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WASPS MUSTERED OUT

October 31 saw the end of one of the major assignments of the Civil Air Patrol, the recruiting of Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Now it is farewell to the WASPS, who are completing their last month of Army flying. In their two years of operation the WASPS have flown over 500,000 hours in every type of plane and have proved they could handle the hottest fighters and the biggest bombers with the ease and skill of veteran flyers. One of their group became the first woman to fly a jet propelled airplane. The exacting jobs taken over by the WASPS included towing targets for antiaircraft practice, flying night searchlight and detection calibration mission, flying simulated bombing and strafing runs by day and night, testing engines, flying clothes and equipment, teaching instrument flying to AAF students and flying weather missions for the AAF's Weather Wing and making courier flights for many air force organizations.

General Arnold praises the WASPS thus: "The WASPS have been as much an integral part of the AAF as their civil service status would permit and have not only performed highly essential service but also have established previously unknown facts concerning the capabilities of women in highly specialized military flying jobs. This knowledge will be of inestimable value should another national emergency arise. Together with the women flyers of our Allies, the WASPS have proved that women have the ability and the capacity to perform the most difficult jobs in flying."

Striking a different note Walter Winchell sympathizes: "The wonderful WASPS (they fly B-29, pursuit and other heavy planes) will try to connect with the Red Cross, driving ambulances. They are all miserable because the government is inactivating them on December 20. None can get a job at any plane plant, either. Fine way to reward these girls

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CONFER ON CAP PROGRAMS



On his recent trip to Sioux Falls, Capt. Garner conferred with Lt. Jimmy Barnett, Commanding Officer of Sioux Falls Squadron, planning CAP training programs and cross-country training flights.

Nebraska Wing Has New Headquarters Office

The Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol moved into new office quarters November 28th. The offices occupy rooms 511-512 of the Standard Oil Building at 18th and Howard Streets.

When Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles assumed command in August, 1942, the original headquarters office was moved from the State Capitol in Lincoln to the Sidles Building in Omaha. All this time the Civil Air Patrol has had the use of office space, furniture and equipment without expense, as a donation from Colonel Sidles. However, expansion of the Sidles Company for post-war planning necessitated the use of the rooms occupied by the Wing, so new offices had to be found.

Presiding over the outer office is Sgt. Mary Frances Meyer, Wing Secretary. Sgt. Meyer is an aviation enthusiast who devoted many hours to Squadron 2 before taking her present post. She formerly lived in St. Louis and had flight training there. A recent addition to her duties is the editing of the CORNHUSKER. Assistant Secretary is W/O Helen Vlasak, also a member of Omaha Squadron 2.

All members of CAP are cordially invited to drop in to the new office.

CAP Planes Search For Missing Parachutists

Civil Air Patrol pilots were called upon November 22 to search for two Army airmen who had parachuted from their B-17 while over the sand hills area near North Platte.

The plane, belonging to the Second Army Air Force and based at Colorado Springs, was on a routine flight when the pilot turned the controls over to the automatic pilot. The resulting signal in the crew compartment was mistaken by two of the men as the signal to abandon the plane, and they jumped. "Silk-Happy", their mates called them. Both men landed uninjured, one near Hyannis and the other near Mullen, and made their ways to telephones to report to their base.

Meanwhile Captain Paul Timm, Search and Rescue Officer from Second Army Air Force Headquarters, Colorado Springs, arrived at North Platte to direct the search. Six Civil Air Patrol planes and pilots and their observers took part, four from North Platte and two from Scottsbluff.

New Shoulder Insignia Strip Now Available

With the removal of the red shoulder loops and sleeve braid which have been the distinguishing characteristics of the Civil Air Patrol uniform, a new identifying insignia was required. This takes the form of a small cloth arc one-half inch wide embroidered "CIVIL AIR PATROL" which is to be sewn immediately above and adjoining the shoulder patch on the left sleeve.

Major Mueller, Wing Supply Officer, has received a supply of these strips for distribution to CAP members at the cost of ten cents each. Unit Supply Officers are to make up their order immediately.

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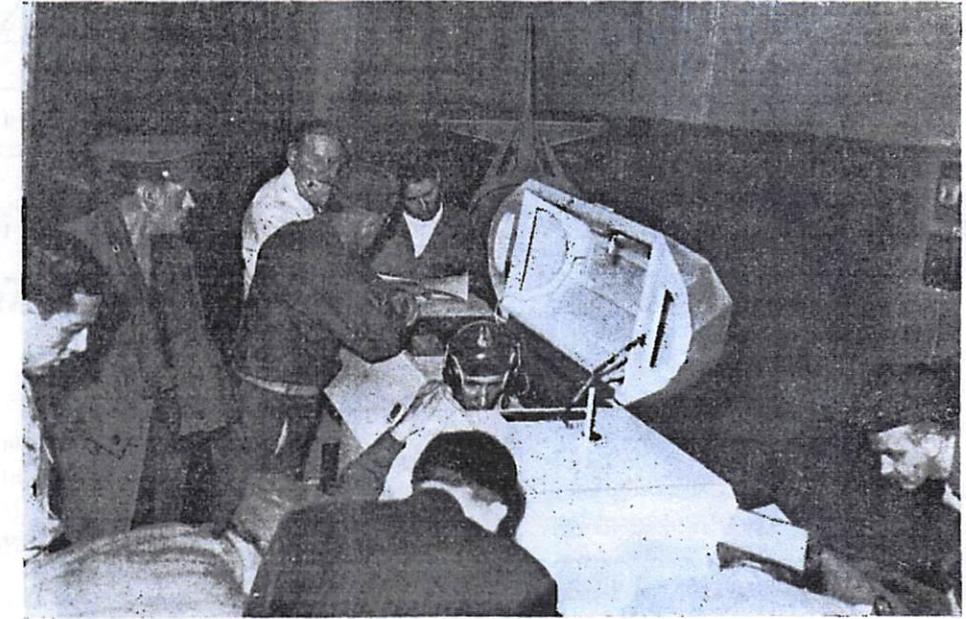
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Views and Reviews By Our Wing Commander

At the end of each year most people take an accounting of their losses and gains. From a national viewpoint we know that our losses have been great in the lives of our young men; and before ultimate victory many more will give "the last full measure of devotion" to their country. Thousands of others—wounded and crippled — have made their sacrifice to keep America free from tyranny and oppression. These men have faced the enemy on the front line.

In order to keep our men supplied with the wherewithal for battle the services of at least five home front workers for every fighting man are required. We of the Civil Air Patrol have found a place among the ranks on the home front. Thousands of young men have been recruited, trained and made ready for the Army Air Forces. From every quarter of the globe where members of this powerful fighting force are stationed comes confirmation from the boys who were in CAP, that our training was of great value and help to them. Other hundreds of thousands have caught the spirit of aviation and so the foundation of a great post-war flight program has been made. Taking to heart the words of General Arnold, "that our nation may never again have to gain an air force the hard way," Civil Air Patrol is enlisting 15, 16 and 17-year old young men who have a desire to be a part of the future of world aviation.

Our squadron gains have not been as great as they could have been had we the facilities to get out to the various towns which showed an interest in the CAP program, but we are proud of the new units at Kearney, Beatrice and Columbus, which are well organized and ac-



Members of Omaha Squadron No. 1 investigate mysteries of new trainer, as Lt. J. W. Ewing "checks out" as navigator. —Photo by W/O Gaskill

tive. Our membership at present, including cadets, is one thousand seven hundred and twenty. Our future in Civil Air Patrol is very hopeful. Colonel Earle C. Johnson, National Commander, assures us of the best training program we have yet had — one that will completely satisfy those whose real interest is flying. This program will be designed in great part from suggestions and ideas of CAP members from many states, including our own Operations Officer, Major Vic Schroeder.

We feel that Civil Air Patrol is a permanent organization. It will have its place in the future alongside other great national organizations interested in aviation. The result of our influence in building a great air age may never be recorded in full, because our contacts have been wide and great. We have a big job to do, and must not neglect our opportunities as CAP members to keep our home town looking forward in aviation.

We have other responsibilities in training and working with the youth of our nation: enlisting the best men of the community to cooperate with us in what CAP is trying to do; enlisting the schools to aid in the instruction work of CAP; availing ourselves of the training aids furnished by the Army Air Force. Many training films may be had for the asking. We must do the best we can with the material now available and thereby be in better position to go forward when the new training program comes to us.

The Wing Staff is eager to help you with your problems, if you will but ask.

Working together, we can be hopeful of bigger and better gains in the near future.

OMAHA SQUADRON No. 3

Capt. W. C. Garner and F/O H. E. Wohlford made a cross-country flight to Sioux Falls, S. D. While there they visited Squadron No. 3's former executive officer, Lt. Jimmy Barnett, who is now commanding officer of Sioux Falls Squadron, CAP.

Due to adverse weather conditions the Observers' Course inaugurated recently has made little progress, but it is hoped many more flights may be made next month.

During the Sixth War Loan Bond Drive five army planes put in at Omaha Airport, and their pilots, all combat veterans, spoke at 26 public schools in the interest of the campaign. Members of Squadron 3 did guard duty at the airport, where the planes were on display.

Capt. Garner and his staff have put in a great deal of time setting up a training schedule for their Squadron, which will go into effect after January 1.

Glenn M. Fisher has been appointed Executive Officer and promoted from Flight Officer to Second Lieutenant.

"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."

General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

CAP CADETS PREPARE FOR HOBBY SHOW



Pictured are cadets of Omaha Squadron Civil Air Patrol working on model airplanes which members plan to enter in the hobby show sponsored by the World-Herald and co-sponsored by the Exchange Club and YMCA.

Cadets shown (left to right) are: Mike Wolpert, Bob Pallot, Bob Nielsen, Neil O'Connor, Bill Jenkin, Jack Stokes, Harry Whiteside, Don Findone, Ben Howard and Carl Wells.

World-Herald Photo.

Nebraska Wing Headquarters

GENERAL ORDER NO. 16

23 NOVEMBER 1944

1. Pursuant to authority contained in CAP Rules, Personnel 19, Functional Assignment, the following named officers and non-commissioned officers are promoted in grade as indicated effective on official notification by National Headquarters.

ABDOUCH, Ivan M., Second Lieutenant, Intelligence Officer, Omaha Squadron No. 3, to First Lieutenant.

MORK, Gilbert T., Second Lieutenant, Flight Leader, Omaha Squadron No. 3, to First Lieutenant.

CLARK, Edward F., Warrant Officer, Operations Officer, Scottsbluff Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

DAVIS, Don D., Warrant Officer, Assistant Flight Leader and Instructor, David City Flight, to Second Lieutenant.

POWELL, Orlo T., Technical Sergeant, Communications Officer, Lincoln Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

McCARTHY, John F., Staff Sergeant, Intelligence Officer, Lincoln Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

STEPHENS, Francis W., Staff Sergeant, Intelligence Officer, Lincoln Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

CHAMBERS, Lester E., Sergeant, Sup-

ply Officer, Grand Island Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

BARRETT, William A., Sergeant, Transportation and Communications Officer, Grand Island Squadron Staff to Second Lieutenant.

SCHEPMAN, Herman W., Executive Officer Tecumseh Flight, to Second Lieutenant.

SWAN, Conrad E., Medical Officer, Kearney Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

DOTY, Dwight S., Training Officer, Kearney Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

THOMAS, Anson E., Intelligence Officer, Kearney Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

SNELL, Rex, Supply Officer, Kearney Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

BROCKELSBY, Rupert H., Communications Officer, Kearney Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

BARNEY, Ralph M., Adjutant, Kearney Squadron Staff, to Second Lieutenant.

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OMAHA SQUADRON No. 1

Lt. Ewing and his Transportation crew were on the job again when the Wing Headquarters office was moved. With the assistance of Corp. Vern Fichter and Sgt. George Seibold, furniture was uncrated, trucked to the new location and installed on the fifth floor of the Standard Oil Building.

Squadron 1 has received the Navigational Trainer and is enthusiastically practicing with it. The Pilot's Section assembled and put it in operation, and report it the most interesting and educational piece of equipment to be assigned to CAP.

Squadron 1 invited Squadrons 2 and 3 to attend a special meeting at which William Milner, manager of Omaha Municipal Airport, spoke on "Aviation in Omaha — Past, Present and Future". The film "Memphis Belle" was shown as an additional feature.

A good showing of Cadets marched in the parade Armistice Day. The new flags ordered by the Nebraska Wing made their first appearance and were a beautiful sight—the Stars and Stripes, and the Civil Air Patrol emblem on white silk.

The flying club incorporated from Squadron 1 members has been named Air Progress; temporary officers have been named, and its first plane, a Taylorcraft, has been purchased.

Squadrons 1 and 2 Cadets observed their second anniversary at a dinner and dance Saturday night, December 16, at the Fontenelle Hotel, with 150 persons attending.

First Sergeant Charles Schultz, Air Corps Enlisted Reserve Cadet and Commanding Officer of Cadet Squadrons 1 and 2 has entered the army and is taking AAF basis training at Kessler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Roland Reifschneider, Chuck's predecessor, has finished basic and is now in radio school at Scott Field, Illinois. He sends Christmas greetings to all his friends in CAP.

FREMONT SQUADRON

John Siems and Delbert Jorgenson who have been inactive in CAP since 1942 are back in the Fremont Squadron. Both of these men are holders of commercial licenses and have instructor ratings. John has 6,000 hours in the air.

Cadets are meeting twice a week. Thursday night is devoted to drill, code and aircraft identification. Sunday afternoons they are flying on a map making mission covering the area around Fremont.

WASPS MUSTERED OUT

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who risked their lives for us all. Here's a salute to all of them."

In the plane crash at Omaha Municipal Airport December 7 in which seventeen flyers lost their lives, three of them were WASPS who had completed a ferrying job and were being flown back to their base.

In the roster of WASPS are many former Civil Air Patrol members. We are more than proud of them, and any who come back to us will find a royal welcome.

PRIVATE LICENSES

OMAHA SQUADRON NO. 1

Lt. Al Larson
Lt. Henry Rentschler
Lt. Louis Cutler
W/O Gene Holmes
W/O George Butler
W/O William Bergstadt
Corp. Duane Stocker
Pfc. Louis Coleman
Pvt. Franklin Walters

OMAHA SQUADRON NO. 3

Lt. Glenn M. Fisher

WING STAFF

Capt. Harry Burke, Communications Officer.

SOLO FLIGHTS

David City Flight

Pvt. Otto Holesovsky
Pvt. Louis Svoboda

Omaha No. 2 (Girls)

Pvt. Judy Jennings
Pvt. Betty Andreson
Pvt. Ruth Cooke
Pvt. Harriet Speight
Cadet Joanne Breedon
Cadet Mary Lou Kenwood
Cadet Darlene Caffrey

Blair

Cadet John McQuarrie, Blair
Cadet Marshall Turner, Blair
Cadet Leon Kuhr, Blair
Cadet Charles Hansen, Blair

LAUREL FLIGHT

A former CAP cadet of Laurel Flight, who is now in Navy training at Memphis, Tenn., as a radio gunner, has written to friends "Thanks to CAPC for the training you gave me; it helped me a long way down the road".

Laurel Flight is seeking new quarters for their meetings.

TRAINING AIDS

A great deal of training material has been received at Nebraska Wing in the last month. This includes mechanical training aids, manuals, and films, and will be made available to the squadrons. Distribution of the Cadet Pre-Fight Manuals was made recently and Cadet Squadrons should be well established in their courses based on this book.

In Omaha a co-operative arrangement has been made with the Board of Education for space in Technical High School for a complete aeronautics room to be used by Civil Air Patrol and possibly by the school at some later date. Some of the equipment to be used in this room is as follows:

98 Aircraft Identification Pictures on the wall.

Navy Mark IV Navigational Trainer.
Navigational Computer.
Plotting Board.

Aircraft Navigational Plotter.
Synthetic Compass.

Large Scale Electrically Operated Turn and Bank Indicator.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON

From—

COLONEL SIDLES
WING STAFF
OFFICE STAFF
CORNHUSKER STAFF

OMAHA SQUADRON No. 2

Squadron 2 girls looked very good, swinging along in the Armistice Day parade November 11.

The Girls' Squadron has an office in the Jewish Community Center. Classes are held on the second floor, and drill sessions in the auditorium.

Pvt. Bernice Shudinis has a wonderful new job as a control tower operator. She is now in training school in Seattle, and will be sent to Alaska at the completion of the course.

Squadron 2 has a large group of student pilots. Observers Wings were earned recently by W/O Llorene Schroeder, Pvt. Ruth Cook, Pvt. Harriet Speight, and Pvt. Betty Andreson.

A Christmas party will be held December 21 to which members and cadets of Squadrons 1 and 3, and the Wing Staff have been invited.

Formerly a member of Squadron 2, T5 Velva Sorensen writes from the WAC Detachment, The Parachute School, Fort Benning, Ga., "In November I was transferred to The Parachute School, and am working as a court reporter. The WAC Detachment here has 200 girls, and in addition to the usual office workers, cooks and drivers, there are parachute riggers and a school for training them. The office building I work in is near the airfield, and I can at least watch the planes take off and come in when the Paratroopers go out to make jumps.

"Please give my regards to my friends in the Civil Air Patrol."



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