

# BRITISH VISIT BIG HIT

Twenty-five flying cadets of the British Royal Air Force hit the Florida Wing last month with such a force of warmth and kinship that the impact will remain a pleasant memory for many years to come.

Arriving in Miami on Tuesday, July 27th, the cadets and their RAF escorts were met at the airport by CAP and city officials. The first stop was at the Alcazar Hotel where the British visitors were officially greeted by a representative of the Governor, and welcomed to the city of Miami by Lew Price, Publicity Director, who presented the cadets with certificates of honorary citizenship. Then they were whisked off to the Miami Military Academy, their "home away from home" during the four days the cadets remained in the Miami area.

The first evening a dinner and dance was planned in their honor by the city of North Miami. Cadettes from Miami All-Girl Squadron, North Dade Girls, Hialeah, and Ben Franklin, acting as hostesses for the evening, did much to foster British-American relationships, found that they had much in common besides the Beatles. Before the evening was over, Cadettes and Cadets were on a first-name, hand holding basis.

The next day they were off to the Seaquarium to see the many wonders of the deep and then they were driven to Crandon Park for a Beach Party. After taking a dip in the ocean they were off to the ball field for some good old fashion softball. Dinner was served afterwards and a gab session followed to decide who really won the game.

Thursday they went to the Everglades for exciting Airboat rides which again was followed by a dinner.

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## wing SARCAP Planned for Nov 13th

Orlando... The Annual Florida Wing CD SARCAP plans have been finalized to test the Wing's capability to handle another "Survival" type mission.

This year's practice mission will be called "Survival-Florida" and will be patterned after last year's successful Survival South and East type mission. The Wing will be alerted under the Sector Concept with Sector A flying its mission from the Group 1 Headquarters site at Opa Locka Airport. Sector B will operate the Wing Mission Headquarters and will fly its mission from Showalter Aviation at Orlando Municipal Airport. Sector C will mass and fly from Craig Field near the City of Jacksonville.

The date for the Practice Mission will be Saturday, November 13th with Sunday the 14th being used as the rain date. Lt. Colonel Richard C. Lockman, Wing DCS/operations and Executive Officer will be the Wing Mission Co-ordinator.

A complete operations plan is being prepared by the Wing Liaison Officer, Major Barnard and Col. Lockman will distribute it to all Units well in advance of the Mission date.



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## 18 Cadettes Attend Stewardess School

Glamour has many images... the Hollywood image... the fashion model image... the executive secretary image... etc., but one profession has combined the best features of all of these images into an image of its own --- the airline stewardess image.

Throughout the world the airlines stewardess evokes a picture of beauty, charm, tact, friendliness, and efficiency. It is an accurate picture, but one not easily created. It is the result of much hard work and many weeks of study by the young women chosen for stewardess training.

Last month eighteen Civil Air Patrol Cadettes had the opportunity to be part of this training. Fifteen girls from the Florida Wing and three from the Mississippi Wing entered Eastern Airlines' Stewardess School for a whirlwind week of training in what has become the most sought-after summer activity for girls in all of the Florida Wing.

This is the third year that Eastern Airlines has opened its Stewardess School doors to Civil Air Patrol. Early in the year, more than forty girls signed up for this special activity. During the summer, each girl was given a personal interview by Mrs. Winnie Gilbert, Director of Eastern's In-Flight Training Center. Eighteen Cadettes were accepted.

From the first moment when they hesitantly entered the Miami Springs Villas (headquarters for Eastern Airlines stewardess training) to that final thrill one week later, when they were presented with their "wings", the girls lived, studied, ate and slept the life of a stewardess trainee. The girls soaked up 40 hours of instruction, including such items as make-up application, hair styling, poise, personality, etc. They also were tested on first aid and emergency procedures such as ditching, etc. These classes entailed familiarization with the many safety and emergency features of an actual Eastern Airlines aircraft and included the handling of fire fighting equipment and a slide down the emergency chute.

The girls and their "big sisters" (senior trainees assigned to each girl as advisor, companion, etc.) attended many of these classes together.

Highlight of the course was a trip to the Coast Guard station. Here the girls (attired in bathing suits and "Mae Wests") were set adrift in

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## STATEWIDE MEETING Scheduled For Orlando

Miami... The weekend of Saturday 22 January and Sunday 23 January 1966 has been set for the Annual State-wide Meeting of the Florida Wing.

Highlighting the State-wide Meeting will be the Annual Awards Banquet and Military Ball. The business session of the weekend will begin at 10:00 Saturday morning when Section Meetings will be held covering the Cadet Special Activities Selection Board, Wing Wide Information Officers Conference, Wing-wide Operations and Training Officers' Meeting and Wing-wide Deputy Commanders for Cadets and Group Directors of Cadets Meeting with Colonel Bass. Some smaller section meetings will also be scheduled.

The meeting will take place again at the Robert Meyer Hotel in Orlando with convention rates of \$8.00 single, \$10.00 double and \$12.00 twin in effect. There will be a limited amount of USAF Airlift available as last year with Major Barnard making the arrangements. Special forms to make room reservations must be made on these forms directing to the Robert Meyer in Orlando. The Banquet tickets will cost the same as last year, \$5.00 per person and not be available at the door like last year due to the necessity of giving a food guarantee to the hotel. Over 500 people are expected to attend this year's conference.

## SOD. GIVES PILOT TRAINING

PALM BEACH---A Private Pilot Training Course will be given by the Palm Beach Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. This course will be open to all men and women of this community 16 years of age and over. It will be given free of charge as part of the Civil Air Patrol Mission of Aerospace Education and Training.

Aircraft and Engine Operations, Navigation, Weather and Radio Communication are but a few of the subjects to be covered. Experienced pilots of the Civil Air Patrol with many hours of flight will conduct the course.

The first class will start on 16 September 1965 at 8:30 PM and will be held at the senior squadron headquarters Palm Beach International Airport West Palm Beach.

Those interested should call the squadron Information Officer at 948-2371 anytime after 5:00 PM

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## GP. IX NOW IN SECTOR C

Miami...The Florida Wing has three new Group Commanders. Group 9, which formerly was a Cadet Group in Sector A near Miami, has been shifted to Sector C in Jacksonville and is now an all Senior Group. 1/Lt. William Watson has been assigned as the Group Commander by Lt. Colonel Otis L. Phillips, Sector C Commander. Colonel Phillips also shifted command of Group 12 with its Headquarters at Gainesville. Lt. Breeze, former Group 12 Commander was shifted to the Gainesville Senior Squadron and has been succeeded by Major Herbert A. Perry, a long time CAP member and former Group 6 Inspector.

Capt. William Clarke, former Apopka Squadron Commander, has recently been appointed Group 20 Commander replacing the ailing Capt Betty Neiford who has recently left the state. Capt. Clarke, who has a wife and three daughters in the program has extensive Cadet experience and although following Capt. Neiford will be difficult, he has the experience to make the program a success in the Group 20 area. Lt. Colonel Ray L. Kraemer made the appointment at the recent Sector B Commander's Call in Orlando.

## US Academies Accept Cadets



MIAMI---C/Maj. William Russell Bowen, a member of the North Dade Cadet Squadron, has just been accepted into the United States Coast Guard Academy.

As might be the case in any CAP Squadron, it is quite an honor having a cadet appointed to an academy. Quoting from the Squadron Commander, Captain Urban Layton, "Bill is a fine, outstanding cadet with great regard for moral conduct and exceptional qualities of leadership. Bill Bowen handles himself well under any conditions and/or circumstances that might arise."

Bill's career in CAP began three and a half years ago, when he attended an assembly at his former junior high school, John F. Kennedy. The assembly was presented by Major Harry Pickering, who at that time was the Wing Liaison Officer for recruiting young people into the Civil Air Patrol program. It was Major Pickering who "lit the fire that kindled in Bill's heart for CAP"

Since joining, he has attended six drill competitions, numerous bivouacs, five encampments, and was awarded the Outstanding Cadet award of encampment 64-3. His first commission was in January 64 when he was promoted to C/2Lt.

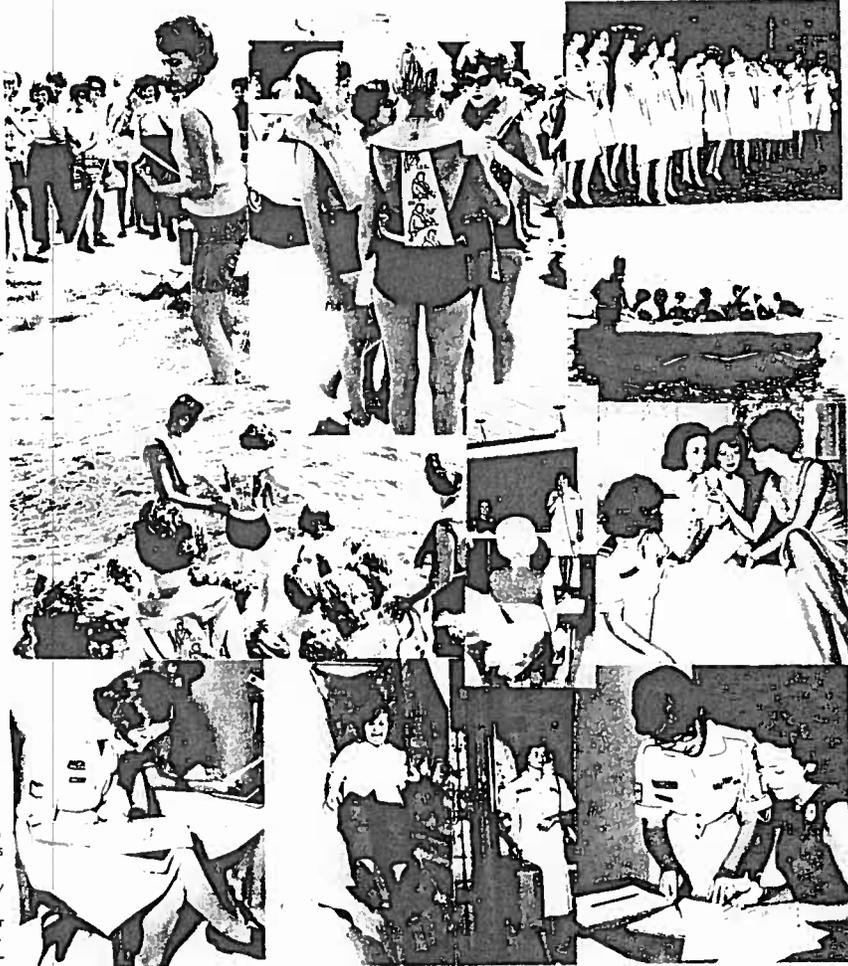
Bill was also quite honored at the high school he attended, when he graduated at the top 5% of his class at Norland Senior High. He also was a very good athlete as being a two-year letterman.

Bill's crowning glory leads to his fine remark about life and its responsibility: "Work hard and never make more than two mistakes at one time."

MIAMI---C/Capt. Ray Long, Cadet Executive Officer of Central Miami Cadet Squadron has left for the Merchant Marine Academy. Ray was appointed by Congressman Claude Pepper.

Ray has been an active member of CAP for nearly four years and recently earned his Amelia Earhart Award. He has held several positions in the squadron and has worked his way up to the position of Executive Officer, the competition for this position is very keen because of the strength exceeds 100.

Ray is the second cadet of Central Miami to receive an appointment to a service academy in the past three years. Last year cadet Marc Palez received an appointment to the Naval Academy. Our next



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20-man life rafts and were instructed in water ditching procedures and survival.

The course ended on August 28 with a graduation luncheon attended by representatives of EAL and CAP. Amidst applause from their big sis-

ters, the Cadettes were handed diplomas by Mr. F. E. Williams, Vice President of Flight Service for Eastern Airlines and presented with wings by Mrs. Winnie Gilbert.

Proud wearers of Stewardess Wings are: Daphne Dornellas, Sharon Fezzate, Jacqueline Gaster, Mary Ke-

neddy, Judith Barnett, Deborah Lomas, Anne McCracken, Patty Vejo, Susan Ann Mason, Frances Walker, Angela Wooten, Charlotte Cruitt, Eleanor Lightner, Alicia McFadden, Gwendolyn McGee, Donna Sangster, Bonnie Marshall, and Linda Kehoe.



## GOOD AS NEW

Jacksonville...It was hard back in February of this year to picture in the minds of Group 2 that the cockleshell aircraft known to the members as N66583 Aeronica L-16 would ever fly again. The engine was down for major and need jugs, the airframe was bare, the wings needed repair from the damage caused by hurricane Dora, the fuselage floor boards were rotted out, and generally the bird was sick.

But with the determination of their Group Commander, Major Joseph Heape and his staff, things began to happen. In beating the bushes, found the needed engine parts, willing careful hands began to look like an airplane again.

After fifteen coats of dope, some black paint, and four CAP decals, and their newly repaired engine the bird was ready for the test flight.

Switch off, brakes locked, 1, 2, 3, 4, turns pulled through a clear contact, and away went the bird on her maiden flight after an O & R job CAP style. Group 2 is proud of

## CAP AIDS USAF

Ocala...In July cadets from the Ocala Cadet Squadron maintained the local USAF Recruiting office for two weeks recently. M/Sgt. E. V. Henderson, the local USAF Recruiting representative was on leave for two weeks so he contacted the Ocala Squadron and asked them to open the office every morning until a recruiting officer could come down from Jacksonville.

The cadets, 1/Sgt. Davia Evans S/Sgt. Jack Foster, C/3c Jack Singush, C/B Vernon Radford, C/B Steven Dean, received a letter of commendation through their commander, Capt. A. E. Turner.

Major George A. Lang, USAF, expressed in his letter that "it was a genuine pleasure to know that we have young people in our communities who are Air Force minded and capable enough to offer the services these young men performed, this office is proud to have CAP as an Auxiliary of the Department of the Air Force."

Miami...Miami Squadron 1 is the host. Its family night, 24 October at Crandon Park; markers will lead you to the large pit where a Spaghetti Dinner will be served. Donation \$1.50 adults and .75 children under 12. Serving will begin at 1 p.m. Games and door prizes. All CAP members and their families are invited. See you there!

## A WELL FED SQUADRON

Venice...Something new is being added to the Headquarters building of Venice Composite Squadron at the Venice Army Airfield. Eva Fette, Squadron Special Projects Officer, and her staff have just completed construction and have equipped a complete kitchen in the east portion of the building. Equipment includes garages, complete with ovens and refrigeration units. Completion of this project completes two months of extremely hard work on the part of Fette and her Staff.

The first use of this new facility was during the wing-wide fly-in bar-b-que and air show.

## InfulMAGtration

With the help of Lt. Layton, commander of the MAGS, Sergeants Val Andera, Dianne Legendre, Helen Dalrymple, Lny Palkable, Leveaque, and Alicia McFadden Infultrated the North Dade's Squadron Bivouac.

The North Dade Cadets were surprised to find while flouring their infiltrators and pronouncing them dead that they were females.

This was a first for the MAGS but certainly not the last.

That time of year is here again. Renew now and avoid the January rush.

## Wing Gets New CHAPLAIN

MIAMI---National Headquarters has judged the Florida Wing as the Top Wing in the Nation in the Chaplain's Section for the second quarter of the current Membership Year.

Chaplain, Lt. Colonel, Earl V. Farmer had to resign from the Wing Chaplain's position due to his personal work load and has been followed by Chaplain, Major, Paul W. Force, former Sector A. Chaplain.

In 1964, the Wing finished the Chaplain Calendar Year with 47 appointed Chaplains. This year, the Wing ended the Chaplain Calendar Year on August 31st with 80 Chaplains, a terrific improvement.

At the present time, there are 15 additional Chaplains who are pending appointment until the Home Church's Ecclesiastical Indorsement clears processing at National Headquarters.

The annual Florida Wing Chaplain's Conference is scheduled for 21 January 1966 at the Robert Meyer Motor Hotel. Both National Chaplains, Colonels Hickey and Schroder will be in attendance.

Do we have to report this to Col. Bass's Cadet Advisory Council, too?

## FATAL CRASH

JACKSONVILLE...The CAP provided immediate assistance in a fatal aircraft accident which occurred at Herlong Field in Jacksonville recently when a PT-22 being flown by two Navy flying club members crashed after takeoff. Chief Petty Officer Alton M. Wood was killed immediately in the crash; Lieutenant William R. Fussell died on the way to the hospital shortly afterward.

One of the very first persons to reach the scene of the crash was Abbott J. Leitch, of the Jacksonville Search and Rescue Squadron, who witnessed the accident and immediately proffered help. He administered first aid to Lt Fussell after extricating him from the wreckage of the aircraft, which broke in two after crashing but did not burn.

"The accident came as a real shock to everyone who witnessed it," Leitch said, "because the pilots had been flying the plane for about a half an hour before the accident occurred, and I understand that both men were qualified pilots. The plane appeared to have had engine malfunction shortly after taking off, because it was only a few hundred feet in the air when the wings started to wobble, the nose dropped, and the craft dove into the ground just off the end of the runway at about a 45 degree angle," Leitch said.

CAP members maintained radio communications during the investigation by the FAA, and CAP cadets stood guard over the wreckage all during the following night.

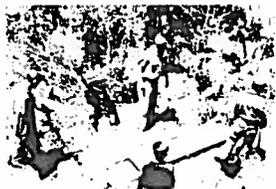
## NEW MEMBER FOUND ADRIFT

HOLLYWOOD---On one of our recent "Sunset Patrols" by the Hollywood Senior Squadron, Lt. Robert Hartleb and SM Lawrence Crawford spotted a small boat on a rocky shoreline. The occupants seemed to be signaling more than "hello". Not being sure, they returned and found them waving a red kerchief.

Through their base station manned by Commander Grant Albaugh, the Hollywood Police were notified. After rescue, they were identified as Horace C. (Skip) Milligan III and three friends.

Skip was invited to attend a squadron meeting. He is a Private Pilot and expressed his desire to join our squadron. His application is being processed.

We have found "Sunset Patrol" serves more purposes than rescue at sea.



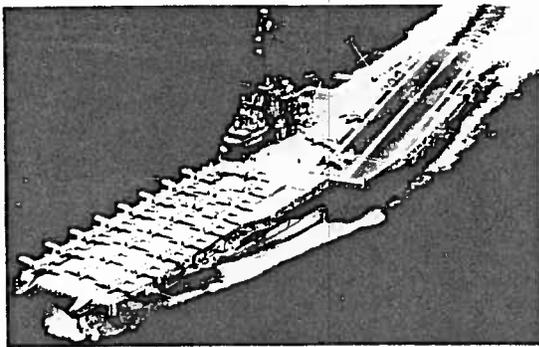
Scene of crash at the recent Group 5 SARCAP.

## MORE MEN SAVED

NEW SMYRNA BEACH---Once again the New Smyrna Beach Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol goes out on a mission! The Civil Air Patrol was called out to help search for a Daytona Beach tavern owner, his 10 year old son and a honeymooner from Pennsylvania who spent the night marooned on a disabled fishing boat in Mosquito Lagoon.

The three --- Stephen Felisko 50, 389 Euclid Ave., his son, Michael, and Mike Lipcak, Sharon, Pa. were spotted shortly after 9 AM aground just south of here.

The search began when the two



Seventy-three cadets and senior members of Group 4 went on a one day cruise on the USS LEXINGTON.

## New Squadron Assists in Crash

The one month old West Pasco Composite Squadron of Group 17 was on the scene of the fatal crash of a Cessna 120 out of Brooksville, Fla. which claimed the lives of Alvo Touchton and Thomas Alvin Wall at Blue Sink Lake on the Pasco-Hernando County Line.

The plane crashed in the middle of a camping area, that was crowded with people for the weekend, just missing some of the campers. Assisting the local squadron was Fire Chief Lyman Adams of the U.S. 19 Vol. Fire Dept., which sponsors the new squadron. The members of the squadron spent the entire night and Sunday morning at the crash scene, until the Civil Aeronautical Board arrived from Miami by plane to inspect the wreckage of the aircraft.

Local people aided the squadrons members by supplying food and equipment. This new squadron is off to a good start.



Gator CAPer's has been revitalized for greater efficiency with the addition of W/O Karen Brekke to the staff. Karen took over the helm of managing editor with the recent Summer issue.

## ATTENTION IO'S

The I.O. Newsletter, usually mailed direct to unit information officers names will now be sent to the Unit Commander, instead.

The mailing will be made approximately 25th of each month and I.O.'s are urged to check with their commander for the copy of this publication which will tell them about their standing in the Wing I.O. Program.

men and the boy failed to return to Le Fils Fish Camp here after an all day fishing trip in a 14 foot boat. A Coast Guard vessel searched the area until 2:25 AM before shutting down for the night. The search was resumed shortly after dawn with a Coast Guard plane from St. Petersburg, two Civil Air Patrol planes from Smyrna Beach and four boats from Le Fils Fish Camp joining the search.

The two Civil Air Patrol planes piloted by Tom Yelvington and Fred Roosevelt with Charley Jarrard and Charley Parkhill as observers spotted the craft and the waving fishermen. The planes remained in the area to direct an Airboat to the scene.

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Friday morning the cadettes were invited to a farewell breakfast. All the activities for the cadets were coordinated by Lt. Col. Melvin H. Westier in the Miami area.

With tears in the cadettes eyes and friendly smiles on their faces they waved goodbye to the British Cadets who were off to West Palm Beach for another four days of packed full adventure.

In West Palm Beach they were greeted by 1/Lt. Sandy Brown and Major Robert Owen, Group 5 commander, who whisked them off for another four days visiting the Florida Wing.

Saturday, they went for a ride on the Paddle Boat Queen and lunch. They were toured around Palm Beach and brought to Flagers Museum where much of Florida's history began. The cadets were amazed at the beauty of his home and the history of his life that surrounds it.

A prominent family of Palm Beach who were also from England gave a tea and renewed their memories of Jolly Old England.

Sunday the Cadets stayed with their adopted parents (with whom they were living) and just enjoyed a good old day at home. At nightfall the cadets joined in some native American Country Square Dancing. From looks on their faces and the laughter you could hear above the music fun was had by all.

Monday, the cadets were given the biggest fish. Again it was a sad farewell to see Britain leave Palm to go to Cape Kennedy where they were astonished at the Cape's size and complicity.

From the Cape they made short stops at St. Augustine and Daytona Beach. In Jacksonville, a pool party was held at the Beacon Hills Country Club.

Friday, they toured WFGA-TV where the Mayor of Jacksonville presented them with Citizenship certificates on TV. The Mayor recalled that these young men are representatives and dependants of those few of the RAF to whom "so many owe so much".

They also toured the Atlantic Coast Line Building and ended with a dinner bidding goodbye to the British cadets.

The last and final trip was to Washington D.C. where all the IACE cadets in the USA met for the Pan Am Dinner.

They left never forgetting the Florida Wing and the wonderful people that make it and the Florida Wing never forgetting Britain and the wonderful people who live in it.

## Lets Hear From You

We cannot tell the Florida Wing about your activities unless we hear from you, so send in your stories and your pictures NOW!

## Betsy brings out best in CAP

"Hoist Hurricane Warnings!" At the sound of these words CAP becomes an able right hand of Civil Defense and the Red Cross...throwing its manpower and resources behind these two organizations in an amazing show of teamwork.

CAP has man faces, and the face it puts forth in time of national or local disaster is one to be proud of. Typical of this is the 24 hour period when "Betsy" unleashed her fury on the South Florida Coast.

In the Keys as Betsy's furious winds struck upturning trailers and flooding many places the Key West Cadet and Senior Squadrons worked many long hours fighting nature. Not only did these members have to work through the hurricane but afterwards had to work harder cleaning up and getting things back to normal.

In Miami, Group 22 and Group 1, manned shelters for the Red Cross and Civil Defense. The senior Squadrons worked all night with their radio communications

even to using generators to keep them going.

Group 16, had a first with this hurricane. Their cadets married and the seniors acted as shelter managers in eight different shelters even to manning the Red Cross Headquarters.

Ironically when Betsy made her first "go around" Group 16 and Red Cross Officials heaved a sigh of relief because neither thought that CAP was ready to do a good job since it was just decided one could work with the other. But Betsy turned around and came back and in spite of lack of experience CAP according to the Red Cross, did a fine job.

In West Palm Beach, Group 5, carried on their part, but strictly in communications. A radio was manned at the Red Cross Center, the Weather Bureau at Palm Beach International Airport, and Civil Defense Headquarters.

The public was surprised to find out that CAP worked effectively in other areas besides air search and rescue.



From left to right: Mr. Paige Tulley, Program Moderator, C/Major Mary Ruzyski, C/Commander North Dade Girl Cadettes C/Colonel Kenneth Kelley, Wing Council Chairman C/1 Lt. Connie Kostyra, Miami All Girl Squadron C/Lt. Colonel Tony Bucholtz, C/Commander Central Miami Cadet Squadron.

## Watch For CAP duPont Reviews ON TV Policies

As a stimulus to recruiting, arrangements have been completed for cadets of Group 22, Sector A, to appear on Channel 7 TV "Youth and the Issue" on 23 October at 11:30 A.M. They will outline the history of CAP and its benefits to the youth of the nation.

This channel has a five county viewing area and this particular show precedes a nationally televised football game which will make the viewing percentage even larger.

All Sector A cadets can take this opportunity to spread the news of this program to their friends and acquaintances particularly those that may be interested or are potential recruits for the CAP Program. A centralized address and telephone number will be given during the program with all inquiries referred back to the squadrons involved.

## Footlockers

There are still a number of footlockers available from Major Katz, Sector A Supply Officer.

To obtain, contact your Group Supply Officer.

ORLANDO AFB---At a special day-long meeting in which more than 50 Civil Air Patrol Group and Squadron Commanders and more than 60 other CAP personnel from CAP units throughout Central Florida participated, on Sunday, September 12, 1965, Wing Commander, CAP Colonel Samuel Hallock DuPont, Jr. reviewed existing policies and explained present and proposed CAP activities within the Central Florida area.

During the morning session of the day-long meeting, Sector B Commander, CAP Lt. Col. Ray Kraemer of Orlando brought personnel up to date on several matters relative to Sector operations.

At the afternoon session, Wing Commander DuPont presented the broader picture of what the Florida Wing CAP plays in the nation-wide Civil Air Patrol effort to those present.

Of the 52 Wings presently comprising CAP's nation-wide structure the Florida Wing has achieved a very high degree of activity in such areas as Search and Rescue, and the Cadet Training and Public Information programs. In addition, many Florida Wing CAP Senior and Cadet personnel have taken part in many extra-curricular CAP activities such as the National Drill Competition and International Air Cadet Exchange programs.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT...** In 1964 active U.S. registered civil aircraft numbered 87,267... an increase of 48% over the past nine years. Registered aircraft last year included about 41,000 planes that were at least ten years old.

When a cat stalks a mouse its brain and instinct work like a very reliable missile guidance system. It automatically computes leap distances and closing rates, and responds automatically to target evasiveness. Space engineers think that a thorough knowledge of the workings of a cat's brain as a cat pounces on a mouse may help them design better guidance systems.

A 45-foot diameter solar concentrator (sunshine collector) built for the Air Force's solar energy research program had to be moved from the factory to the installation site at night. If sunlight had flashed on its mirror surface during the move, it might have caused numerous fires along the route.

An airline must maintain an average of five crews for each airliner in its fleet in order to take care of allowances for crew vacations, illnesses and the maximum 85 hours pilots can fly each month.

Out of one class of 47 student stewardesses graduating from the American Airlines' training school last year, 15 held bachelor's degrees from various colleges and universities, and seven possessed advanced degrees.

To send a spacecraft to the planet Uranus requires a minimum launch velocity of 52,000 feet per second. At this rate it would take 16.1 years to reach its goal. By increasing the velocity to 63,000 fps, the voyage could be shortened to four years.

Jet airline passenger seats have steel frames built to absorb 9 G deceleration force, 30 pounds of plastic foam padding, fabric covers treated chemically for flame resistance, and a specially designed contour that is equally comfortable for a 250-pound man and a 100-pound woman.

Each crew member of the B-58 supersonic bomber sits in an escape capsule which can be ejected from the aircraft in an emergency. Each capsule has its own pressurization system, oxygen, radio, survival gear, food for 20 days, and pontoons to keep it afloat if it lands in water.

## Operation "Cross-Cut" Huge Success

Venice Composite Squadron was host to all Squadrons in Group 14 recently for the Group's semi-annual practice mission Operation Cross-Cut One. Ten aircraft and crews participating were from Venice, Sarasota and Bradenton Squadrons.

The mission was of a navigational nature with trophies and prizes awarded to the winning Squadron and crews. Venice Composite Squadron was the tops overall in the Squadron Division. The winning flight crew consisting of M/Sgt. Neil Smith, Dick DeBaun and Roland Koppleman was from Venice. Another award for the safest and most proficient air crew also went to a Venice Crew, M/Sgt. Hank Zelias and Observer M/Sgt. Anna C. Hunter.

Group 14 commander, Lt. Col. F. Joseph Kiernan stated that this type of mission keeps his aircrews ready and better able to locate a target in the shortest possible time. It also acquaints the pilots



**Lt. Ron Brillib, Mission Coordinator for Group 14 Operation Cross-Cut**

and crewmembers with borderline weather conditions and how to cope with them. Pilots and ten check points at which they were clocked on time and altitude approaching the area.

The overall mission was evaluated to be a complete success by the Group 14 evaluating team stationed at all check points.



## CIVIL DEFENSE DRILL TOO REALISTIC FOR COMFORT

Miami... A simulated Civil Defense action was taken at St. Francis Hospital in Miami.

Cadets from various squadrons were made up as "victims" by Civil Defense Volunteers. The cadets when finished, looked as if they had been bombed by alien forces. The make up was very realistic.

All victims were taken to waiting trucks and cars to make the entrance at the emergency room. Two Hialeah Cadets, Jim Turner and Jim Kirk, were brought in by helicopter flown by officers Riggs and Subbert of the Metropolitan Sheriffs Department. The doctors and nurses to take part in this drill were summoned to the scene of arrival. Patients were unloaded and put on stretchers and in wheelchairs. From this point they were taken into the hospital and into the emergency area. After initial treatment was administered they were assigned to their respective wards according to their illness.

In the Orthopedic Room the victims were actually treated as real casualties. Every precaution and medication was administered. The doctors and nurses worked as one person to create an atmosphere of efficiency and calmness. Various types of injuries were, lacerations, shock victims, and several types of burns.

In the drill only assigned persons took patients into the hospital, but in an actual case every one would have helped.

This drill was so realistic that a priest was on the scene to administer last rights. There was only one simulated death and the cover was pulled over him within minutes of arrival. There were several DOA's.

One cadet from Miami Beach Squadron actually passed out while his wound was being applied because it almost looked real.

Praise was paid to all cadets who took part in this drill, not only by the hospital officials, but by the Mayor of Miami Beach. The drill was referred to as a great success.

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*At a recent Memorial Day observance a sharp contrast is shown as Cadettes come to a smart salute to honor one of the first members of war time C.A.P. A veteran of three wars, Mexican Rebellion, World War I and World War II.*

## CADETTES HONOR CAP VETERAN

A group of cadettes recently sat wide eyed as they listened to the experience of John Pohl, a 78 year youngster for whom the pages of life were more exciting than the most action packed novel. He scans the past 50 years and picks out some of the highlights of his colorful career.

The year 1915, war clouds over Europe, trouble with Mexico. A youth of 17, in his senior year of high school, bold talk comes easy and cheap. After prolonged bragging of what he would do to the so and so's south of the border he was taunted to join the 8th Ohio Infantry, Mc Kenzie Regiment, Co. D. Capt. M. R. Limb, Commanding. After a short period of indoctrination he was ordered to the Mexican Border where he saw service with Gen. "Black Jack" Pershing.

After helping to take care of Mexico's Pancho Villa, his regiment was federalized, joining other Ohio National Guard Units to become the 37th Division, Maj. Gen. C. S. Farnsworth, Commanding. Camp Willis Columbia, Ohio was but a short training period for the young trooper. The

Division embarked on the confiscated German Luxury Liner re-named U.S.S. Leviathan, to reach France in time to join the battle to save Paris. France awarded him the Verdun Metal. Four other engagements followed before the war ended.

After World War I, flying became a dare. He learned to fly, eventually becoming a co-pilot for National Air Lines.

The year 1942, World War II was taking a destructive course over Europe. Joining the Pan Am Ferry Service, he ferried aircraft to Africa. He was among the first in Florida to join the CAP. To this day he cherishes his I.D. card #4-1-1356, signed by Maj. Gen. John F. Curry, Lt. Col. Bud Gerney became his Sq. Comdr. After World War II he joined the Inter-continental Air Lines. Due to financial difficulty as was common at those time the airline folded.

On to Columbia, there to pilot for the Sociedad Aeronautica Medellin, better known in the states as the Sam Air Line.

Now in retirement, he has indicated his desire to reactivate his membership in C.A.P. His one wish is to fly in a jet aircraft.

Miami... Capt. Wayne Chandler has been appointed Commander of Miami Squadron I. He succeeds Capt. Bill Seiler

Palm Beach... The Palm Beach Girl Cadet Squadron toured the Palm Beach International Airport Tower and Weather Bureau.

## CAP Member Participates on Ted Mack's Show



*Pictured here after the show discussing the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program with Ted Mack is CWO Hultberg and C/IC Craig Murphy.*

MIAMI BEACH---CWO James W. Hultberg, Miami Beach Optimist Cadet Squadron, Executive Officer was one of the participants on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour taped at Miami Beach, March 7th and shown nationally on April 18th.

During the interview Ted Mack questioned him extensively about the Civil Air Patrol Program. At the end of the show, Mr. Hultberg was again asked about other phases of the Cadet Program. CWO Hultberg is a former IACE participant, and was a Cadet I/Lt. of the Newcastle Cadet Squadron, Delaware Wing, before assuming his present assignment.

## Husband "Bars" Wife

MIAMI... Lt. Martha Layton received her new Lieutenant bars from her husband, commander of the North Dade Cadet Squadron, at the Miami All-Girl Cadet Squadron parents night held at Eastern Airlines Ticket Office. Martha has just recently taken over the command.

Before becoming commander she was personnel and finance officer of the North Dade Cadet Squadron.

