



American Red Cross, by Atkins.

Red Cross Doughnuts Light Smiles on Hungry Ranger Faces in Sicily

The Red Cross field director, not the familiar woman volunteer, is the noncombatant morale builder of our forces abroad. He lands with the troops on D Day. His major job is helping service men with their personal and welfare problems. In a pinch he distributes doughnuts, cigarettes, razor blades, and many other comforts.

of shirt, Army personnel on collar tip of shirt.

NONSUPERVISORY GROUND PERSONNEL. Uniforms like those issued to Army enlisted men, with regular ATC button. Kitty Hawk Memorial Disk worn on service and garrison caps. Non-combatant sleeve insignia worn on right arm in overseas operations; on left arm, embroidered Kitty Hawk Memorial insignia of same colors as disk. Below is embroidered in bronze color a numeral designation by which supervisory ground personnel can tell to what air line the mechanics and others who are not in a supervisory capacity belong.

Civil Air Patrol

(Plate VIII)

Civil Air Patrol, now an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces, was originally a division of the Office of Civilian Defense. OCD origin of CAP is shown by use of OCD basic insignia, white triangle on blue disk, with addition of a red propeller.

The 85,000 CAP members wear Army uniforms when on duty, distinguished by touches of red.

Women, ten percent of membership, wear WAC uniform with the same distinctive features.

Officers and noncommissioned officers are appointed in CAP with rank corresponding to their duties. CAP is organized with a Wing Command in each State. Wing Commanders serve in the grade of major, CAP, as do commanders of CAP Coastal Patrols. Wing Staff officers are captains and lieutenants. Each Wing is subdivided into Groups, Squadrons, and Flights; their officers are captains, first and second lieutenants, and warrant officers. They wear regular Army insignia of grade on their red shoulder loops, but not on shirt collars and garrison caps, to avoid confusion between Army and CAP officers.

OFFICER—SERVICE CAP. Basic insignia of CAP centered between silver wings.

COLLAR, LAPEL (SILVER). Letters worn on both ends of coat collar in place of gold U. S. of Army officers. When shirt is worn without coat, silver CAP is worn on right side of collar. Enlisted personnel wear CAP on both tips of shirt collar.

OFFICER—COLLAR, LAPEL. Air Forces wing and

propeller, but in all silver (not gold and silver). Worn on both lapels of coat below silver CAP, or on left collar tip when shirt is worn without coat.

SHOULDER LOOP. Worn by all CAP personnel except cadets.

ALL PERSONNEL GARRISON CAP. Embroidered or enamel CAP basic insignia.

BUTTON. CAP insignia in silver. Enlisted personnel wear same button in brown plastic.

COAT SLEEVE. OFFICER. Red stripe.

SHOULDER SLEEVE. ALL OUTER GARMENTS. Worn by all personnel, below left shoulder seam. U. S. added to basic insignia to insure that a member of CAP captured by the enemy would be treated as a prisoner of war, rather than as a civilian or a guerrilla.

DUCK CLUB. Pin worn by CAP personnel who have made a forced landing at sea.

WINGS. PILOT WITH PRIVATE LICENSE OR HIGHER. Eagle standing on CAP disk. Worn over left breast.

WINGS. OBSERVER. Half-wing attached to CAP disk. Worn over left breast.

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE STRIPE. Indicates six months' active CAP duty. Worn on left sleeve.

PIN FOR CIVILIAN DRESS. Metal CAP insignia.

GUARD AT BASE. Letters CAPG stand for CAP guard. Worn on left sleeve at shoulder.

MERIT AWARDS. Acts of heroism recognized by triangles on left pocket; blue is highest.

CHEVRONS. Noncommissioned officers wear Army chevrons, but on red background.

ACTIVE DUTY UNITS. Local squadrons serve as local aerial home guards, going into action at times of flood or on lost plane searches. CAP Operations Active Duty Units are made up of qualified volunteers for tours of duty ranging from two weeks to the duration. Emblems worn on left sleeve above cuff show service performed.

Coastal Patrol emblem consists of bomb ready to strike submarine.

Southern Liaison Patrol pilots watch the Rio Grande to check irregularities along the border.

Courier Service, with its winged foot of Mercury, flies regular routes and schedules daily to carry urgent shipments for industrial plants, and matériel, mail, and dispatches between Army posts. Towing aerial gunnery targets and tracking to give aiming practice to antiaircraft guns and searchlights are related duties.

Forest Patrol, cooperating with U. S. Forest Service and State forestry departments, has prevented heavy losses of timber.

CADET—SHOULDER SLEEVE. Worn on left sleeve below shoulder seam. CAP Cadets are selected boys and girls in last two years of high school. Cadets wear shirts without shoulder loops. Neckties are black instead of khaki. Cap insignia is red, two-bladed propeller and white wings on blue disk. There are more than 30,000 cadets.

AIRCRAFT INSIGNIA. CAP aircraft, property of members of the Patrol, are marked with regular CAP insignia without the U. S. Many of the outfits have their own insignia. Three are illustrated.

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Officer—Service Cap



Collar Lapel (Silver)



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Shoulder Loop



All Personnel Garrison Cap



Shoulder Sleeve All Outer Garments



Coat Sleeve Officer



Button (Silver)



Pilot with Private License or Higher



Duck Club



Active Duty Service Stripe (Six Months)



Observer



Aircraft Insignia



Pin for Civilian Dress



Guard at Base



Merit



Commendation



Distinguished Service

Merit Awards



Cadet—Shoulder Sleeve



Master Sergeant



First Sergeant



Technical Sergeant



Sergeant



Corporal



Private First Class

Chevrons



Coastal Patrol



Liaison Patrol



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