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Major Earle L. Johnson.
National Commander.
Civil Air Patrol.
DuPont Circle Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Johnson;-

The following is so much more easily handled other than in military form that I am taking the privilege of writing in this way.

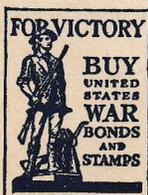
Some time ago one of the members of my squadron suggested that we should have a song for Civil Air Patrol and knowing Allie Wrubel, one of the leading song writers of the country well, I agreed to write him and ask for his cooperation.

I had no idea whether his contracts with moving picture producers would permit him to do something for us or not but dispatched a letter to Hollywood anyway and received an affirmative answer by return air mail.

Since then he has produced the song and we here think it is exceptionally good and that you might like to hear it with the idea of making it the official C.A.P. melody for the country.

Accordingly we have made a copy of his record of "The Civil Air Patrol" and I am sending it to you under separate cover with a copy of the piano score as furnished us by him. We would appreciate it very much if you would play it over and if you are not a musician yourself ask some one of your friends who is, what they think of it.

In case you agree that it would fit our purpose and measures up to the official songs of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard I feel reasonably sure that we could get Allie to have an orchestration or band score made of it so that it could be furnished for our squadrons around the country.



I will be happy indeed to get your reaction to the above and learn whether or not you would like to follow up the matter to the extent that we proceed to get the song into the hands of our fellow Civil Air Patrolers.

The seasons greetings to you and I trust it will be possible to again meet you in Connecticut in the not too distant future.

Yours very truly,

Wm. P. Spear

William P. Spear.
1st. Lt. Civil Air Patrol
Commanding Hartford
Squadron 151-1

WPS/P

577.3 Oregon
February 8, 1943

Subject: CAP Song.

To: Lt. William P. Spear, Commanding Squadron 151-1,
Civil Air Patrol, Portland, Oregon.

1. The song which you sent in is much appreciated. You would have heard from us sooner had it not been for the fact that we have a number of songs from the various Wings, and have been holding them with the thought of setting March 1st, as the deadline for the new entries and then making a selection. After that date you will hear from us further.

2. I regret that the record which you sent was cracked when it arrived. We tried to play it but it flew to pieces on the turn-table. The song will be considered, nevertheless, because we can have the music played. But if it is possible to send another record, we will be glad to have it and will take good care of it.

By direction of National Commander JOHNSON:

Kendall K. Hoyt
Captain, Army Air Forces
Intelligence Officer

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