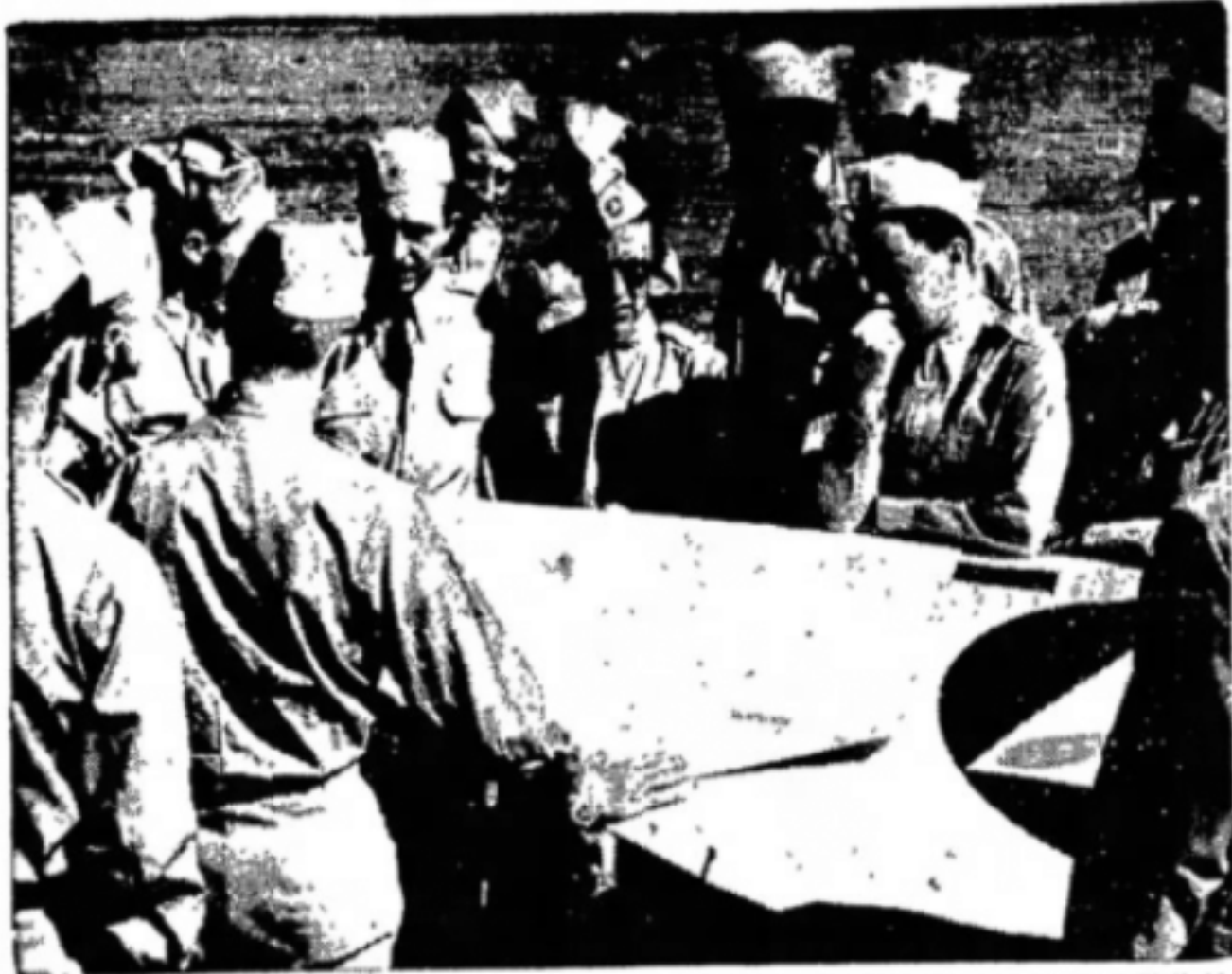


Nevada Civil Air Patrol Performs Valuable Service

LEARN TO STUDY MAPS



A quick and thorough understanding of maps is one of the most important features of Civil Air Patrol Training. Here members of Squadron 961-1 locate their objective on maps of Washoe county as they plan a series of patrols. CAP uniforms are approved and authorized by the War Department. (Bennett Photo)

SQUADRONS READY FOR REVIEW



Drawn up for review are detachments of Squadron 961-1 (air) the Nevada Wing colors, part of Squadron 962-1 (mounted) and a motorized unit attached to the Nevada Wing, Civil Air Patrol. The CAP is shown just before they extended honors to Capt. Carl Johnson, now wing commander who assumed command in this state after Lieut. Commander E. J. Quetta, U.S.N.R. was called to active duty with the navy. Both squadrons took part in joint maneuvers east of Reno before the review, inspection, and other ceremonies held last Sunday. (Bennett Photo)

INSPECTION PARTY REVIEWS SQUADRON



Both Reno Squadrons of the CAP were inspected last Sunday at a review held in honor of the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee. Shown as the inspection started is the party, from left to right, Dr. Harold Catterata, CAP Dental Officer, Mrs. B. H. Caples of the committee, the Rev. Brewster Adams, CAP chaplain; Kirk Loney, commander of Squadron 961-1 (air), Dr. B. H. Caples, of the committee; Thomas C. Wilson, wing executive officer, and Capt. Carl Johnson, wing commander. (Bennett Photo)

MEDICAL RELIEF GROUP HONORED



Both Civil Air Patrol Squadrons based at Reno pass in review. Occasion was to honor the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee of America, which donated surgical instruments and supplies for the new mobile surgery of the Nevada Wing. Passing in review were air units, mounted units, and motorized equipment. (Bennett Photo)

MOUNTED UNITS ARE INSPECTED



The mounted squadron based at Reno has been officially approved by CAP national headquarters. It is the only one of its kind in America today, although it has been reported that the Civil Air Patrol Wings in other states are considering similar units, particularly in the far west. (Bennett Photo).

First Public Appearance Armistice Day

First public appearance of Nevada's colorful civil air patrol units as a complete organization, with air, mounted and motorized divisions participating, will take place in Reno Armistice Day, according to present plans.

Definitely not a "parade organization," the Nevada wing is composed of determined men and women who have not hesitated to give hours of study and training to be prepared for life-saving emergency duty.

In the wing are men and women of all ages and of all walks of life, working together, guarding planes night and day, giving liberally of their time and talents without a dollar of pay and often without even a "thank you." They are learning radio, first aid, flying, horsemanship, mechanics and a score of military subjects.

Work Under Army

They work directly under CAP national headquarters in Washington and the army. The CAP is a recognized military organization. Its emblems and uniforms were designed by the quartermaster general. Its tables of organization were drawn by the air force. Its commissions are approved by the war department, and every member must be individually approved by the FBI before enlistment.

Units in Reno have guarded several army planes in emergencies, many a business-member standing guard in the cold early morning hours. They have given emergency courier and transport service to army officers and rendered other services. Nevada air units have given observation service to peace officers, and CAP intelligence has traced down more than one missing pilot until located.

Primarily the local units stand prepared to rescue crashed pilots, both army and civilian, as well as perform a host of emergency duties for the army. Nevada has the only CAP mounted unit, a horse organization being deemed essential by national headquarters to reach isolated desert areas where there are no roads. Several CAP members from Nevada are flying with the CAP anti-submarine patrol along the coastal regions. About 14 per cent of the Nevada wing has taken active duty with the army or navy. There are many vacancies now open in the organization as a result.

Many Posts Open

While flying is the prime prerequisite for most CAP units, the Nevada wing has positions for men and women who can ride, drive trucks, or who want to learn to operate radios, handle carrier pigeons, make maps, handle "paper work," handle supplies, repair planes, or do similar work. Classes meet two nights a week, and field problems are worked on alternate Sundays.

The entire state is handled by the Nevada wing. Squadrons are based at Reno, Winnemucca and Las Vegas. Flights are being organized in those cities, and it is hoped to have such units operating soon in Carson City, Lovelock, Elko and Ely.

The CAP is a non-paying, voluntary organization. In time of orders carry authority like the emergency when speed is vital, its army. Members may resign at any time. Some who fail to attend classes may be asked to resign. All are expected to study and master the subjects in the training directives, as these courses, prescribed by national headquarters, are designed to give quick, expert aid when lives may hang in the balance.

Valuable War Work

The CAP has been described as one practical manner in which men and women over military age may give valuable war-time service to the country. The approximate 50,000 members in the nation have released many thousands men for combat service, and CAP units have already saved many lives on the land as well as ships at sea.

Being a military organization, CAP units cannot stage "drives for funds." At the same time it gets no funds from the army for training and even national headquarters is pinched for finances. Since the CAP is not a state organization, usually state funds are not forthcoming. The result has been that in Nevada, the wing has operated out of the pockets of the members themselves, most of whom are of average income.

Through the generosity of the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee, the British war relief, the Rodeo committee and others, much equipment has been assembled. The Nevada units are now fully equipped to perform rescue work on a limited scale. Other equip-

READY TO TAKE TO AIR IN PROBLEM FLIGHT



Flight A of Squadron 961-1, lines up for orders before flying a problem over the foothills east of Reno. Observers mapped the area from the air as part of a training directive. Next week,

under orders from national headquarters they will commence bombing practice with dummy bombs. Note the planes of Flight A lined up in the rear. (Bennett Photo)

AMBULANCE, TRUCKS GIVEN GROUP



Army ambulances and trucks have recently been released to the Nevada wing, civil air patrol, for rescue work and crash action in this state. The CAP is an official auxiliary for the air force, and as such can be issued certain army and government property. The motorized equipment of the Nevada Wing now includes three army ambulances, two army trucks, a trailer-unit housing a complete mobile surgery, and a headquarters trailer. (Bennett Photo)