

Subject: Activation of CAP National Headquarters

To: All CAP Unit Commanders

1. This will confirm previous informal memoranda regarding the transfer of Civil Air Patrol to the War Department and activation of CAP National Headquarters in New York pursuant to the following authority:

a. CAP was transferred in its entirety from the Office of Civilian Defense to the War Department by Executive Order No. 9339 of the President of the United States, 29 April 1943.

b. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, was charged with supervising and directing the operations of CAP on behalf of the Secretary of War by AGO Memorandum W95-12-43, 4 May 1943.

c. The complement of officers to be assigned to National Headquarters, CAP, was fixed by Manning Table No. 1-3008, Army Air Forces, 15 May 1943.

d. National Headquarters, CAP, and the authority of the National Commander were established under the supervision of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, by AAF Regulation 20-18, 25 May 1943 and the continuance of the various CAP operations was authorized.

e. National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, were activated by the National Commander pursuant to AG 322, 26 May 1943.

f. Physical transfer of National Headquarters to New York was effected 28 June 1943.

2. The correct address of National Headquarters appears on the heading above. Note the postal zone number and use it to speed deliveries. CAP units whose mailing addresses now have zone numbers will report their addresses to National Headquarters through channels immediately. (See paragraph 4 below.)

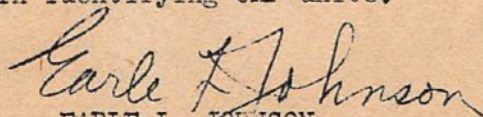
3. Temporarily, distribution of orders and instructions from this Headquarters to the Wings will be sent to Wing Headquarters for redistribution to all headquarters under each Wing Command. There will be no direct mailings of such material to Groups, Squadrons, and Flights until our mailing lists are revised.

4. Each Wing will send to National Headquarters a complete mailing list of all the headquarters under its command at once in the form prescribed in previous instructions on mailing lists.

5. All orders, directives, memoranda, and instructions heretofore issued by CAP National Headquarters both before and after the transfer to the War Department will remain in effect except those rescinded or declared obsolete.

6. CAP identification cards issued on the OCD form will remain valid evidence of enlistment in CAP until further notice.

7. CAP units will identify letterheads and bulletins by the correct name and address of the unit (CAP Rules 09) and may use the words "An Auxiliary of the Army Air Forces". Do not otherwise use the words "Army Air Forces"; do not use the words "Air Corps", or "War Department" in identifying CAP units.


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