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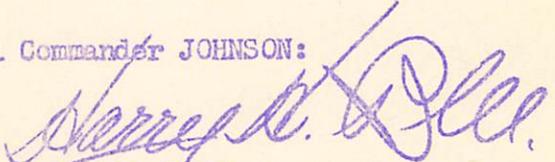
AAF REGULATION NO. 20-18  
ORGANIZATION - CIVIL AIR PATROL

1. Attached hereto is copy of AAF Regulation No. 20-18, Subject: "Organization - Civil Air Patrol", dated May 25, 1943, which is self-explanatory.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 5 g of said regulation, procedures pertaining to supply of field activities of Civil Air Patrol are now being worked out with the Air Service Command, Air Ordnance Officer, Air Quartermaster Officer, and other Special Service Officers of Headquarters Army Air Forces. Coastal Patrol and Liaison Patrol Commanders will be advised as soon as procedures have been determined.

3. Except as otherwise specifically directed in letters of instructions, all communications between Civil Air Patrol field activities and other agencies of the Government will be handled through this Headquarters.

By direction of National Commander JOHNSON:

  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, MAY 25, 1943

## ORGANIZATION

### Civil Air Patrol

1. General. Pursuant to the authority granted by AGO Memorandum No. W95-12-43, May 4, 1943, subject "Transfer of Civil Air Patrol from the Office of Civilian Defense to the War Department," the National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol is hereby established as an exempted activity under the supervision of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

2. National Commander, Civil Air Patrol. The National Commander, Civil Air Patrol shall be such AAF officer as may be designated from time to time by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces. He shall inspect and supervise the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, including training; report on its needs; prepare estimates of funds, supplies, and equipment required for its operations; furnish liaison between the Civil Air Patrol and the Army Air Forces; and perform such other duties in connection with the Civil Air Patrol as may be delegated to him from time to time.

3. Activities. The continuance of the following activities of the Civil Air Patrol is authorized as directed by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces as hereafter set forth:

a. Coastal Patrol. Coastal patrol units of the Civil Air Patrol are authorized as directed by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces to patrol coastal shipping lanes for the purpose of protecting friendly shipping and of locating and reporting enemy submarines, war ships, or suspicious surface craft, and to take such action as their equipment permits in the destruction of enemy submarines.

b. Liaison Patrol. Liaison patrol units of the Civil Air Patrol are authorized to patrol such land frontiers of the continental United States as are determined from time to time by the defense commands having jurisdiction of these frontiers.

c. Military Courier Service. Such units of the Civil Air Patrol as may be designated from time to time are authorized to augment special flight services for the armed forces, including special courier services, scheduled courier operations, AAF subdepot courier service, aircraft warning missions, aircraft tracking missions, camouflage, and other aerial inspection missions.

- d. Miscellaneous. Units of the Civil Air Patrol are authorized to engage in such other activities in behalf of the armed forces or of federal, state, or municipal authorities, or persons or corporations engaged in the war effort as are deemed advisable by the National Commander and are within policies established by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

4. Operational Control. Operational control of the units of the Civil Air Patrol engaged on missions described in paragraph 3 hereof shall be as follows:

- a. Coastal patrol units will function under operational control of the AAF Antisubmarine Command, through National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol. Special tactical situations which may arise may be met by instructions direct from the Antisubmarine Command to the coastal patrol commanders concerned.
- b. The units of the Southern Liaison Patrol will function under the operational control of the Southern Defense Command, through National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol. Special tactical situations which may arise may be met by instructions direct from the Southern Defense Command to the liaison patrol commanders concerned.
- c. The units of the courier service will function under the operational control of the AAF command for whom the service is rendered through National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, or in the case of missions not performed for any AAF command, under the operational control of National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol.

5. Procedure:

- a. Administration and supply of field activities of the Civil Air Patrol will be as directed by Headquarters Army Air Forces.
- b. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces will exercise his control over the Civil Air Patrol through the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments and Requirements.

By command of General ARNOLD:

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