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1. Effective this date, Private Helen Murray
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By Order of Commander KAUFMANN.

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2nd Lt., Civil Air Patrol
Executive Officer.

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2nd Lt., Civil Air Patrol
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LOS ANGELES SQUADRON #5

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MILITARY BALL

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FRIDAY, NOV. 17TH

DANCING!
REFRESHMENTS!
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BEAUTIFUL BLOSSOM ROOM -

HOLLYWOOD ROOSEVELT HOTEL

DANCE TO MUSIC OF JACK BARROWS AND HIS BAND!

GET YOUR TICKETS IN THE CANTEEN - AT N E X T MEETING!

LETS ALL GO!

Plaque Given Patrol Chief

The presentation of a silver plaque to Lt. Joseph V. Kaufmann, Commander of Los Angeles Squadron 5 Civil Air Patrol, by the officers of his staff topped an evening's entertainment last night for 300 members, cadets and guests who attended the Squadron's Military Ball at the Hollywood Roosevelt.

Other citations included service ribbons, signifying one year's service with a minimum of 250 hours work in Patrol activities, presented to Lts. J. R. Kaufmann, Walter Mast, Clyde Kutchera, Harry Hutchens, Gene Del Val, Charles Huffman, P. M. Browne, and W/O's Aimee Del Val, Charles Wyrick, Barbara Rogers, Ed Bradofsky, and 1st Sgt. William O'Harra. Flight Officer John Hesselndenz received a second lieutenant's commission.

Among the events of the evening was the customary Military March, played by Jack Barrow's orchestra and led by members of the Wing Staff and their wives.

Col. Beatrand Rhine and his California Wing and Group Staffs, Col. Frank Beer, Arizona Wing Commander, George Strommey of Western Flying Magazine, and members of the Hollywood Junior Chamber of Commerce were special guests.



Awards ARE given —

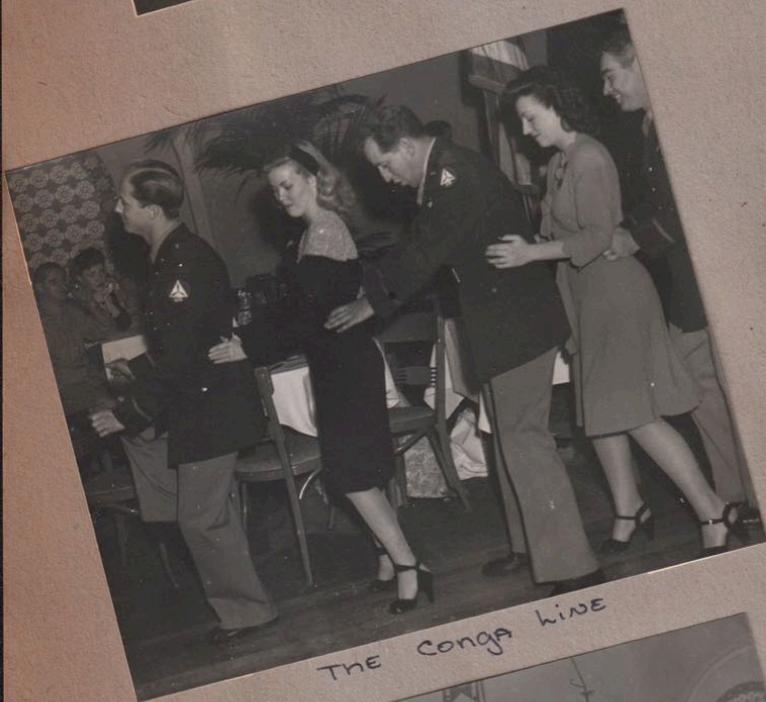




The orchestra - very good



MARGE



The Conga Wives



Lt. Mast + Mrs Mast + Peggy +



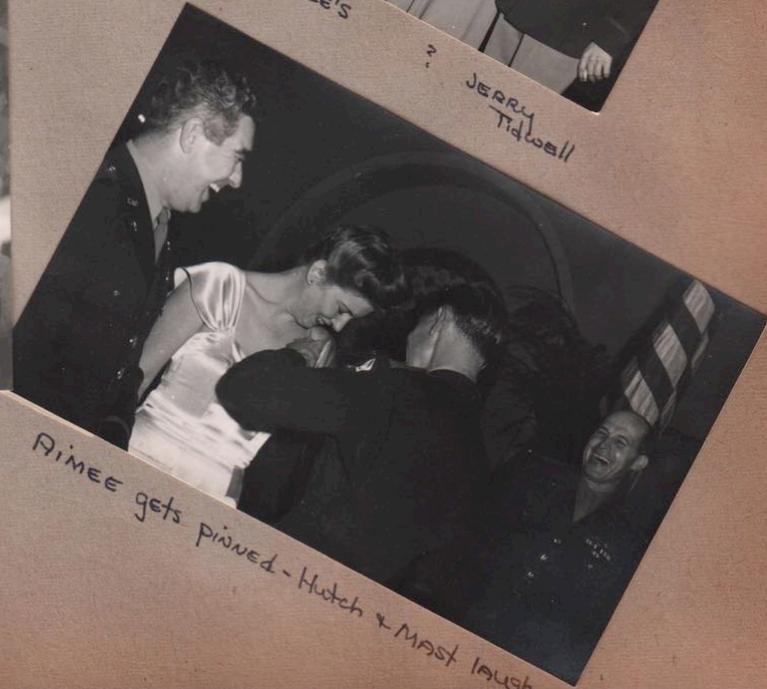


lt and Mrs Hutchens



Mac Donald Hesseldeze's

JERRY Tidwell



Aimee gets pinned - Hutch & Mast laugh

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First Group, California

THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Sunday, December 17, 1944

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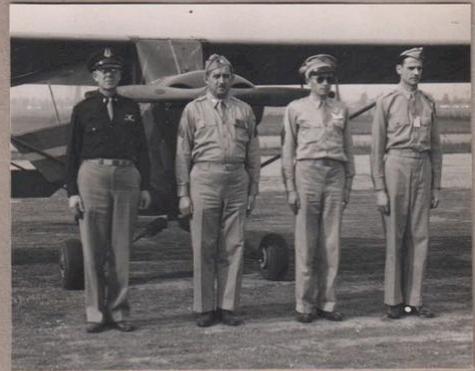
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Vail Field, December 17, 1944

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Fajet, Hesselemez, Kaufmann, Kutchera
& Todd



CIVIL AIR PATROL

First Group, California

MAJOR RICHARD A. DICK, Commanding Officer
CAPTAIN JOHN B. McDONALD, Executive Officer
CAPTAIN ROBERT BLOHM, Adjutant
FIRST LT. GEORGE H. OLIVER, Training Officer
FIRST LT. ISAAC JONES, Medical Officer
FIRST LT. GERALD L. TDIWELL, Intelligence Officer
FIRST LT. ELIZABETH LOBUONO, Aide to the Commander
FIRST LT. THERON WALKER, Supply Officer
SECOND LT. JOHN S. HESSELDENZ, Asst. Operations Officer
SERGEANT FRANK MOORE, Engineering Officer

MILITARY GUESTS:

REAR ADMIRAL E. M. PACE, JR., Navy Bureau of Aeronautics
BRIG. GENERAL ARTHUR E. EASTERBROOK, Commanding, Santa Ana Army Air Base
BRIG. GENERAL A. C. STRICKLAND, Commanding, 318th Wing, 4th Air Force
LT. COLONEL BERTRAND E. RHINE, Commanding, California Wing, CAP
LT. COLONEL FRANK E. BEER, Commanding, Arizona Wing, CAP
CAPTAIN WM. G. O'NEILL, AAF Chief Training Liaison Officer
LT. (j. g.) JAMES GILLETTE, USNR, veteran of South Pacific

CIVILIAN GUESTS:

HON. FLETCHER BOWRON, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
EUGENE W. BISCAILUZ, Sheriff, County of Los Angeles
ROBERT L. SMITH, President, Airport Commission, City of Los Angeles
T. C. COLEMAN, Chairman, Aviation Committee, Chamber of Commerce
WAYNE WRIGHT, Chairman, Aviation Committee, Jr. Chamber of Commerce

Squadron Commanders of the First Group, California Wing:

LT. WALTER E. ROBERTSON, Los Angeles Squadron One
LT. CHARLES E. HELM, Los Angeles Squadron Two
LT. TED W. CATE, Los Angeles Squadron Three
LT. RALPH BACHTEL, San Fernando Valley Squadron
LT. JOSEPH V. KAUFMANN, Los Angeles Squadron Five

also participating:

LT. VERNE TYLER, Santa Monica Squadron

CIVIL AIR PATROL EXTENDS ITS THANKS TO THE LOS ANGELES EXAMINER FOR THE UNSELFISH SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION SHOWN IN THE PROMOTION OF THIS EVENT.

BUY MORE BONDS

PROGRAM OF EVENTS



- 1:00 ARRIVAL OF ARMY DISPLAY AIRCRAFT**
Lockheed P-38 Lightning, North American P-51 Mustang, and Northrop P-61 Black Widow. These planes will be placed on public display immediately upon landing.
- 1:30 OFFICIAL OPENING**
National Anthem, played by the Santa Ana Army Airbase Band, under the direction of Lieutenant Frank Kirby.
- 1:35 INSPECTION**
Immediately after opening and National Anthem, the formation will be inspected by the reviewing party.
- 2:00 PASS IN REVIEW**
Aircraft, in formation will pass in review, led by Major Richard A. Dick and Captain John B. McDonald of First Group, California. The group will make three different passes in front of the review stand.
- 2:15 "TEX" RANKIN**
World's greatest stunt flyer, in a series of amazing maneuvers, some of which were originated by him.
- 2:35 NAVY COMBAT AEROBATICS**
U. S. Navy Aircraft will demonstrate combat aerial tactics being used in the present world conflict.
- 2:40 SPOT LANDING CONTEST**
One aircraft per each of the five squadrons comprising First Group will participate. This is one of the contests for which first and second place trophies are being awarded by the Los Angeles Examiner. Planes will touch and takeoff, each one having two landings.
- 2:50 ARMY AERIAL DEMONSTRATION**
Planes and pilots of the Army Air Forces will illustrate the combat maneuvers that make them the rulers of the skies.
- 3:00 MESSAGE PICK-UP**
Lieutenant Vincent Hague of Los Angeles Squadron Two will demonstrate message pick-up technique being used in connection with CAP search and rescue missions.
- 3:15 BOMB DROPPING CONTEST**
Another of the Examiner Trophy events, one plane per squadron will drop small bombs filled with colored powder to mark spot of impact. The target will be a 20-foot circle with a 10-foot bullseye.
- 3:30 SUPPLY PARACHUTE DROPPING**
The last of the competitive events. The target will be the same as in bomb dropping. Examiner trophies are also being awarded for this event.
- 3:40 "SKYHOOK" DEMONSTRATION**
This is a new type device being used by the Armed Forces to drop supplies to troops in the field. Mr. Howard B. Snyder, inventor, will describe this activity.
- 3:45 AWARD OF EXAMINER TROPHIES**
Robert Cummings, film star, will make the awards. Mr. Cummings is a former CAP squadron commander, now on leave of absence as a flight instructor with the Army Air Forces.
- 4:00 ADDITIONAL AEROBATICS**
As the Army display aircraft leave, they will circle the field in farewell.

How the Civil Air Patrol "WENT TO WAR"

At the outbreak of the War every Army plane, and every pilot was needed desperately in combat zones. The private flyers of the United States felt that they, and their planes, could be used to advantage by taking over a lot of the work the Army planes and pilots were doing in this country, thereby releasing the Army planes and pilots for combat duty. Thus the Civil Air Patrol was formed, taking over such duties as Coastal Patrol, Border Patrol, Courier Service, etc. CAP was later made an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces, and then is when they "Went to War."

When enemy submarines were sinking our ships at our very doorsteps and all Army and Navy ships were needed for overseas duty, the CAP anti-submarine or Coastal Patrol was formed. Established originally as an experiment, assignments were the "hot spots" where ship sinkings were almost a daily occurrence. The boys flew their single engine land planes far out of sight of land, unprotected save for kapok vests, carried in event of engine failure. Ships in distress were sighted, and hundreds of survivors of torpedoings owe their lives to CAP Coastal Patrol. U-boats about to attack convoys crash-dived at the approach of CAP planes. Some were sunk by Army and Navy aircraft summoned by radio call, but the CAP flyers chafed at their inability to attack the subs they spotted. After the escape of a submarine found stuck in the mud, bombs and depth charges were carried and dropped against the enemy. At least two submarine sinkings are officially credited to the CAP.

Coastal Patrol, originally intended as an experimental 90-day mission was carried on over a period of a year and a half. Bases were established along the entire Atlantic and Gulf Coasts from the Canadian Border to Tampico, Mexico. Operating under the Army Air Forces Antisubmarine Command, the CAP planes flew more than 24,000,000 miles over the water. Thirty men were lost in active service. Late in 1943 the U. S. Navy was able to assume the entire responsibility for the antisubmarine activities, and all Army participation which included CAP, was withdrawn.

Some of these same planes and pilots are now being used in the Civil Air Patrol Search and Rescue program that is being carried out for the Army and Navy. With the tremendous amount of military aircraft being flown every day, it was inevitable that some planes would be reported missing. CAP pilots, knowing every inch of the home territory, flying light planes at relatively slow speeds, and trained in Army methods of reconnaissance, are being called upon to help locate these missing aircraft.

Quite naturally, all CAP personnel cannot be engaged in these more "glamorous" activities, but nevertheless, they are unselfishly contributing their time and very often their money to the greatest job of them all, the job of instilling airmindedness into the youth of today, the airmen and women of tomorrow. To these people, we give our thanks for a job well done. They are the ones that best prove that the Civil Air Patrol "Went to War."



Tidwell & Hutch-



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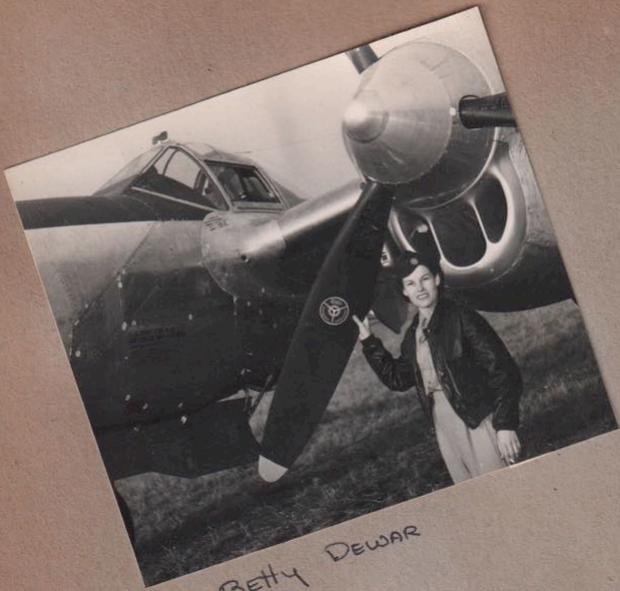


MARGIE



Robt. Cummings speaks





Betty DEWAR



S. Petty and F. MARRA



OUR PLACES



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Warrant Officer HARRY HUTCHENS seems to get quite a kick out of watching Captain JACK McDONALD, of Group Staff, try to find enough room on Warrant Officer AIMEE DEL VAL'S evening dress to pin her service ribbon: Commander KAUFMANN shakes hands with Warrant Officer HARRY HUTCHENS who awarded him with a plaque from the squadron for his work during the past year in organizing and developing the squadron: LT. JOHNNIE HESSELDENZ receives his 2nd LT's bars from Commander KAUFMANN: LT. JEAN DEL VAL removes the red shoulder loops from "Tondelayo's" shoulder. "Tondelayo" as explained to Lt. DEL VAL represents a cross section of our feminine members. Warrant HARRY HUTCHENS and Commander KAUFMANN in the background made the presentation.

Military Ball Is Social Event of Season

A thank-you is due Lt. HARRY HUTCHENS for making such a success of our 1st Anniversary Ball on November 17 at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel. Among our honored guests were Wing Commander Lt. Colonel BERTRAND RHINE and his staff, and Group Staff represented by Captain JACK McDONALD, Lt. Colonel FRANK BEAR, Wing Commander from Arizona, Lt. CHARLES HELM from L. A. 2, Lts. COOK and FORD from L. A. 3, and Captain O'NEIL, AAF Training Liaison Officer.

Commander KAUFMANN was presented with a plaque from Staff in appreciation of his efforts in organizing L. A. 5, and advancing it from a provisional to a full-fledged squadron. We extend our sincere thanks to you, Lt. KAUFMANN for your unceasing and untiring efforts in our behalf.

Lt. JEAN DEL VAL was presented with a reasonable facsimile of "Tondelayo, the

dark-skinned beauty." We hope she will be a perfect model for our b-l-louses, Lt. We won't soon forget that inspiring moment when the mighty Marsellaise was played for Lt. DEL VAL, and it brought to mind the fact that it is being played and sung in France today with more jubilation than ever before.

Service ribbons were awarded to those who had been members of the Squadron for one year and who had devoted a minimum of 250 hours to their duties. Those meriting these awards were Commander KAUFMANN, Lt. DEL VAL, W/O DEL VAL, Lt. HUFFMAN, Lt. HUTCHENS, Lt. MAST, Sgt. O'HARA, W/O WYRICK, W/O ROGERS, Lt. KUTCHERA, Instructor PAUL BROWN, W/O BRADOFSKY, and S/S GEORGIA WHITE. Congratulations and thanks are due these people for their untiring efforts and time devoted to their organization.

Upon presentation of service ribbon to Lt. JEAN DEL VAL, the Commander thought he would be forced to remove one of the many medals and ribbons on Lt. DEL VAL'S tunic, in order to find room for an additional ribbon.

The highlight of the evening was the

presentation of 2nd Lieutenant's bars to W/O JOHN HESSELDENZ. This was a proud moment for everyone, especially the Commander, for he had worn these bars for 2½ years, and it was his wish that they be given to Mr. HESSELDENZ, with the hope that he wouldn't have to wear them for that length of time.

Lt. Colonel RHINE, Captain O'NEIL, and Lt. BANDY led an impressive grand march during the latter part of the evening, following which Lt. MEREDITH steered most of the crowd into a fast-moving Conga. A right flank movement now seems a simple matter after trying to master that tricky Conga.

Dancing continued until 12 o'clock, drawing to a close the first anniversary of L. A. Squadron 5.



Merry Christmas from The Commander and Staff

Staff Biography ...



**TRAINING OFFICER
CLYDE KUTCHERA**

Lt. CLYDE R. KUTCHERA was born in a small town in Northern Minnesota on the 11th of November, 1913. He remembers his first sight of aircraft when the Barnstormers landed their Jennies on the frozen lakes of the north country, as winter provided the only landing area at that time. In 1922, California sunshine beckoned, and the Kutchera's answered the call with a 5-week auto trip that culminated with their settling in Huntington Park, where Mr. KUTCHERA resumed his education in Mechanical Arts.

The aviation bug bit him at an early age. He tells of working all of his spare time at the old American Airport on Crenshaw and 48th Street for a few minutes of flying time. In 1929, flying time was selling for a mere \$25.00 per hour. The training he received allowed him to solo after 3½ hours of dual under the direction of PETE LEAMAN, at the Culver City Airport.

In July, 1940, Lt. KUTCHERA joined the ranks of the 1st Aero Squadron of the California State Guard, as Private, working his way up to First Sgt. When the Squadron was dissolved in 1943, he was in charge of training. Not wishing to drop out of the

aviation picture, Lt. KUTCHERA joined the Commander in the California Aero Squadron. The job of training officer was bestowed upon him and he planned some of the Squadron's missions to Quartzite. When the Aero Squadron joined the Civil Air Patrol, Lt. KUTCHERA retained his position as training officer, and is third on the Squadron's officer roster.

With the forthcoming review but a few days away, he hopes his some 400 hours will help him win the spot landing contest in which he is participating for L. A. 5. For the past 10 years, Lt. KUTCHERA has been married to a very attractive native daughter of California, one of a rare species. They have a son and daughter who have been promised flying instruction when they reach the age of sixteen.

With the aid of W/O MEL SMITH as Assistant Training Officer, the training office of L. A. 5 is one of the best. Great plans are in the offing for the coming year, which will probably be the biggest in the history of Civil Air Patrol.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from

LT. WALTER E. MAST

ED LUBIN has been seen in the office working out huge mathematical problems. It seems he wants to buy an airplane and if about twenty other cadets would join him in his plans they would be able to buy a pretty fine ship. Look out ED that word "if" is the biggest word we have. Anyway anyone with similar dreams should contact him and maybe the ship can become a reality.

Mission No. 7 ...

Mission No. 7 is now in full swing with the following taking part: Pilots, Commander KAUFMANN, Lt. HUFFMAN, S/Sgt. COE, Lt. KUTCHERA, Instructor TODD, and S/Sgt. HERGOTT. Observers, Lt. FAGET, S/Sgt. SHAW, W/O DEWAR, S/Sgt. WHITE, M. CLARK, and M. SHERO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To All In L. A.
Squadron Five

M/SGT. WILLCOCKSON

November 22nd was a red letter day for most of us in that we were able to remove our red shoulder loops, at long last. Could it be that they were like those worn by the Japanese Army? Be that as it may—we are now officially a component part of the AAF.

This is the column listing the new members, promotions, and assignments to and changes in offices.

New Members

R. SHERWOOD, R. LAMBERT, M. ZACHA, H. SCHNEIDER, R. BOWEN, J. KEMMERER, A. WHITEHEAD, E. JACOBS, S. SHERWOOD, M. BEYER, R. BEAL, G. GILLESPIE, P. WINN, M. LUCE, J. HAUGHAWOUT, P. COOK, J. NOVAK, C. PORTER, R. DEU PREE, A. JENEWEIN, C. BAUER, E. WATTERUD, F. SUMNER, B. BOWEN, S. DAYTON, I. LAYANA, L. HOOD, and B. MELNIKER.

Promotions

Pfc. DOROTHY WHITCHURCH to Corporal, Cpl. MADELEINE GROSS to Sergeant, Pvt. PAMELA LACEY to Private First Class, Cpl. G. S. CRISPIN to Sergeant, Sgt. H. BAILEY to Staff Sergeant, Cpl. JILL BROWNING BUTEL to Sergeant, Sgt. H. GREINETZ to Staff Sergeant, Cpl. R. B. EPSTEIN to Sergeant, Pvt. MYRON STUART to Private First Class, Pfc. L. L. SVEIVEN to Corporal, and Pfc. V. B. JONES to Corporal.

Appointments

Sgt. J. J. MALONEY, Acting Communications Officer, Pfc. PAMELA LACEY, Transportation Office, Sgt. G. S. CRISPIN, Asst. Operations Officer, S/Sgt. H. BAILEY, Asst. Operations, Sgt. JILL BROWNING BUTEL, Asst. Operations, S/Sgt. H. BREINETZ, Acting Engineering Officer, Sgt. R. B. EPSTEIN, Asst. Engineering Officer, Pfc. MYRON STUART, Asst. Staff Intelligence, Cpl. L. L. SVEIVEN, Asst. Staff Intelligence, Cpl. V. B. JONES, Asst. Staff Intelligence, W/O LLOYD B. BRUBAKER, Finance Officer, Sgt. CLIFFORD G. SHAW, Asst. Finance Officer, and Sgt. STEPHEN PETTY, CAPC Training Staff.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

To All My Pals in
Squadron Five

"HOT PILOT" SID CROSSLEY

November 21—

Flight B—103 Flight A— 95

Head of Class—Instructor DANIELSON.

November 28—

Flight E—128 Flight D—106

Head of Class—Miss BENNETT and Miss LACEY.

December 5 (Cadets)—

Flight C— 89 Flight B— 75

Flight A— 77

Head of Class—Miss MAST and Mr. REAGER.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

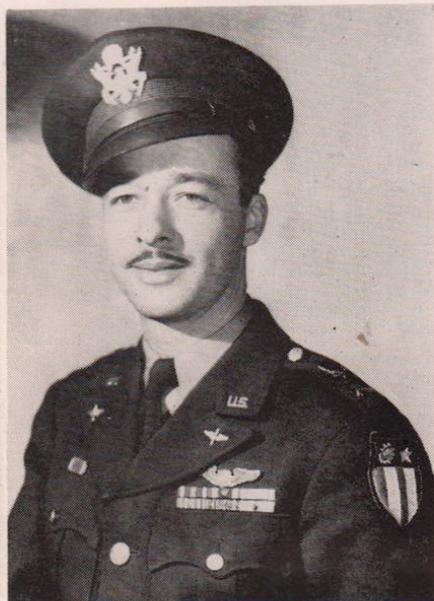
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**"HUTCH" AND
HESSELDENZ**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

**COMMANDER AND
MRS. KAUFMANN**

CAP Guest ...



LT. EDDIE HANSEN.

Lt. EDDIE HANSEN was our honored guest of the month. He has been in the Air Forces for three years as a C-47 Pilot, and also a Glider pilot. While serving in the California Aero Squadron and the State Guard, he became acquainted with some of our staff officers.

Most of us will remember him by that roll of foreign money he carried, practically covering the length of the Canteen. His statement that CAP is the best organization of its type, and is a great help to the AAF, was very much appreciated. Statements like this are good to hear, especially from one who knows.

We hope Lt. HANSEN will be visiting us again soon.

FLT "D" Meets ...

At a recent meeting held at W/O DEWAR'S home, a number of plans were discussed which would improve the flight. One idea, in particular, was discussed whereby one member of the flight would be a sort of "big sister" to a new member, answering any questions brought up by that member, and guiding her through her basic training, and getting her acquainted with her flight members.

Those attending this meeting were Flight Sgt. MADELEINE GROSS, Guide MARGARET SHERO, Section Leader MARGORIE WALSTROM, Section Leader LA VERNE CRISPIN, and Assistant Section Leader HELEN MURRAY, not to mention the two male members present who drifted in quite unexpectedly. (Names withheld for reasons unknown).

Month's Hop ...

Commander KAUFMANN recently returned from an air jaunt in an Army L3C, and fairly exploded with comments on the hospitality of the citizens of the state of Utah.

It seems that the Commander, S/Sgt. "HAP" BAILEY, and HARRY CHEROFF, the latter not a member of the Squadron, left for Salt Lake City to bring back three Army Observation ships. On the surface, this should have been an uneventful trip, but it proved otherwise.

The trio left Salt Lake in a high overcast, and began climbing for altitude in order to cross a 9600 foot range. After braving a downdraft that dropped their ships nearly 2000 feet in less than two minutes, Commander KAUFMANN discovered that the third ship was unable to regain the altitude and started to encircle the range. After nearly three hours of battling a terrific head wind, the Commander became anxious as the tank only held two and a half hours of fuel including the emergency tank.

Suddenly the prop stopped on Lt. KAUFMANN'S ship and he lost no time setting the aircraft down on the mesquite covered plateau. Sgt. BAILEY, thinking of the long and lonely walk to town, faithfully brought his ship to a landing to keep the Commander company.

The rest of the day and part of the night was spent walking over what seemed most of Utah's never-ending wasteland. When a farm house was finally located, the two travelers discovered that they were on their course but still 15 miles from Delta, their objective. Rapid calculations showed they averaged only a little over 30 miles per hour in the face of the head wind. With the aid of the overly hospitable natives, the duo managed to get to Delta to discover that the third pilot made it to the airport.

The following morning, Lt. KAUFMANN flew gasoline to the two stricken ships, and the trio again started out, this time in a driving rain. Ninety minutes later, they circled over Milford, then landed for the auxiliary field in the outskirts of town. Again Utah's hospitality came to the rescue, when many of the townspeople drove out to the more or less deserted airfield to help them refuel and to take them to town to eat. Some time later, the three airmen arrived at Cedar City, and landed in a veritable lake, refueled again, and left for St. George.

As the ships continued their way westward the rainstorm became so heavy that they were forced to fly an extremely close formation in order to keep in sight of one another. A short distance west of Cedar Cedar a thunderstorm closed in on them, and for a

time the lightning bolts played tag with the three ships. Lt. KAUFMANN assures us that the hail striking the ship rattled only half as loud as his knees did during that brief trip through the storm.

After affecting a landing on the unique table top mesa, which is St. George's Airport, to refuel, the ships again left for Las Vegas. In the face of the driving rain, the formation was broken up and Lt. KAUFMANN decided that flying down a narrow canyon with visibility obscured by the heavy rain, and not knowing where the other ships were, was not exactly the safest thing to do, so he returned to St. George. Apparently Sgt. BAILEY was of the same opinion for five minutes later he too returned to St. George. The third ship made it through to Las Vegas.

The next morning, another attempt was made to cross the range into Nevada. This time the weather closed in on them on the summit, forcing them to turn back again. Half way back, they managed to gain extra altitude and decided to cross the canyon instead of following the pass through. Following Virgin River, they flew between a high and low overcast, glancing back periodically to make sure that the weather was not boxing them in. Lt. KAUFMANN tells of being too scared to look into the yawning canyon below, where a forced landing was out of the question.

Two hours later, they arrived at Sky Harbor Airport in Las Vegas, and were immediately grounded by a seemingly impenetrable Nimbus Cloud. ATC assured them that no clearance could be obtained into Los Angeles and that the weather would be zero zero for at least three days, so our friends boarded a bus and left for home. No sooner did the bus leave Las Vegas than it emerged into a beautiful blue sky, which was evident most of the way home. Needless to say, the ears of certain persons in the Los Angeles Office of the Weather Bureau must have been burning for the entire ten hours it took for the bus to get to Los Angeles, and Sgt. BAILEY'S fingernails are bitten off to the first digits of his fingers.

Two weeks later, the three men finally returned to Las Vegas and brought the ships home.

There is nothing like an airplane for fast travel, eh?

The Quiz Contest now ranging between flights has a two-fold purpose. It not only affords an amusing and entertaining conclusion to the general meeting, but certainly brings out the shortcomings of our members. It makes us all realize that we do not know everything yet, and that there is more to learn.



Things to remember—A certain CAP member in uniform, stopping at a Standard Oil Station, being mistaken for one of the attendants. *Fill 'er up, George!*

SEASON'S GREETINGS

BRUBAKER

CAPC Visitors ...



Nice to see BLACKIE GOLDSTEIN of the Air Forces back with us for a visit. He's stationed in Salt Lake City. ROBERT BERRY now with the Merchant Marine also visited us. Come back soon fellows.

New mode of travel, when the gas supply runs low: Commander "Putt Putt" KAUFMANN on his little red motor scooter.

Taking part in the Bombing Mission are R. H. COE, Pilot, and M. SHERO, Observer, and in the Spot Landing Mission, Lt. KUTCHERA and Lt. FAGET. December 17th is the date. Squadrons 1, 2, 3, San Fernando Valley, and 5 will be participating, so there'll be plenty of planes and excitement.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from

JEAN AND MYRON STUART

New Member Tireless Worker

The Commander's wife, who has worked so faithfully with the Squadron since before its conception, is now a full-fledged member of L. A. 5. For those who don't know her, she's the very charming lady who, quote, does all the work in the office, unquote. Congratulations to Ivey, as we all know her.

News Notes ...

We are told that new class credit cards are being printed, which will be carried by all members. These cards will show all the subject matter on the CAP curriculum and will be initialed by the instructor on the completion of each subject.



From the same source, we learn that our Observers will too have an official card on the backside of which will all official Observer time is credited and accumulated. This card will, when completely filled out with the required Observer hours, be taken to the Operations Officer who will then instigate an application for the Observer's rating of that member.

START NEW YEAR

RIGHT!

PAY YOUR DUES!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

CPL. W/O
HARVEY BETTY
D E W A R

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THE
SERGEANTS SHAW

SEASON'S GREETINGS

W/O AIMEE DEL VAL
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AROUND THE NATION

National Headquarters has received a new designation and is now known as the 32nd AAF Base Unit (Civil Air Patrol), 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

It is suggested that all pilots operating aircraft assigned to the CAP by the Army Air Forces pay special attention to and adhere to AAF Regulations No. 60-16, general flight rules.

It is a strict regulation that parachutes must be made available and used on all flights by both pilots and passengers.

CALIFORNIA

The Blossom Room of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood was the scene of Los Angeles Squadron Five's First Anniversary Military Ball, held recently.

Highlight of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of a beautiful walnut and silver plaque to *Lt. Joseph V. Kaufmann*, squadron commander. This token of appreciation came from Lt. Kaufmann's staff and officers and the inscription on the winged plaque read, "In recognition of his untiring effort and outstanding leadership in organizing and leading this Squadron during its first year."

Other presentations included first year service ribbons to charter squadron members having completed one year's active service with a minimum of 250 hours participation in squadron activities. Those so honored and the total hours of squadron activity were: *Lt. Kaufmann*, commander—2367, *Lt. Jean Del Val*, supply officer—1179, *W/O Aimee Del Val*, deputy adjutant—944, *Lt. Harry Hutchens*, intelligence officer—581, *Lt. Walter Mast*, executive officer—533, *Lt. Clyde Kutchers*, training officer—425, *W/O Charles Wyrick*, deputy staff officer—330, *Paul Browne*, instructor—300, *W/O Barbara Rogers*, deputy staff officer—280, *Lt. William Huffman*, flight leader—276, *W/O Abe Bradofsky*, ass't. flight leader—275, *First Sgt. William O'Hara*—270, *Staff Sgt. Gorgie White*—260.

A humorous presentation occurred when Supply Officer *Lt. Jean Del Val* was gifted with a woman's clothes dummy. It seems as though Jean (you're wrong—it's a man!) has quite a bit of trouble in taking measurements for the women's blouses. Since it was Jean's birthday, he was brought to the bandstand to the strains of "Happy Birthday" and since Jean is a native of France he was honored with the playing of La Marseillaise while the entire assemblage stood at attention. We all hope that it will not be necessary for Jean to return to Paris next spring. He has done an outstanding job and recently Wing recognized his efforts by appointing him to

Wing Supply Department.

Squadron Five's hard-working operations officer, popular *Johnny Hesselden*, was taken by surprise and formally presented his 2nd Lieutenant's commission. Wing and Group One officers and wives were special guests as were members and wives of the Hollywood Junior Chamber of Commerce. The "Jaycees" form Flight "C" in this squadron.

Music for the dance was furnished by Jack Barrows and his band, who proved very popular with the crowd. Dance tempos were varied and pleased the "jitterbug" cadets in attendance as well as our "old-timers." Half way between these two extremes was *Lt. Gene Meredith* and his Conga Line crowd. Wing, group and squadron officers and their wives lead the traditional military march. Many pictures were taken by *Corp. Helen Murray* of the photographic staff and these are to appear in the December issue of "The Observer," the squadron official monthly publication.

L. A. Squadron No. 5 has completed a very successful first year. Full squadron strength of 200 members is but a few months off. Many former service men are now joining this squadron and are proving of great assistance in organizational and training functions. The cadet organization is also growing and during this first year they have walked off with first place honors in the two group competitive drills that have been held. Civil Air Patrol members in the west who plan

visits to Los Angeles are invited to visit this squadron at its fine headquarters at 700 North Fairfax St. Regular meetings are held each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. and advanced classes are held each Thursday night. Drop in and see us! "Over!"

LT. HARRY J. HUTCHENS
Intelligence Officer

Los Angeles Group 1 Civil Air Patrol on December 17 held a gala air review at Vail Field, just east of the city.

Special attractions were the acrobatics of super-pilot *Tex Rankin* and movie actor *Bob Cummings*.

W/O Frank E. Moore and his observer *Sgt. Paul Smith* led the winning team in the bomb-dropping contest. *Lt. Ted W. Cate* and *Observer Obadiah Stevens* disturbed the chalk line to take first honors in the spot landing event. Most accurate in the supply-parachute dropping placement were *Lt. Frank Casey* and *Lt. Clyde Farnell*.

Several late type army planes performed for the crowd of 35,000, and it was estimated that at least 15,000 war bonds were sold in lieu of an admission fee.

Cadet Commander, *Ted Cezek*, of Los Angeles Squadron 2, left in December to start active duty with the Army Air Forces in Utah. Taking over his position as Cadet Commander, is *Sgt. Ted Koenig*. A few of the staff officers were changed



Lt. Joseph V. Kaufmann, commanding officer of Los Angeles Squadron 5, holds silver plaque presented by his staff and officers at squadron's recent anniversary ball. Lt. Harry Hutchens (right), squadron intelligence officer, made the presentation.



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1. Corporal Helen Murray is, effective this date,
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By order of Commander KAUFMANN:

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Lt J.V. KAUFMANN
Promoted to
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PROMOTED—Lt. J. V. Kaufmann, commanding officer of Los Angeles Squadron 5, Civil Air Patrol, has been promoted to captain, according to the 32nd Base Unit, national headquarters of the CAP. Lieutenant Kaufmann, who was born in Austria, has led the Los Angeles Squadron since its organization.

CAP Leader Promoted

Announcement was made today of the promotion of Lt. J. V. Kaufmann, commanding officer of Los Angeles Squadron 5, Civil Air Patrol, to captain.

The promotion was received from the 32nd Base Unit in New York, national headquarters of CAP.

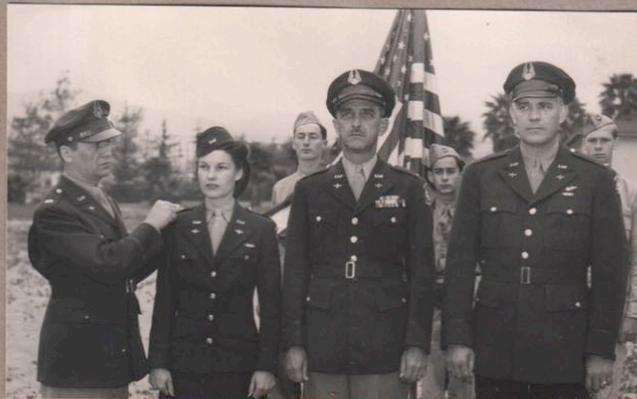
Kaufmann, who was born in Austria, has been commander of the squadron since its inception. Previously, he was commander of the California Aero Squadron and an instructor for the Army Air Corps at Liberty Air Academy, Tucson, Ariz.

Col. Earle Johnson, commander of the CAP, in Los Angeles on a nationwide tour to step up training operations, attended retreat ceremonies at Fairfax High School yesterday, where CAP cadets of this area drill. Johnson said that the quota of cadets for California is 14,000.

The California Wing now has some 3200 adult members and 4000 cadets. Johnson declared that the quota given this state is the highest in the nation.



PROMOTED—Members of Squadron 5 of the Civil Air Patrol, who were recently transferred to the Army Air Forces Training Command, are shown being promoted to the rank of second lieutenants. Left to right are Capt. J. V. Kaufman, making presentations to Warrant Officers Betty Dewar, John J. Malone, and Lloyd B. Brubaker.





Lt. Clyde Kutchera



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Lt. Kutchera, Lt. Dewar & Kaufmann



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HARRY HUTCHENS

Lt. HARRY J. HUTCHENS was born July 22, 1911 "on the banks of the Wabash," in Wabash, Indiana. During his high school years, he was quite the sports enthusiast, receiving letter awards in football, basketball, and track. He played football at Purdue University in addition to majoring in mechanical engineering. While at Purdue, he was initiated into the Phi Kappa Psi National fraternity.

"HUTCH" spent a great deal of his time with the Scout troops, and upon graduating from National Scout Executive Training School in New York, he became Eagle Scout and Scout Master of a Troop of 45 Scouts in Wabash. The Hi-Y club in Wabash High School was organized by him, and also the National Rifle Association Club, of which he was instructor. ("HUTCH" is an expert rifleman, and holds rating for same) "SKIPPER," his wife, is also sports-minded, being winner of many driving and swimming events.

"HUTCH" joined the Jam Handy Organization in 1935, working on production and contact assignments in connection with personnel training films for General Motors, Swift and Co., etc., and more recently, on Army and Navy films on pilot training, serial gunnery and aircraft mechanics, etc.

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MEREDITH - BROWNING NUPTIALS



Military arch of honor formed by Civil Air Patrol and Army Air Force Officers as Lt. GENE MEREDITH and Sergeant JILL MEREDITH leave after their marriage ceremony. Left to right are Commander KAUFMANN, Lt. TIDWELL, Lt. Whittaker, AAF, Lt. MEREDITH, Sgt. JILL MEREDITH, Capt. Mayne (AAF), Lt. HUTCHENS, and Lt. JEAN DEL VAL.

Members of this Squadron extend their heartiest congratulations to Lt. GENE MEREDITH and Sgt. JILL BROWNING, who were married on January 17th. The ceremony, which was held at the home of Major and Mrs. W. P. LEAR was witnessed by many celebrities, including Major LEAR, who gave the bride away—reluctantly, we may add; David Bruce, co-star of Deanna Durbin's latest picture, who acted as best man; Mrs. LEAR, daughter of the famous comedian Ole Olesen, and many others.

Representing this Squadron and CAP were: Commander KAUFMANN and Mrs. KAUFMANN; Lt. and Mrs. DEL VAL; Lt. and Mrs. HUTCHENS, Lt. and Mrs.

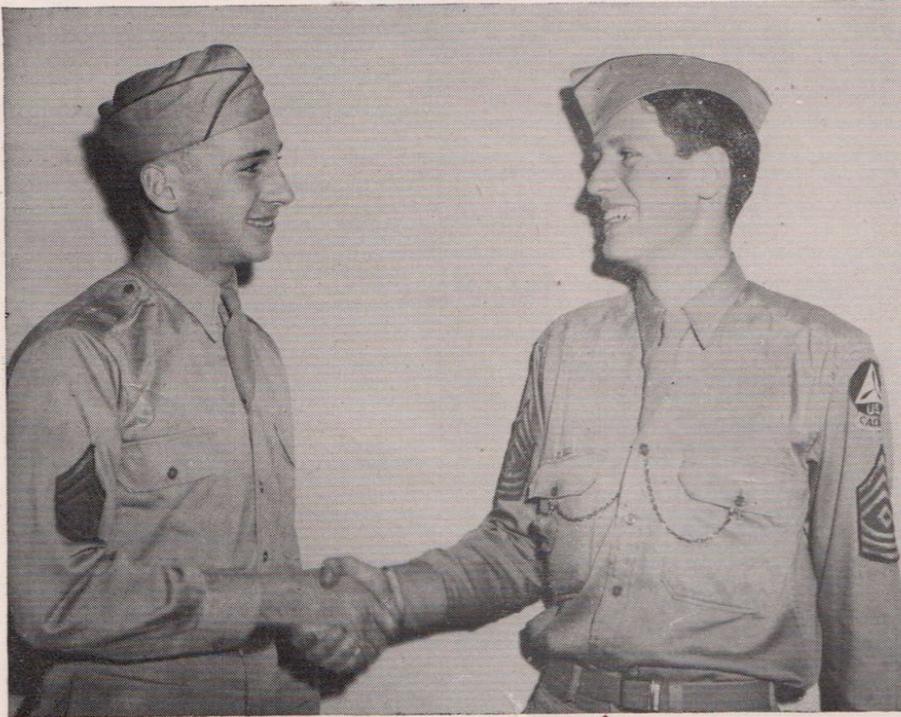
HESELDENZ M/Sgt. CLAY WILLCOCKSON and Group Intelligence Officer, Lt. JERRY TIDWELL.

Major LEAR and his charming wife MOYA entertained the guests in their garden immediately following the ceremony—when the jovial Major surprised the guests with his culinary prowess by barbecuing tons of delicious spareribs.

The groom and his lovely bride left soon after on a brief honeymoon to San Francisco.

For the benefit of those who are interested you may see JILL in her latest picture, "The Town Went Wild," in which she co-stars with our own JIMMY LYDON of Henry Aldrich fame.

NEW CADET COMMANDER



New Cadet Commander LEE BRILL, left, is congratulated on his appointment by outgoing Cadet Commander EARL MITCHELL. Sgt. BRILL's appointment is a result of the Squadron ruling to reshuffle the Cadet staff every six months in order to give more people a chance at staff positions which would not open up if it were necessary to wait for a vacancy. Sgt. MITCHELL will take over the duties of Executive Sergeant with the rank of Master-Sergeant. The Cadet Commander's rank is First Sergeant.

FLIGHT E

Congratulations to our CAP members Mr. and Mrs. J. HOMER OVERHOLSER on receipt of a wonderful Christmas present in the shape of a brand new baby girl, born on December 25th at 10:20 a.m. and tipping the scales at 8 pounds and 12 ounces.

The proud mother of little Sharyl Ann is our own MARION.

We finally have a new fingerprint girl in PAM LACEY. We hope that she will be able to get fingerprints that will be satisfactory so that they will not be returned too many times and we will get our ID cards back sooner than in the past.

Why was DOT WHITCHURCH buying "Navy Only" kisses at the dance. What's the Navy got that the rest of us haven't, and WHY?

Many thanks to Mrs. JEAN STUART from Flight "E" for her work at the dance.

New members joining Squadron Five during January were C. HERMAN, J. CASIDY, C. GILBERT, A. GILBERT, G. POSTRAMA, V. LANAVETTE, A. CRAM, N. CHILDRESS, F. FOURAGE, C. PEARSON, G. BOWIE, M. KROLL, J. ROBERTS, A. MCFARLAND, C. DRAPER, N. TOBIN, W. RUDOLPH, L. HUBBARD, C. LANGES, E. BAILEY, G. JOHNS, H. COLE, and A. ROFF.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments made during January included W. O'HARA to Acting Personnel Officer; D. EHLERS, Assistant Mess; W/O M. SMITH, Flight Leader, Flight "C"; C. G. SMITH, Intelligence; H. JACOBSON, Section Leader, Flight "E"; A. TURNBOUGH, Assistant Flight Leader, Flight "E"; B. SEARLES, Assistant Flight Leader, Flight "D"; and D. CURTIS, Assistant Flight Leader, Flight "B."

REAL WORKERS

We are perhaps more fortunate than most Squadrons in being able to say that we have many untiring workers who just go on week after week volunteering to do the many chores that make a good organization.

We can only say that during the last year the following members did more than their share of voluntary work: Sgt. GEORGE and Sgt. LaVERNE CRISPIN, Cpl. GLADYS HERNE, Sgt. BILL O'HARA, Sgt. MYRON and Pfc. JEAN STUART, Cpl. LOIS SVEIVEN, Sgt. MARGARET SHERO, Sgts. CLIFF and PHYLLIS SHAW, Pvt. LUCILLE SMITH, Sgt. JAMES LOYD, Cpl. MARJORIE WAHLSTROM, Cpl. DOROTHY WHITCHURCH, and all the Staff Officers.

FLIGHT A

Apparently this Flight has gone into hibernation as we received no word of anybody in the Flight doing anything of interest. Come on Flight "A" and do something.

FLIGHT B

The members of Flight "B" would like to know just what did happen to Sgt. CRISPIN. Why is he hiding behind those dark glasses? And why does the MRS. wear such a contented look, GEORGE?

FLIGHT C

Flight "C" was unable to think of anything that happened to even one member during January. What uneventful lives they all must lead.

HARRY HUTCHENS

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After a year in Detroit (where he rowed on the Detroit Boat Club Crew) "HUTCH" and "SKIPPER" turned "Gypsy" in a modern fashion, roaming from state to state making business contacts, in their faithful chariot. Of course the monotony of business routine was relieved by such pleasures as deep sea fishing, horseback riding and skiing. Their wanderings came to an abrupt end when they arrived in the Golden State. They were so pleased with the climate (discount the Oregon mist and the Dakota chill) that they decided to remain. The San Fernando Valley beckoned, and here they are established.

The family includes "HUTCH," "SKIPPER," daughters JULIE, 4 and JILL 1. "SKIPPER" has 2 hours dual time, but can't find enough "sitters" to be active in CAP.

"HUTCH" is a Board of Directors member of the Hollywood Junior Chamber of Commerce, where he met JUDD GOODRICH and the Commander (then just "JOE") KAUFMANN.

He assisted in organizing Squadron 5 in November 1943, and served as personnel officer until his recent appointment as Intelligence Officer.

"HUTCH" happens to be the first member of L. A. 5 to solo, March 15, 1944. He thinks CAP work is most interesting organization he has worked with.

Hobbies: flying, photography, diving, skiing, and deep sea fishing. Ambition: to be Colonel in World War III (Heaven forbid!) and to have Commander KAUFMANN for a "Yard Bird."

FIVE WIN PILOT RATINGS



Two people very pleased with their new wings are left, Staff-Sergeant MARY ANN BENNETT and Staff-Sergeant RUTH HUNTZINGER. Others who also received their wings in January were H. GREINETZ, A. BRADOFSKY, J. OVERHOLSER and HARRY HUTCHENS.

L. A. FIVE -- WHITE ELEPHANT DANCE

L. A. Squadron Five's second dance turned out to be every bit the success the first one was.

This time all the arrangements were under the supervision of Warrant Officer BRUBAKER. He had the idea to have a dance at which he would auction off our Christmas "White Elephants" in order to raise money for the Squadron.

W/O BRUBAKER started things rolling by auctioning off kisses. The job of auctioneer was capably handled by Lt. WALTER E. MAST. DON SCHAFER paid the top price of \$3 for the privilege of kissing DIANA DALY and BOB DAVENPORT got a \$2 kiss from PEGGY MAST. Of all those taking part in this most enjoyable auction, we didn't see Commander KAUFMANN participating and even Lt. MAST backed down after making a \$2 bid. What's the matter with the older generation?

After all the kisses were sold out, bidding began on the "White Elephants." Sgt. FINKLESTEIN of the 15th Air Force, and LUCILE LONG, who are to be married soon, bought a very nice collection of Bric-a-brac. ED YOUNG was presented a traveling bag by the Cadets which he will use on his travels to the Army Air Forces

School in Moscow, Idaho. Instructor PERNER set his heart on a fuzzy white elephant and paid \$13.00 for it.

Then the event to satisfy the heart of any girl who may be finding kisses scarce these days. Lt. MAST auctioned twelve CAP men for kissing purposes. The top in this case dropped from \$3 for the women to 5c for the men. Cadet CONNIE LEE realized the ambition of more than one feminine heart when she bought a kiss from W/O (Mountain of Man) BRUBAKER. That kiss topped the ceiling and sky-rocketed to the price of \$1.50. W/O BARBARA ROGERS also went over the top, paying 75c for a kiss from Lt. MAST. Dancing during the evening was to the music of that latest popular records and later coffee and cake were served by a capable mess staff supervised by Mess Sergeant MADELINE GROSS, and ably assisted by both 1st. Sgt. and Mrs. STUART.

January was a very good month for promotions in Squadron Five especially with the promotion of 2nd Lt. WALTER E. MAST as 1st Lt. This promotion was quite a surprise to the Lt., but it is one which he richly deserves.

COMMANDERS CORNER

With the passing of 1944, some of us are apt to wonder just how much we have accomplished during the past year.

Naturally our archives do not read as gloriously as do those of combat Squadrons but we do feel proud of the few seemingly insignificant attempts of doing our share.

During the last 12 months this Squadron recruited some 400 odd members including Cadets, much time had to be consumed in this phase of work because of the embryonic condition of this organization at the turn of the last year.

We have given 18 of our members to the armed forces and have on record letters from most praising the value of the CAP training they have received prior to their entrance into the various branches of the service.

One Cadet became a Cadet Nurse and another of our women recruits, who incidentally started flying with the Squadron, was appointed to train with the celebrated WASP's and graduated recently with nearly 300 hours of time and a very impressive pair of wings.

Fifteen members have received their student pilots certificates and eight have soloed since the beginning of last year.

Six members received their private "tickets" and seven their Commercial.

Ninety-eight members of Los Angeles Squadron 5 received instructions in, and received an FCC restricted Radion Telephone Operators license.

Members of this Squadron have during the last 12 months flown over 1400 hours in various phases of training or practice.

Our members have received over 50,000 man hours of training on every conceivable military and aeronautical subject and were shown more than 40 separate technical Army training films.

We were instrumental in examining 147 Cadets for the Army Air Force and feel particularly proud of the Cadets representing this Squadron who took and passed that test.

We won two Cadet competitions which should point favorably to the training they receive on the drill field.

Our introduction to the Search and Rescue Mission for the Army is rather recent but we did participate on three of them, and feel proud of the fact that a former member of this Squadron, who had to transfer to be nearer his home was instrumental in locating one of the lost aircraft.

The above and the fact that one of our members is now serving on active duty with the 6th Tow Target Unit, does make us feel that we have in this, our first year of existence, in some small ways helped the war effort.

It should be our desire to redouble our efforts for the coming year so that when next year's annals are written we can proudly say that we have done everything that was expected of us.

FLIGHT D . . .



SGT. BARBARA SEARLES

We feel particularly proud to welcome back petite BARBARA SEARLES, who left us many months ago when appointed as a trainee for the Women Air Service Pilots. Today, proudly displaying wings which were presented to her by General Arnold, BARBARA again joins the rank and file of Flight "D," a sadder but wiser woman. Sadder because the Wasps were disbanded right after her graduation, and wiser by nearly 300 hours of flight training, night and instrument time and a Commercial Pilot's Certificate with a 120 to 600 HP rating.

We, who know her, appreciate just how she must feel about the brevity of her career as a Ferry Pilot, but we feel confident that "BABS," or Staff Sergeant SEARLES, if you please, will find her proper spot in Aviation, perhaps while a member of CAP.

Sgt SEARLES was the 11th member to join Los Angeles Squadron Five. She was the second woman to enlist with this unit and the first to start as a non-flying member and work up to Commercial Pilot.

Flight "D" is sorry to see DOROTHY EHLERS leave for Michigan. She will join a Civil Air Patrol Squadron there. Good luck DOROTHY!

Photogs Appreciated

How about HELEN MURRAY and HELEN JACOBSON? These two ladies spent hour upon hour in our darkroom on what must seem an unappreciated effort to keep our Photo Department above par. No praise can repay them for their unselfish devotion to such an assignment.

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JANUARY VISITOR



"STINKY" STOECKER

Members of this Squadron were particularly happy to see Clarence "STINKY" STOECKER, who left this organization last July to do his share in this war as an Officer of the Merchant Marine.

We feel certain that Lt. STOECKER, who became a member of Los Angeles Squadron 5 in March 1944, found the organization quite different from the one he left when he entered the service. "Stinky" as he is affectionately known to his more intimate friends, expressed his amazement at the growth of the Squadron and assured us that his first thought is to visit with us whenever his duties permit.

Lt. STOECKER was reluctant to recite his experiences while cruising in the various war zones of the Pacific Ocean, warding off this inquisitive reporter with the excuse that an Engineering Officer is usually below deck when the excitement begins and therefore not in a position to "see" much action.

Lt. STOECKER is about ready to leave on another assignment, the location of which he is not at liberty to discuss, but members of "his" Squadron wish him Godspeed and all the luck necessary so that he may dodge bullets and torpedoes in order to visit us again on his return. Good luck "STINKY."

Boys Club Flight

The Boys' Club of Hollywood is forming a Cadet Flight of their own which now has six active members enrolled with more joining every week.

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ENTERS ARMY



Staff-Sergeant ED YOUNG is sent off to the Army Air Forces by 1st Sgt. EARL MITCHELL.

Staff Sergeant ED YOUNG, one of the first members to enlist in the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, is leaving us this month.

He is enlisting in the Air Corps, and will receive his training at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. We all hope that he realizes his ambition to become a pilot on a light bomber.

Sgt. YOUNG has been a member of our Cadet drill team which has won the drill pennant for us twice and we are sorry to see him leave before he has an opportunity to try winning it for the third time when Squadron Five will be able to keep it permanently if the Cadets are successful in their next attempt.

We'll all miss you, ED, and we hope you will be back with us again soon.

A bit on the comical side was the group of volunteers who responded to Group's request for brawny labor at Vail Field.

The intelligentsia of Squadron 5 answered the call, proving that brawn and brain do go together. This is the line-up of the "labor detail": Dr. VON DRASKA, Dr. SORENSON, Link Instructor DANIELSON, Acting Communications Officer MALONEY, Assistant Operations Officer CRISPIN, Technician RAY FAXXON, Pfc. IVERSON and others whose names escape us at the moment.

Other promotions during the month were W/O A. DEL VAL to 2nd Lt., I. KAUFMANN to W/O M. WALSTROM to M/Sgt., J. LLOYD to M/Sgt., M. STUART to 1st Sgt., A. SORENSON to S/Sgt., V. SMITH to S/Sgt., F. LE BEAU to S/Sgt., H. MURRY to Sgt., M. SHERO to Cpl., L. CRISPIN to Cpl., D. EHLERS to Pfc., G. SMITH to Pfc. and J. STUART to Pfc.

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