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Unit Commanders: Each unit should now have a supply of application blanks for active duty service, plus copies of GM-32 explaining procedure as to completing and returning these forms. Although the blanks were only recently sent to the Wing offices, returns already are coming in to National Headquarters and thus a pool of personnel is being developed for whatever services the Patrol may be asked to perform. Special insignia for the active duty volunteers soon will be announced.

TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINEES--CAA is looking for candidates to train for airway and airport control work. Those accepted will be placed in training for 6 months at a salary of \$1800 per year and will have an opportunity to qualify for higher grade positions. High school graduation or the equivalent is required plus physical fitness, especially as to eyesight, speech, and hearing. Dependability is of the utmost importance because these jobs are related directly to the safety of human life. Apply to the Chief, Air Traffic Control Branch, in the nearest CAA regional office -- Atlanta, Chicago, Ft. Worth, Kansas City, Santa Monica, Seattle, or New York.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION--A recent directive from the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, clarifies procedure as to the release of material. The practice, training, and civilian activities of the Patrol, including blackout tests, forest fire missions, etc., are still unrestricted as to release of information which may be issued at the discretion of CAP unit Intelligence Officers. When the mission is for a military unit but not of a national security character, the following words of the Adjutant General should be noted:

"Any written or photographic material gathered with the cooperation of any military agency or on any military post must be reviewed before publication. . . . Local stories emanating from Army posts may be reviewed by intelligence or public relations officers of the posts involved. Material gathered for publication in national media . . . will be reviewed by the War Department Bureau of Public Relations."

That covers such work as courier service, aerial target towing, and cooperation with ground troops on maneuvers.

But any information as to CAP missions of a national security character, such as coastal patrol, must be sent to National Headquarters for appropriate clearance in Washington.

VITAL MATERIAL FLOWN--Chicago CAP recently was called upon to rush a 400-pound shipment to prevent the shut down of an ordnance plant. Patrol officers only had 30 minutes to complete the arrangements to deliver on schedule. In that short time, five pilots were found ready and willing to do the job for nothing though it turned out to be a paid assignment.

INSIGNIA FOR OFFICERS--Sleeve insignia are now available at National Headquarters for Wing, Group, and Squadron Commanders and Staff and for Flight Leaders at 10¢ each. Orders must be placed through unit supply officers; terms strictly cash.

CAP SONG?--We have been advised that songsters here and there have been working on words and music about the Patrol which we will look forward to hearing. The Patrol needs a good, lively march tune all its own and with all the talent in its ranks, is hopeful that a good one soon will be produced.

CAP EXPERIENCE HELPS IN ARMY--The following is from a letter received by Group Commander B. E. (Shorty) Fulton, Akron, Ohio, from a former CAP member now in training as an air officer:

"I enjoyed our short association in the CAP and the things I learned have helped me a lot. You might tell the rest of the boys that if they are planning on going in the Army, the more they give to their training, it will help them more than I can tell. I think of the old Squadron many times."

FIRE SPOTTED--Michael Mitchell, CAP instructor in navigation at Phoenix, Ariz., was making a practice flight out of Sky Harbor Airport when he noticed smoke in the east. Landing at North Phoenix, he phoned Sky Harbor and the Forest Service was notified. The National Forest supervisor soon was flown over the fire which was extinguished before midnight but would have reached serious proportions had it not been for the Patrol.

BLOOD BANK--Several members of the Patrol were first in line to give their blood to the blood bank at the local hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa.

FLOOD MISSION--Squadron 724-4, Marshalltown, Iowa, found the CAP guard training of immediate and practical use during a recent flood on the Iowa River. As water covered the Neidenhauser Airport, members turned out to move planes and equipment to higher ground. A 24-hour guard was established around the planes and also at several bridges on emergency request of the State Police and Sheriff's Office, whence special letters of commendation were sent to the Squadron for prompt and efficient performance.

RUSH SHIPMENT FLOWN--Ohio CAP flew its first freighting job when air compressor parts were rushed from Cleveland to Mansfield by Group 515, Mansfield.

HAVE YOU A PEARL HARBOR?--"Is your Squadron Area a 'Pearl Harbor'?", asks the Nebraska Wing Bulletin. "Are your Squadron Staff and personnel imbued with the idea that nothing can happen there and that good training and efficient organization for action are unnecessary? It is nice to think that we are all so far away from activities associated with the war that a continuous alert is unnecessary. But this is not borne out by developments. There may soon be urgent need for the Patrol. Let's be ready instead of sorry."

NEWSLETTERS--At least ten State Wings of the Patrol are publishing special newsletters each week, each month, or as the spirit moves. The Illinois WINGOVER and California WING TIPS are smartly printed four pages affairs. PROP WASH is the name of the Idaho sheet. Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and South Carolina also have Wing letters. Group 342, South Carolina, has one of its own. Squadron 632-1, Roseville, Michigan, issues its news in printed pamphlet form. Most of the bulletins are mimeographed. Units which have 'em, please put National Headquarters on your mailing list.

WORK--"If this were Germany, we wouldn't ask", says the always vigorous Iowa Wing Newsletter. "We would simply send the Gestapo to huff and puff and blow your house down if you wouldn't work. The United States of America is the only place in the world today where private fliers are given the opportunity to work of their own volition, which is worth plenty."

BOMBS--Simulated bombing with pound bags of flour is a popular practice mission which is attracting a good deal of local interest, judging from news clips from across the country. Always remember clearances, permissions, and safety rules in this work. Might use substitutes, such as wood ashes, instead of flour.