

## Captain Chile Vaughn



Captain Vaughn was scheduled to begin his twenty-first year with Pan American in the cockpit of a Stratocruiser Clipper, as skipper of a President flight from Idlewild to London. His job as assistant chief pilot in charge of administration for the Atlantic Division doesn't keep him from regular flights out on the line.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., Captain Vaughn attended high school and college in Nashville, Tenn. Following graduation from Vanderbilt University there, he entered the Army Air Forces and won his wings at Kelly Field, Texas, in June, 1928.

After a two-year tour of duty with the Second Bombardment Group at Langley Field, Va., Captain Vaughn on July 2, 1930, joined the China National Aviation Corporation, which later was absorbed by Pan American. He flew land and seaplanes over the routes connecting Shanghai, Nanking, Peking, Hankow, Chungking and Hong Kong.

With the inauguration of trans-Pacific service, Captain Vaughn became one of the first pilots to fly the Sikorsky S-42 Clippers from Manila to Macao and Hong Kong. When the Boeing 314's were nearing completion, he was assigned to Seattle to prepare for the introduction of the new flying boats to Clipper routes. He next flew for LAD, through the West Indies, on to Central America and down the east coast of Brazil to Rio.