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NEW SQUADRON OF CAP GROUP

Makes For Improved Administration

Civil Air Patrol ground units in Reno, Carson City, Stewart, Minden and Gardnerville have been grouped into the new Nevada Service Squadron, according to an order issued today at Nevada Wing (state) headquarters. The units will retain their present identity and commanding officers, but will be included within the new squadron organization for more effective administrative functions. The order does not affect air or mounted CAP units.

The new Nevada service squadron will be composed of the Douglas (county) communications flight, the Carson base flight, the Stewart base flight, the Reno mechanized flight, and later a headquarters section, supply section, photographic section and ski section. Capt. Thomas C. Wilson, former infantry reserve officer and present CAP wing executive officer, has been placed in command of the new squadron.

The Douglas unit is now commanded by 2nd Lt. Fred Minchin, radio expert and communications specialist; the Carson unit by 2nd Lt. R. B. Layman, veteran of World War I, the Stewart unit by Sgt. Albert Wilson, also a veteran, and the Reno unit by 2nd Lt. Ray L. Jefferson, who has had extensive experience in construction, engineering and transportation.

The new squadron will set up and operate all search bases in the field, will handle all transport and supply, radio communications, mess and bivouac arrangements, photo intelligence, ski and mechanized rescue operations. It will coordinate the unusually heavy ground operation of the Civil Air Patrol in Nevada, made necessary on search and rescue missions by the tremendous areas to be covered. Additional army equipment for the new unit has been indicated for rescue service.