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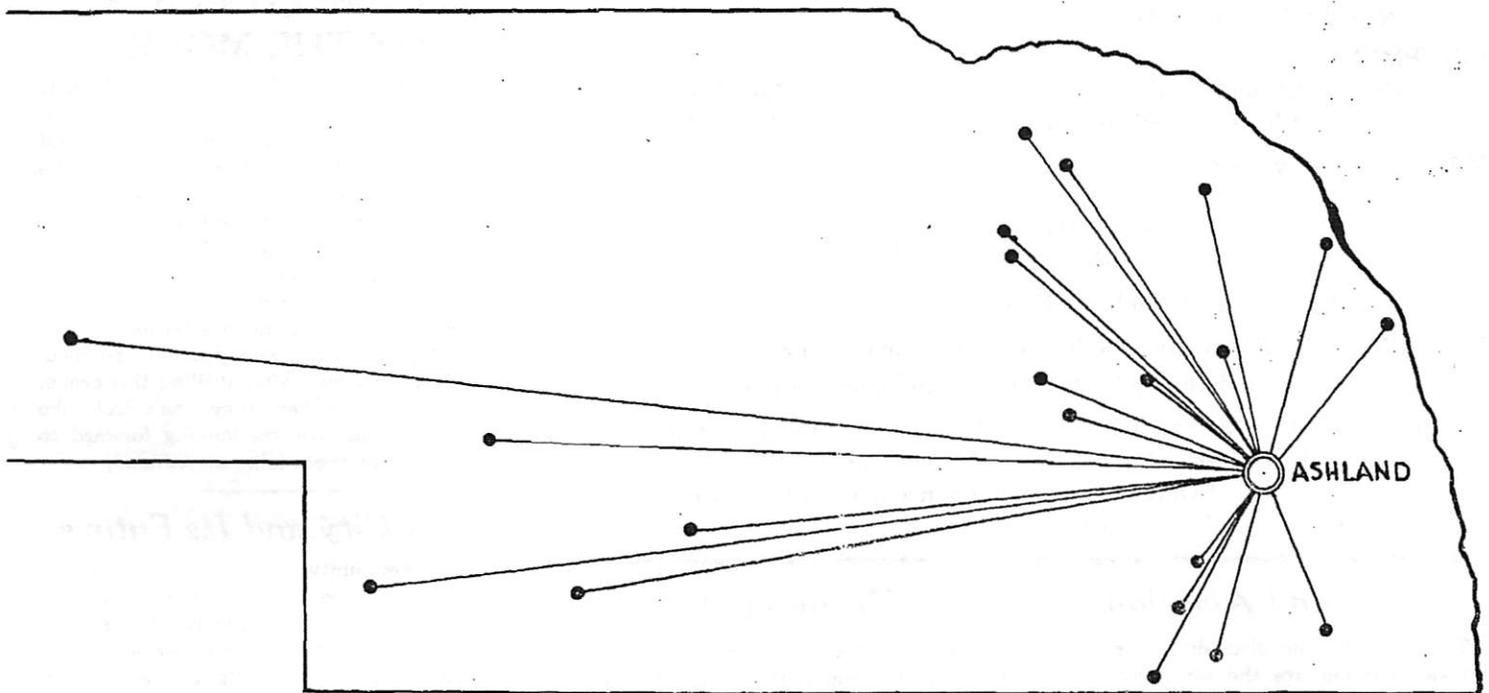
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NEBRASKA WING MOBILIZATION

Ashland, Nebr. **AUGUST 23 TO 27**



All Airways and Roads Lead to Ashland CAP Camp

Nebraska CAP Wing Mobilization

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AUGUST 23-27, INC.

PHASES OF PROGRAM:

Program for Civil Air Patrol CADETS.
For All Civil Air Patrol Members.
Training Aids.
Teaching Methods.
Recreation and Fun.

ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND:

All Civil Air Patrol and Civil Air Parol Cadet personnel, Wing, Group, Squadron and Flight Officers. Includes all women.

UNIFORM:

Cotton shirt and trousers, Overseas cap, tan shoes and socks and ties two or more of each. Provisional members may wear Khaki uniform without insignia. Flight jackets or raincoats may be worn in case of cold weather or rain. Officers may bring dress uniforms.

HOUSING:

Army barracks, cot mattress and blankets furnished. Bring with you sheets and pillows if desired.

MESSING:

Army Mess at a cost of \$1.00 per day. Or, if by the meal as follows: Supper 50c, Dinner 45c, Breakfast 35c. Bring your own plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon or mess-kit.

TRAVEL:

At own expense, no funds available by CAP. Additional gasoline will be granted by your local ration board for mobilization. Refer to GM 97 your file for authority.

EQUIPMENT:

Bring CAP and CAPC Manuals if you have them for classroom work also pencils, toilet articles, towels and soap, two dish towels.

MAIL: Address your mail

John Doe
Civil Air Patrol Mobilization
Ashland, Nebraska

Telephone, care of Ashland, Nebr. Exchange.

POST EXCHANGE: A Post Exchange on grounds selling candy, soft drinks, socks, etc., including all CAP insignia and supplies will be provided.

REGISTRATION: All registrations must be in to Wing Headquarters, 502 South 19th Street, Omaha, Nebraska by August 12, sure. Accompany with check or M.O. for meals. Attendance may be for one or more days providing time is specified.

CAP Cadets

CAPC will go G.I. and like it. For five days the Cadets will have the time of their lives. They will not play soldier, but will actually be real soldiers for the encampment. Reveille Mess-call and Retreat will have a new meaning for them. They will enjoy making their bunks to inspection standards, and their mess kits will shine after being washed (we hope) though at home they will run a mile at sight of a dish towel.

For the rookie there will be opportunity to complete his indoctrination courses and become a full-fledged member. More advanced cadets may hear lectures on interesting subjects under expert instructors who have flown for many years and know their stuff. Swimming and sports will have a big place on the program, and the cadets should show up the short-winded, muscle bound senior members.

The CAPC have a fine reputation as smart soldiers. From now until camp, special attention must be given to drill, military courtesy and interior guard, as there will be army brass hats there to give you the once over.

This is a splendid opportunity for you to have a vacation you will never forget, so make every effort to be there.

—1st Lt. P. K. Patrick,
Training Officer, CAPC

TECUMSEH FLIGHT ON THE MOVE

Capt. Schroeder and Capt. Reynolds flew down to Tecumseh and met with Lt. Ed. Critchfield and his membership and we found one of the most interesting set-ups in the state. Several members are taking flying, and with the Airport operator giving 100% support, by offering his time and instruction, we see a bright future for this group.

Members from surrounding towns are meeting with them Sunday afternoon, when most of their classes and drill will be held. Capt. Reynolds says, after drilling this group, that for new members they don't look like rookies to him. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of these folks at Ashland.

Your City and Its Future

Any community without Civil Air Patrol will find itself way in the rear when post war aviation comes into full effect. CAP has kept flying alive in the States since the war started and it will be a nucleus for a tremendous advance in civil flying after the war. Any city without adequate airport facilities and a first class CAP unit will be trailing the field and will have a hard time catching up. We ask every Nebraska unit to impress this fact upon the people in surrounding towns and use your every effort to organize there in a CAP unit.

CAP and Aviation

Those people who discredit the plans for post-war aviation are the same people who said the automobile would never replace the horse and buggy. The CAP is the ground floor in the building of an air-minded America. Take advantage of the training it offers. Prepare now for a future in aviation. The eyes of America are on the skies. Prepare yourself by attending Nebraska's Mobilization August 23-27.

Training Aids

Latest instruction from New York state that Cadet Training Manuals will be shipped to units about July 27th. Along with these, thousands of sectional maps and 9000 flight computers of the Army D-3 type are being distributed to the 48 wings. The AAF Guide is also being shipped in the same quantities as manuals and charts. Paper bound copies of this guide are now available on news stands for 25c paper bound.

CAP ORGANIZATION

Much of the staff work both in National Headquarters and in the field over the past few months has been devoted to the CAP Cadet program since this is the big job which General Arnold has assigned to Civil Air Patrol. But the planning stage is now behind us; the training aids are ready; and the program is rolling.

Emphasis must now be placed on the development of the senior organization—on the formation of new units and strengthening of local activities to hold the interest of all members. Work is nearing completion on new training directives and activity outlines especially as to flying activities and the development of flying fields and ground facilities.

In order words, "Stay in there and pitch" the future of CAP is assured.

CAP AND THE END OF THE WAR

Ours has been a home front job, and it will continue to be a home front job for years to come. We at home have turned no beaches red with blood in our activities and our sacrifices may not have been those of front line record, but when you realize that it takes at least five people on the home front to keep that boy out there on the fighting front, you can easily figure that each of you have been his hands, his feet, his food, his strength or his courage.

Now is the time to buckle down and give that boy on the front, everything you have. Every member of Civil Air Patrol has the biggest job ahead cut out for him in the way of helping the Government, the State and the home town. Thousands of our young men are yet to be trained in the rudiments of flying. Thousands returning from service will require a lot of training to carry on their flying in small planes. Civil Air Patrol is better equipped to do this job than any organization we have today. Not competing with the Operator on the airport, but assisting him in the many ways of creating interest, giving ground training, providing airports and equipment necessary to the new air age.

This is not fantastic thinking. With the organization we have in every state, Civil Air Patrol can do much of the ground work for the realistic flying age to come.

We need an organization in every town

CAPC SUMMER CAMP

Twenty-five more cadets have been added to our allotment for Nebraska boys to Summer camps. Summer Camp will be held at the Bruening Air Base, August 13-20. Over night bivouac, flights in C-47, weather bureau operation, machine guns, drill, films and fun are on the program. Training for these boys will be divided one (1) hours of lectures, and three (3) hours of actual field experience. The Army will treat the boys as Aviation Cadets and not as officers or regular enlistees. It is a trial period for the CAP and if the Civil Air Patrol can go thru with a good record and is successful in all probability the program can be enlarged.

Lawrence Youngman Reports on Home Folks

Captain Lawrence Youngman, our Wing Intelligence Officer, is surely doing a swell job in writing up stories of Nebraska and Iowa boys in England and on the battle front. Nearly every day, a interesting story of some Nebraska boy appears in the World-Herald and many people remark what a swell job Captain Youngman is doing. His recent party for all Nebraska boys was reported a wonderful success and we know it must have been because we know the thoroughness and efficiency with which Lawrence always does his work.

Capt. Cook in Missouri

Word comes to us that Captain Oscar Cook has opened up a new business in Chillicothe, Missouri. CAP has lost one of its finest pilots, but what is Nebraska's loss will be Missouri's gain. We wish Oscar luck in his new endeavor.

of 2000 people or more in the state. We should have a membership of 5000 active members at least, in Nebraska. If every present Squadron Commander would give us (the Wing Hdqtrs.) a contact in your neighboring town, it would help to get another squadron on our list. Why not do that before our Mobilization? With the program which we have outlined, these new members can soon become full fledged CAP members and save the local leadership much work.

Col. Sidles Attends Nat'l Headquarters Conference on Civil Air Patrol League.

At a meeting of the 48 States Wing Commanders of CAP in New York on June 26th and 27th, new plans to develop the program of the Civil Air Patrol League so as to be of maximum assistance to the CAP were unanimously approved. After a thorough discussion of the League, its purposes and organization, a considerable revision was made in the By-Laws and in the organizational setup of the League. The principal change made is that the Directors of the League are selected from the nine Service Commands throughout the nation on an equal basis which includes one Wing Commander from each Service Command. Col. Sidles stated that the objects and purposes of the League were revised to include specific mention of Civil Air Patrol and a definite statement that the League was to work for and through Civil Air Patrol in carrying out Civil Air Patrol's program in all its phases. The 48 CAP Wing Commanders feel that with these changes, CAP is assured of proper representation, and from a practical standpoint will largely control the Leagues Activity. Commander Sidles said that although CAP members are not urged or required to belong to the League, we should however give it our fullest support.

The following statement, released by the League to the press, gives a concise outline of the program:

"The primary function of the CAP League is to support and aid the nationwide Civil Air Patrol Cadet program, under which the fundamentals of aviation are now being taught to young men and women of pre-draft age, and to secure civilian backing for aviation development in every community. The development of aviation interest and knowledge in our young people is essential to the ultimate welfare of our country, both now and during the post-war period.

"It is expected that through its nationwide activities, the League will provide a great back-log of trained aviation personnel, not only to provide adequately a reserve in this war, but also serve America in the future . . . in preventing war and in creating work and prosperity.

"Under the direction of the Civil Air Patrol, the educational program has already proved of great value in preparing young men for military services. With this in mind, one object of the League is to protect America against future military aggression by maintaining superiority of the air.

"In addition, the program has another and primary function. It is hoped that this body of trained youngsters will become a nucleus around which America will develop and build civilian and commercial aviation as the post-war service to our country and to the growing aviation industry."

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TWO APPOINTMENTS TO STATE GUARD AIR CORPS

Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles and Major M. M. Meyers have been recently appointed by the Governor as members of the Governor's staff, with appointments in the National Guard Air Corps.

With this representation on the Governor's staff, Civil Air Patrol should be better able to serve the state in many ways.

WAC RECRUITING

New Booklets, Folders and Posters are being sent to all CAP units for posting in conspicuous places, and for circulation to likely prospects. Upon receipt we urge each unit to make use of this material effort. Familiarize yourself with this material so you can answer questions and interview prospects.

FLY YOUR SHIPS TO ASHLAND

One of the things stressed for our Mobilization is the review and inspection of our CAP Aircraft. We hope that as many as 50 planes can be flown to Ashland the week of our encampment. A splendid Air Field is being prepared for ships of all sizes and kinds. Many high Air Force officials have been invited and we hope to display a force as large as had by any State Mobilization.

The Army is assisting in a good many ways to make our stay at Ashland profitable and convenient. A lot of time, money and effort has been given to this year's mobilization to make it the best ever. One of the necessary things to be done on the part of the Squadrons and Flights, is to count noses at once and send in the number of those will expect to attend. Our preparations depend almost entirely on the number in attendance.

The A.W.V.S. have agreed to feed our group. The Army is furnishing the menu and food at very reasonable cost. The America Women's Volunteer Society has always done a swell job in any disaster or emergency and we know they will do a good job of preparing and serving our food.

We are advised by the State Office that your Local Board will furnish you the extra gasoline necessary to attend the mobilization. We ask those coming by automobile to fill the seats to capacity, cutting your transportation costs and saving gasoline.

Tune Up for Ashland

Community singing will be one feature of the Mobilization that I know every member is going to enjoy. Whether inside or under the moon, the old songs of yesterday and the new ones of today will be echoed harmoniously across the Platte.

AERIAL GUNNERY

A new range finding Aerial Gunnery target is on the way for CAP training. This cabinet is about 5½ feet wide and 16 feet long with plastic model airplane mounted on pivoting post in front of a skyscape. Lighting system and mirrors provide track and range. Nine students at a time may take instruction. Other models for single students are also on the way. We hope to have one of these training machines at the Mobilization at Ashland.

Seen Taking Pilot Exams

Group Executive Officer Roy Highfield, Captains Burke and Reynolds were seen among several other Nebraska folks taking their written examinations for Private Pilot last Friday. In talking with the Inspector, he stated that 25% of those asking for examinations and flight checks today were young women and girls. More pilots for our women's squadrons are in sight.

Omaha Squadron One Builds New Class Rooms

On a visit to the AIRPORT last week we noted that Squadron One members have been hard at work, building a new Photo room, a new Mechanics Class room and a Radió room in the buildings recently erected near the Municipal Airport. They plan on furnishing a lounge for pilots rest room in one of their buildings that will be up to the minute in comfort and looks.

A recent trip to Lincoln provided material in the way of engines, wing parts and small mechanical parts for class work. All the squadrons in the state are urged to obtain for themselves as much of this material as they need. It is located at the Arrow Airport at Lincoln and can be had the "the going after it."

Pre-Registration

In order to provide the type of programs we have planned for a mobilization this year, we must have a large pre-registration. We urge all Commanders and Adjutants to canvass their Squadrons and Flights at once and report as many as possible. Then from time to time, send in any additional ones that find they can attend.

With all the new Flights and Squadrons and an increased membership this year, our Mobilization should mean the most outstanding event in the history of Nebraska CAP. The program will be the best ever. SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS NOW.

GENERAL ARNOLD'S MESSAGE TO CIVIL AIR PATROL

At the Wing Commander's Conference on April 27 in New York City, Gen. H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, stressed in his message the importance of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. Here is how he set forth the vital reasons for such a program:

"We have built an Air Force of which the American people may and should be proud. But this Air Force was built the hard way, the hardest way conceivable. . . . It is my purpose, my ambition, to see to it that this country shall never again have to build its Air Force the hard way.

"The most important single factor in our ability to maintain preeminence in the air is the assurance that the coming generation be enthusiastic about and thoroughly grounded in aviation and its related subjects. . . . I have a particular interest in your Cadet program. You have embarked on this program as a war time need. Through your program, thousands of boys have passed into the ranks of the Army Air Forces. Many more will follow in their footsteps before the war is over.

"But I see this program as a great deal more than a makeshift. I see it as a long term necessity. . . . In our country the education of young people is not an Army function. Up to the moment of a boy's induction into the Army Air Forces, his education is conceived and should be directed and carried out by civilians. . . . Besides having chalk on their coats, the kids who will fly tomorrow's planes need the chance to get some grease on their pants.

"Your program, created by your own initiative, is such a program. . . . The Army Air Forces stand ready to provide all proper assistance. . . . I can think of no more attractive or rewarding mission or one more worthy of your talents. . . . It is a responsibility and a challenge."

REMEMBER OUR MOBILIZATION AUG. 20-27



GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD

CIVIL AIR PATROL

AUXILIARY ARMY AIR FORCES



MAJ. GEN. ROBERT W. HARPER

After two years of War—during which we have built the mightiest fighting force on the face of the earth—we at home should gird ourselves for the final great effort to win this war. Thousands and hundreds of thousands are the boys at the front that Civil Air Patrol has recruited and partially trained for our great Army Air Forces.

Many more are the beaches whose sands may turn red with blood, before we can say our job is completed. This is no time for complacency or rest. There are no breathing spells on the Anzio beachhead; no time out in the Pacific; no rest periods in the far East. It's an all out struggle to the finish with no time out for second wind.

Let us not forget our obligations to those boys on the battle fields. It is no more their war than yours or mine. He has no more responsibility for the future of America and her heritage than you or I. As a member of Civil Air Patrol, let us not relax, but rededicate our time and energy and thought to the further training of those whom our fighting forces need.



COL. EARLE L. JOHNSON

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MOBILIZATION AT ASHLAND

The state mobilization of the Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will be the scene of intensive training programs. The mobilization will be held at the Nebraska National Guard camp at Ashland.

The training schedule is being planned so that provisional members will be able to complete their provisional courses and leave the camp as full-fledged members. It will be so set up in fact, that even a new member—without any previous CAP courses—can complete his provisional work.

Also, it will give older CAP members a chance to clear up various indoctrination courses in which they may be behind. Those indoctrination courses are required of all CAP members but many men have been unable to work some of the classes in with their other CAP training.

Special training instruments are already available for use at the camp. These include a five foot computer for use in instruction and many large silhouette models for aircraft identification classes.

Equipment will also be available for radio and photo training and instruction.

Flight missions and various observation flights are also being planned by the state wing staff. CAP members interested in the observer course will be able to finish enough work to get their observer's wings by the time they leave camp. There is a 2400 foot landing strip available for use of CAP pilots.

CAP members attending the camp will live in army barracks under regular army rules and schedule. The schedule will start with



Capt. M. M. Meyers promoted to Major.

Wing headquarters has just received word that Captain M. M. Meyers, Wing Executive Officer has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Major Meyers has been a member of CAP since its inception and has been one of Nebraska's active promoters for Civil Air Patrol. "Mike is a veteran of the last war and also holds a Major's Commission in the Nebraska National Guard Air Corps. Congratulations Major, your promotion is well earned.

first call at 6:00 a.m., reveille at 6:15 and breakfast at 6:45. There will be classes during the morning, dinner at 12:00 and classes, demonstrations and flying missions in the afternoon. Military retreat will be held at 5:00 and supper at 6:00. There will be movies and special entertainment in the evening.

Registration of over 400 Nebraska CAP members is expected. Pilots from every squadron and detached flight in the state are expected to fly in. CAP and military planes will use the 2400 foot flight strip put in by the army air forces when the camp was used recently by the units stationed at the Lincoln Air Base.

Women members of the CAP will also attend and it is expected that a number of Army WACS will be there to work with women CAP members in special training programs.

NAT'L. HQ. GM-129 SHIRT COLLAR AND CAP INSIGNIA

1. All CAP commissioner officers and warrant officers are hereby authorized to wear rank insignia on the right side of the shirt collar and the silver CAP wings-and-propeller insignia on the left side of the shirt collar whenever the shirt is worn as the outer garment of the CAP uniform.

2. The CAP plain disk cap insignia is required to be worn on the garrison (overseas) cap by all personnel and on the service cap by all enlisted personnel. The CAP wreathed disk cap insignia is required to be worn on the service cap by all warrant and flight officers. The CAP winged cap insignia is required to be worn on the service cap by all commissioned officers.

The Army Air Force Program

To young men of 17 years of age, the Army at present has three principal programs open.

1. **The Army Air Forces Enlisted Reserve Corps**, known as the air combat crew training program, for youths dreaming about flying, as pilots, bombardiers, navigators or gunners.

2. **The Army Specialized Training Reserve Program**. Better known as ASTRP or formerly A-12, designed for youths who would like to go to college at government expense, studying history, mathematics, English, geography, Chemistry, physics, etc. You must be a high school graduate or will graduate before 17 years and months. Government pays train fare, tuition, textbooks and gives medical care, clothing, board and lodging.

3. **Army Air Force Reserve Corps combined with Army Specialized Training Reserve Program**. This is a combined course for youth who want to fly and believe additional school work will help.

Application forms may be secured from Hdqtrs. Nebr. Recruiting District, 224 Post Office Bldg., Omaha, Nebr.

SCOTTSBLUFF CAP ASKS FOR AIRPORT

CAP Asks for Field

Lieut. Matt Brennan, Charles Downey and Dr. A. L. Cooper of the Civil Air Patrol appeared before the council to ask city support in efforts to establish and maintain an air field for private flying and civilian pilot training, west of the city near the Riverside club.

Brennan pointed out that the city needs an air field of this type, "probably more than ever," and suggested that it could be maintained at little expense once it had been leveled and prepared for use. He said that the land could be leased for about \$300 a year, and that leveling expense would amount to about \$1,000.

Dr. Cooper pointed out that the CPT training program has been extended by congress for two years—probably not so much as a means of supplying pilots to the armed forces, but in preparation for the expansion of private flying after the war, he said. Cities and towns are being urged by aviation groups to prepare for a great increase in private flying, he asserted.

In response to the CAP plea, the council, by informal vote, unanimously agreed to support the air field program and, later in the evening, included a \$1,000 appropriation in the budget for expense in connection with the establishing of such a field.