

REPORT OF RECORDS COMMITTEE

ROBERT M. STANLEY, Chairman

DESPITE the hectic urgency of war time, soaring activity is not yet completely dormant. During the past year 25 pilots satisfactorily completed all requirements and were awarded "C" certificates. During the same period 13 pilots won their "B" certificates and 2 won "A" type certificates.

Outstanding in a year which is marked by complete absence of contests of any form, was a splendid flight by J. Shelly Charles, who as you know is a Director of the S. S. A., and is a Captain for Eastern Airlines. On July 18th, with his "Minimoa" he soared to an altitude of 19,434' above his

point of release from a take-off at Atlanta, Georgia, thereby bettering by nearly 2000' the previous altitude record held since 1939 by Robert M. Stanley, Chief Test Pilot for the Bell Aircraft Corporation.

Only slightly less outstanding during a non-contest year was the achievement by two pilots, Mr. Paul Tuntland and Mr. Paul Laine, who were awarded the Silver "C."

From the foregoing we must surmise that, although the demands of war time living are making great inroads on our leisure time, at least the enthusiasm for this, the greatest of sports, still lives on.



GLIDING AND SOARING CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA DURING 1943

| No. | Name | Certificates | Location of Flight |
|-----|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 589 | Clarke Steven Ferry | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 590 | George C. Martin | A & B | Mobile, Alabama |
| 591 | Wayne E. Poulsen | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 592 | Duane McSmith | A & B | Mobile, Alabama |
| 593 | Walter M. Ballard | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 594 | John P. Otte, Jr. | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 595 | Edward Charles Milau | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 596 | David Ihrig | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 597 | John Stanton Bowers | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 598 | Lester C. Hess | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 599 | Edward Albert Fassler | C | Mobile, Alabama |
| 600 | William Norton Robbins, Jr. | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 601 | John J. Petruzzi | B | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 602 | Harris Robeson Smith | B | Wickenburg, Arizona |
| 603 | Charles William Konopa | B | Wickenburg, Arizona |
| 604 | Harry Philip Jordan | C | Victorville, Calif. |
| 605 | Henry Joseph Jocz | B | Wickenburg, Arizona |
| 606 | Alvan O. Whitehead | B | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 607 | V. Dale Westfall | B | Springfield, Ohio |
| 608 | Jerome F. LeVasseur | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 609 | George Berry Pettit, Jr. | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 610 | Robert Lynn Orgill | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 611 | Gerald DeLaine Baker | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 612 | Edwin Baker Lawrence | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 613 | Norman Bryant Franks | B | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 614 | Vernon Claire McCarter | C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 615 | James Richard Dillahunt | B | Mobile, Alabama |
| 616 | Kenneth Leroy Hollingshead | C | Lubbock, Texas |
| 617 | Robert Bricker Wilson | C | Lubbock, Texas |
| 618 | Wesley Burton Hammond | C | Elmira, New York |
| 619 | Clarence Eugene Knight, III | B & C | Twentynine Palms, Calif. |
| 620 | Douglas Eugene Smith | C | Ft. Sumner, New Mexico |
| 621 | Donald J. Chambers | C | Elmira, New York |
| 622 | Cyril Leigh-Smith | C | Elmira, New York |
| 623 | Herman B. Gordon | B | Elmira, New York |
| 624 | Joseph L. Agostini | B | Elmira, New York |
| 625 | Hans Groenhoff | C | Wurtsboro, New York |



SILVER "C" PILOTS

- 43 Paul Tuntland
- 44 Paul Edwin Laine

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

J. SHELLY CHARLES

Established a National Altitude Record for Singleplace Gliders, flying a Minimoa Sailplane at Atlanta, Georgia, July 18, 1943. Altitude 19,434 feet.