



Civil Air Patrol Captains Doris Eacret and Myra McCue were representing the CAP Women in Operation Cue at Mercury, Nev. Captain Eacret participated as a pilot, flying her own plane, a Cessna 140 Patroller, doing Courier Service and ferrying VIP's. She has been a pilot for 10 years, is a member of the Ninety-Nines and has flown in the Powderpuff Derby for three consecutive years, placing 14-2-3 respectively. She is entered to fly in this year's race also.

Captain Eacret is coordinator for Women on the Wing Staff of the Nevada Wing, CAP.

Captain McCue is a trained Civil Air Patrol Observer, Director of Personnel for the Nevada Wing and in private life is employed by the Acrea Insurance Co. of Reno.

Her part in Operation Cue was that of Operations Clerk with additional duties as Radio Operator and Jeep Driver, transporting personnel between Mercury and Desert Rock.

The two Captains are shown in the picture boarding the Hiller Helicopter which took them to the forward area where they were taken on an extended tour. Due to the continued cancellations of the blast both ladies had to return to their homes before the shot was finally fired, and although very disappointed, they were nevertheless happy to have had a part in all Test Operations.

Civil Air Patrol Participates in Operation Cue

Participating in Operation Cue, the current atomic tests at Yucca Flats, are Civil Air Patrol members from all over Nevada. The mission of CAP concerning the tests is to act in the same way they would in case of a national emergency.

Project officer is Major Bill Stead. Captain Myra McCue is director of personnel. In charge of all communications is Colonel Art Sowle. Capt. Harry North is commanding officer at the Yucca air strip. Operating from army trenches is Capt. Otto Linnecke. The area in which Capt. Linnecke is working is the closest to the site where the bomb goes off. Captain Al Van Natta is in charge of all message centers with Senior Member John P. Gorman as his courier. Message chief at Yucca air strip is Capt. Ray White.

Headquarters is located in the Federal defense building at Mercury. This is some two miles from Camp Desert Rock, site of the CAP air field.

Security is the by-word. "Upon entering Mercury, the security begins," reports Captain Van Natta. "When you reach the gate all persons must go through security in order to secure an identification badge. This badge must be on your person at all times, in full view. All clearances must be checked through Washington, D. C., with the FBI."

"Before leaving our air field in a plane it is necessary for a security officer of the AEC to check you if you are going into what is called the 'forward area.' Arriving at Yucca air strip another security officer meets your plane, and you're checked again."

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