francisco NEWS, Jan. 23.

ATA BACKS PATROL: Airline cooperation with CAP was recommended to airline heads by Colonel Edgar S. Gorrell, President, Air Transport Association of America, in a letter which reads in part:

"Many thousands of the available potential membership have already enlisted throughout the country, and they are now engaged in the element portion of the training program. An interesting number of specific missions have already been conducted both on the ground and in the air for local and federal war agencies. These missions have been successfully completed and as a result a substantial improvement in the relationship between civil aviation and the armed forces has already been attained.

"A number of airline officials who have familiarized themselves with the program are convinced that many airline employees, both flight and ground and men and women, in the time available to them outside of their airline occupation desire to and can make a worthwhile contribution to the war effort by participating in one or more of the programs of Civil Air Patrol. The relatively high level of aviation skill among airline employees would make such contribution exceedingly valuable to Civil Air Patrol, both in its training program and in the operation

of its missions on the ground and in the air. It is believed that participation in Civil Air Patrol program will meet the desire present among many airline employees to take an active part in the war effort in addition to their airline employment without interfering therewith.

"It is requested that each airline send a bulletin to its employees suggesting that the individual investigate the possibility of his or her becoming a member of Civil Air Patrol. Full information can be secured from local Civil Air Patrol units in each locality where airline employees are based."

BLEE IN ALABAMA: "Foundation for a strong Civil Air Patrol in Alabama was laid Tuesday when Colonel Harry H. Blee, Training and Operations Officer, addressed the entire staff of Alabama's wing command. Accompanying him was Captain George W. Noland, Regional Commander in the Fourth Area." Birmingham POST, January 28.

CAPITAL UNIT FORMING: Since there are no airports in the District of Columbia, pilots in Washington have been joining the CAP units at the airports from which they fly in Maryland or across the Potomac in Virginia. But the District is now organizing a Squadron under the command of Dr. R. K. Thompson.

NEW TRAINING DIRECTIVES SENT: Training Directive No. 5 (Interior Guard Duty, and the Army text on the subject) and No. 6 (Protection from Gas) have been mailed to Wing Commands. The remaining six basic courses are on schedule for early completion and some are waiting to be printed.

HOLES IN RUNWAYS: Jerome Lederer, C/B Safety Director, suggests that CAP undertake the repair of holes in runways and other obstacles which could injure tires and undercarriages.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER: Headquarters can soon announce the appointment of an Intelligence Officer who, pending official clearance of his papers, is sitting in anyhow to write this issue of the Newsletter.

REPORTS WANTED: Please send interesting reports, press clippings, and pictures to headquarters. One of the main purposes of the Newsletter is to keep everybody advised on plans which have proven most practical in each area. Let's pool our ideas and swap them around. Pictures.....action shots.....are especially needed.

NUMBER PLEASE: Wing and Group Commanders: Please send in your office and home telephone numbers and addresses.

IDENTIFICATIONS: It is suggested that Wing Commanders distribute to their Group Commanders and Staff members identifications similar to that sent WCs by General Curry.

MILITARY SECRECY: If CAP is to be used by the armed forces, all members must learn to keep quiet about all confidential matters they see and hear. When in doubt as to what's secret, Keep Quiet!