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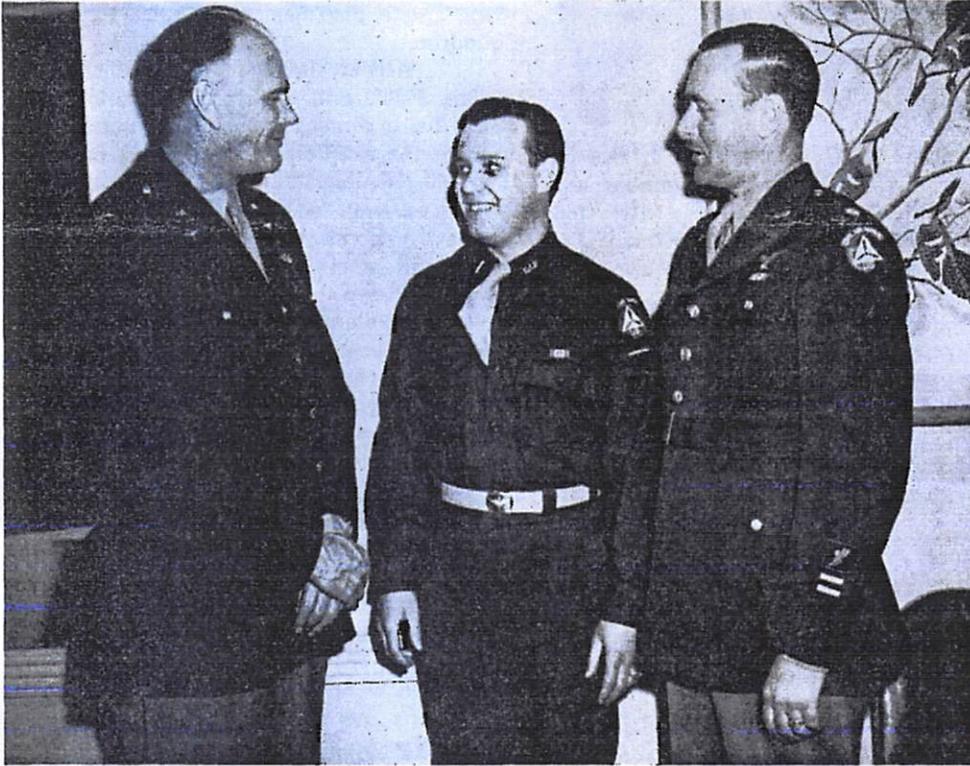
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Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles, Nebraska Wing Commander, congratulates Lt. Butters after announcement by Col. Johnson, National Commander, that he will receive a Merit Citation for his part in the rescue of pilot in crashed P-47.

—Photo by Maj. Paul Threlfall, Kansas Wing.

Omaha Squadron 1 Member To Get Distinguished Service Citation

First Nebraskan to Receive Honor

During his recent visit in Omaha, Col. Earle L. Johnson, AC, National Commander, announced that a Merit Citation Award will be presented to First Lieutenant Ernest V. Butters, Training Officer of Omaha Squadron 1, for action performed last October 26 at Norfolk, Nebraska, during ceremonies dedicating the new airport there.

Part of the program arranged for the
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Blair Granted State Funds - - - Will Improve Airport

Blair has become one of the most aviation minded towns in Nebraska, largely through the influence of the local Civil Air Patrol organization and through the efforts of Lt. C. D. Howard, Commanding Officer, and Sgt. Emory Hunt.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Nebraska State Aeronautics Commission in Lincoln recently the Blair Airport was given \$4,000 in cash for use in making immediate improvements on the field. The money, which comes from taxes collected on aviation gasoline, is an outright grant to the Blair Airport Committee and does not have to be
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Nebraska Civil Air Patrol Officers Hold A Two-Day Training Program Conference

The special meeting announced in last month's CORNHUSKER was held February 3 and 4 and was a great success, both in attendance and in accomplishment of purpose. Most of Nebraska's units were represented, and in addition Wing Commanders and Staff Officers from five other states attended, as well as Col. Earle L. Johnson, National Commander, Col. Harry H. Blee, National Operations and Training Officer, and Major Howard Sterne, Assistant Operations Officer.

At the first meeting held Saturday, February 3, Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles, Nebraska Wing Commander, opened the session by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the special guests, and then turned things over to Col. Blee, who presented the new co-ordinated National CAP Training Program. He explained the purpose of the program is to provide practical ground and preflight instruction in aviation subjects and elementary military matters for cadet and adult members of Civil Air Patrol on a uniform basis throughout the United States. The courses of instruction included are intended (a) to give the students a sound, practical working knowledge of fundamentals necessary for effective service to Civil Air Patrol in the performance of its varied activities as an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces, (b) to assist the students in laying the groundwork for a successful career in either military or civil aviation, and (c) to prepare the students to work intelligently for the general promotion of aviation in all its phases. Upon completion of the prescribed courses, students will be encouraged to organize classes for specialized training.

After this meeting everybody boarded a large Army bus and were taken to Technical High School where Omaha Squadron 1 has set up a display of all
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Nebraska Wing Headquarters**General Order No. 17**

24 January, 1945.

Effective this date, William G. Brown, Second Lieutenant, is hereby appointed Commander of Lincoln Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

William N. Kite, First Lieutenant, is hereby relieved of his duties as Squadron Commander in order that he may accept the assignment of Executive Officer of Group 762.

The following named officers and non-commissioned officers are promoted in grade as indicated by official notification of National Headquarters.

MURPHY, Jerald R., Second Lieutenant, Adjutant, Grand Island Squadron, to First Lieutenant, with assignment and duties as Adjutant, Group 763, effective as of 14 December, 1944.

WILSON, Dorothy M., Second Lieutenant, Commanding Officer, Omaha Squadron No. 2, to First Lieutenant, will retain assignment and duties, effective as of 7 December, 1944.

MAPES, Andrew D., Executive Officer, Norfolk Squadron, to Second Lieutenant, will retain assignment and duties, effective as of 14 December, 1944.

KELSEY, Charles H., Intelligence Officer, Norfolk Squadron, to Second Lieutenant, will retain assignment and duties, effective as of 14 December, 1944.

General Order No. 18

8 February, 1945.

Effective this date, Herbert O. BERGSTROM, Second Lieutenant, is hereby appointed Commanding Officer of the North Platte Squadron, Civil Air Patrol.

The resignation of Linville F. VALENTINE, First Lieutenant, as Commanding Officer of North Platte Squadron is

Nebraska's Ground Flight Program Is Launched

Captain W. C. Garner, CO of Omaha Squadron 3 receives lesson number one from Major Vic Schroeder. Interested bystander is Lt. Frederic Hoffman, CO of new CAP unit at McCook, Nebraska.—Photo by W/O H. E. Wohlford.

hereby accepted. He will retain assignment and duties of Medical Officer, and commission as First Lieutenant.

Effective as of dates indicated, the following officer promotions and functional assignments have been made by official notification of National Headquarters.

FISHER, Glenn M., Flight Officer, Executive Officer Omaha Squadron 3, to Second Lieutenant, will retain assignment and duties. Commission effective as of 4 January, 1945.

JACKSON, Jack C., First Sergeant, Adjutant Omaha Squadron 1, to Second Lieutenant, will retain assignment and duties. Commission effective as of 11 January, 1945.

ROSS, Thurlo E., Second Lieutenant, Training Officer Grand Island Squadron, to First Lieutenant, will retain assignment and duties. Commission effective as of 4 January, 1945.

MEYER, Mary F., Sergeant, to Second Lieutenant, with assignment as Nebraska Wing Staff Officer. Commission effective 18 January, 1945.

HOFFMAN, Frederic G., to Second Lieutenant with assignment as Commanding Officer of McCook Squadron. Commission effective 18 January, 1945.

Effective this date, Blair Flight will be designated Blair Squadron.

Effective this date, Columbus Flight will be designated Columbus Squadron.

Effective this date, David City Flight will be designated David City Squadron.

HARRY B. SIDLES,
Lt. Col. CAP
Comdr. Nebr. Wing.

BLAIR TO IMPROVE AIRPORT

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matched by an equal amount by the town. Appearing before the council were Lt. Howard, Sgt. Hunt and Ben Reeh, all Civil Air Patrol members, representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Blair City Council.

Blair was one of but two towns in Nebraska to receive money for airport improvements. Wayne was the other town, and it also has a Civil Air Patrol Squadron.

Airport Improvements

The \$4,000 will be spent as follows: \$2,550 for a cement apron to be built in front of the existing hangars, to be more than 100 feet long; \$1,000 for the drilling of a deep well and the installation of an electric pressure system, work on which will start immediately; and \$450 for a new type of sodded north-south runway, supplanting the alfalfa runway. The new type runway planting is to be of grass which is not subject to the burrowing of gophers which are always throwing up dirt mounds and creating a hazard on take-offs and landings.

Field Municipally Owned

The airport field was purchased last fall by the town through a bond issue of \$15,000. The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission appropriation makes good a long standing promise from the Commission that Blair would receive the aid if the field were purchased and all other stipulations met.

CAP Squadron Very Active

The Civil Air Patrol Squadron at Blair is ready to start on the National Training Program. They have made arrangements for room in the high school in which to set up and install the mechanical training aids they expect to be shipped to them soon. An all-out recruiting program is now being carried on. The town newspaper carried a half page ad setting forth facts about the Civil Air Patrol, announcing the time of meetings, the course of study, etc., and invited the public to attend the meetings. A free in-the-air lesson is promised by Byron Appleby, Blair Airport Instructor, to those who qualify in classwork, based on attendance and grades. In the high school a girls' Cadet unit is being organized, and will be ready when the first class in the training program is called.

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mechanical training aids used in the CAP program, including the Navigational Trainer. A training film, "Camouflage," was shown.

Nebraska Wing Staff Hosts at Banquet

Saturday night the Nebraska Wing Staff Officers were hosts at a banquet which was attended by over 100 CAP members and special guests. These included Lt. Col. T. B. Roberts, South Dakota Wing Commander, Lt. Col. Clayton N. Wulff, Minnesota Wing Commander, Lt. Col. J. Howard Wilcox, Kansas Wing Commander, Major Roy Milligan, Montana Deputy Wing Commander, and Capt. Stan Cowan, Intelligence Officer of the North Dakota Wing, representing the Wing Commander. Other guests were Col. Reed Davis and Major John Spalding, Air Liaison Officers of the Seventh Service Command, Capt. James Sorenson, Capt. Jack Norris and Lt. Joe Hart, Training Liaison Officers of the Seventh Training Area, AAF, Capt. L. L. Brown, Commander Detroit Lakes Squadron, CAP, North Dakota, Major Henry Eggers, CMP, Seventh Service Command, Major A. G. Johnson, Seventh Service Command, Captain James R. Smith, South Dakota CAP Wing Staff, Major Larry Brill, Minnesota Wing Staff, Major John Moodie, South Dakota Wing Staff, Major Paul Threlfall, Kansas Wing Staff, and 1st Lt. Jimmy Barnett, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Squadron Commander. Commanding and Staff Officers from the Nebraska Wing included those from the three Omaha Squadrons, Blair, Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte, David City, Columbus, Beatrice, and the new squadrons at McCook and Clay Center. Group Commanders Capt. M. J. Warren, Capt. Arthur Baldwin, Capt. Charles Larsen and Capt. Kenneth Kimmel attended. Major Rudy Mueller was toastmaster and Col. Blee principal speaker.

Major Schroeder's Program Introduced

Sunday morning Col. Johnson presided over a meeting of Wing Commanders and AAF Training Liaison Officers. At the same time the conference of Nebraska CAP Officers continued with Major Vic Schroeder, Wing Operations Officer, in charge. The Special Ground Flight Program for the Nebraska Wing, which will be supplementary to the National Program, was presented.

Meeting Continues Through Luncheon

A luncheon was served at noon at which the speaker was Major Irene Sweeney, WAC. Her talk was received with great interest and gravity, and the



National Officers and Commanders from five neighboring Wings guests at banquet during training program conference in Omaha. Left to right: Lt. Col. Clayton N. Wulff, Minnesota; Lt. Col. J. Howard Wilcox, Kansas; Capt. Stan Cowan, North Dakota Wing Staff; Maj. Rudy Mueller, Nebraska Wing Staff; Col. Harry H. Blee, AC, National Headquarters; Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles, Nebraska; Maj. Roy Milligan, Montana; and Lt. Col. T. B. Roberts, South Dakota.—Photo by Major Paul Threlfall, Intelligence Officer, Kansas Wing.

CAP will increase its efforts in the recruiting of WACs for medical technicians. Aid in WAC recruiting is one of the permanent assignments of the Civil Air Patrol.

Col. Johnson Speaks

After the luncheon came Col. Johnson's address in which he discussed the importance of the new training program. He said: "The Cadet Training program is the most important job Civil Air Patrol has ever undertaken, because every member can participate, not just the few who can serve in specialized ways as in Coastal Patrol, Tow-Target Service, and so forth.

"Civil Air Patrol in its training takes in more and more youth who will chart the future of aviation, and is spreading the gospel of aviation not just to specialized groups who are already in aviation, but to those who were not heretofore interested.

"If and when recruiting in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve is opened up again, the examinations will be based on what CAP is teaching at this time.

"Representatives of England's Cadet Training units who were here a short time ago to study Civil Air Patrol organ-

ization said that our CAP is much sounder than theirs in the continued interest of its Cadet members and the superiority of its organizational background, although they furnish uniforms and other expenses of their members, while the CAP Cadets pay for their own. What we get for nothing is worth nothing, what we pay for in time and labor is worth much to us. A purely voluntary organization consisting of people interested in giving and not getting is what Civil Air Patrol is and will continue to be.

"CAP training will help our young men realize the many other branches of aviation which are available to them, and they will "wash themselves out" as pilots in favor of another phase, although in the beginning of their training most of them think of no other goal than becoming a pilot.

"We want people in the Civil Air Patrol who are interested in other things, not necessarily in aviation. For instructors we want radio men, mechanics, photographers, school teachers, returned service men and women.

"Civil Air Patrol is giving its Cadets
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a sample of aviation, so that they can make up their own minds what part of aviation they want to be in, or whether they want to be in it, at all; and is making new customers for aviation operators, as CAP members become flying students and private plane owners, and the demand for more airports and more landing fields will increase.

"In 1944, 81 airports in the United States were either built or caused to be kept in operation by Civil Air Patrol.

"Civil Air Patrol should make a definite effort to contact returned service men and women, to invite them into CAP to help us and work with us. Their knowledge gained from experience will be of great value in our class work, and in their case they may get satisfaction out of still serving their country by passing their experience and training on to the young people who may some day take their place."

Captain Reynolds Adjourns Meeting

Following Col. Johnson's address, Capt. Earle C. Reynolds of the Nebraska Wing Staff presided over a question and answer session, with the Squadron Officers presenting the problems and Col. Johnson and Col. Blee supplying the answers.

NORTH PLATTE

North Platte Squadron has a new Commanding Officer. Lt. Valentine, former CO, resigned but remains on the staff as Medical Officer. Lt. H. O. Bergstrom, former Operations Officer, is the new CO.

Four planes are owned by Squadron members, one by a woman, Lt. Marguer-

ite Durbin, Adjutant. Others belong to Lt. Valentine, Lt. Bergstrom, and one to a club composed of Lt. W. M. Story, Sgt. Guy Grimm, Sgt. Sydney Goodfellow and Pvt. Paul Meltin.

A number of members have their Third Class Radiotelephone Operator's licenses. More attention to radio and communications projects should be given by all units, with WERS in mind.

The Squadron has made all preparations and is ready to begin classes based on the new National program. Plans are to purchase a 16mm projector, instead of renting one as heretofore.

GRAND ISLAND

In getting set to put the new National and Nebraska Training Programs to work, Grand Island Squadron Commander Captain Paul G. Gordon has instructed his staff officers to prepare and submit in writing their own various programs as they pertain to the individual offices. When this is done a public meeting will be held April 30, before the start of the new program, and the new training procedure will be presented, explained and discussed.

Captain Gordon has also prepared an outline enumerating the duties of each staff officer. It is very complete and is an idea which could be copied to advantage by every unit. In this way each officer will know just what is expected of him, and what duties he is responsible for. Captain Gordon offers his assistance to any officer, but wishes to encourage initiative, and wants each staff member to plan his own phase of work, following the general outline.

Five members of Grand Island Squadron own planes. They are Lt. B. L. Thompson, Lt. T. E. Ross, Lt. Stover Deats, Art Edmunds and Sam Ross.

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SERVICE CITATION

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day was formation flying of P-47's from the Bruning Army Air Base. One of the planes crashed when coming in for a landing, and Lt. Butters was one of the first to reach the scene. He found the pilot, Lt. Joe Steiner, suffering from a broken arm and leg, and cuts on the face. He applied a splint to the broken arm and rendered other first aid, then helped remove the flyer from the wreck, and accompanied him in the ambulance to the hospital.

Lt. Steiner, the pilot who was injured, is now fully recovered and is again flying.

PROMOTION FOR AAF CHIEF

TRAINING LIAISON OFFICER

James H. Sorenson, Jr., Chief Training Liaison Officer, Seventh Training Area, has been promoted from Captain to Major. Those who attended the meeting in Omaha February 3 and 4 know him as the genial officer from "deep in the heart of."

Before his assignment as Training Liaison Officer, Major Sorenson saw active service with the Air Corps in England and North Africa, and has the Purple Heart.

DAVID CITY

David City Squadron has a flying club within its members, owning a Cub plane.

Sgt. Otto Holesovsky is a former radio "ham" and has a Class A Amateur radio license. Having a man with this background, we hope to hear soon that David City has a CAP-WERS unit.

"It just isn't safe on the ground", decided M/Sgt. Russell Vanderkolk. Vanderkolk, who holds a commercial license and an instructor rating, suffered a broken leg recently when a horse fell on him.

Former members of David City Squadron have been in the hottest fighting of the war. Marvin Stier, on a Navy destroyer, was recently wounded during battle in the Pacific. Fred Forney is missing in action in Germany and Norman Davis is with the 8th Army in Germany.

Since being redesignated from Flight to Squadron, Lt. Lloyd Ragan is preparing to fill several vacancies on his staff.



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. . . the uniform of my country! I've put aside all normal peace-time activities, for as important as they may seem, they no longer matter.

After a few short weeks, I'll be trained as a Medical Technician in the Women's Army Corps and serve at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, in one of Nebraska's "Purple Heart" platoons. This is the least . . . and yet the most I can do.

More women are urgently needed. Contact the nearest Army Recruiting Office for full details or write 224 Post Office Bldg., Omaha.