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This book has been collected, printed and distributed by the Civilair Club of the Federal Aviation Agency in the interests of history, personal memories and as a sort of memorial to the years when the Civil Aeronautics Administration labored and flourished in Alaska.

It is the history of the CAA in Alaska. It presents "portraits" of scores of interesting characters who helped make this history. Those who know the story can read for hours between the lines, and can see the building of the airways, the airports, the air aids that have helped make Alaska "the flyingest place in the world."

This book is source material for the important years, 1943-1950. While it doesn't cover the pioneering days from 1939 when the CAA first began work in Alaska, it does tell the story of the Agency's contribution to the war effort, its struggles in recruiting, its problems of logistics, its services to the military and the lives its personnel lived.

It tells also the gripes of the human beings who did the work. In fact, the correspondents of the Mukluk, stashed away in lonely spots, often became much too human when they sat down to write the "news" from their stations. Sober-sided officials often winced at Mukluk items. They were sometimes heard to wonder "what Washington will think of that", and to shudder at what a Congressman would say about a "personnel paper" like the Mukluk. The Mukluk survived many of these worriers, but finally succumbed early in 1950.

A much more formal publication, dedicated to personnel problems, dissemination of official news, and communications written in governmentese by policy-making officials, took its place. Such papers are pretty dead before they start, and rarely are worth binding and preserving.

This Mukluk collection, however, should be an interesting item in the libraries of ex-Sourdoughs and ex-CAA-Alaskans. With it a veteran can bore his younger friends stiff, or sit up till 4 with a crony recalling the old days. They will remember with gratitude the habits of those two faithful squirrels, Jack Jefford and Dorothy Revell, who grabbed, preserved and stored the copies found here. They did a remarkable job. Only a few issues in the entire seven years are missing.

The editors were not newspaper people. They put out the Mukluk as an extra-curricular activity, usually on their own time. They can be pardoned an occasional missed edition, and a slip in recording volume and number identifications. So, if you find something missing, you may logically assume it never even existed.

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Good reading, and happy memories!

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MARCHANT, BASSETT, SASSEEN, RECOMMENDED FOR HIGH AWARDS

CHARLES M. MARCHANT, CRE(M), JACK R. BASSETT, PRE, AND LORAN H. SASSEEN, SGM, STATIONED AT KG, HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE EIGHTH REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE CARNEGIE MEDAL AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE PERFORMED BEYOND THE CALL OF THEIR REGULAR DUTIES WITHOUT REGARD TO ALMOST CERTAIN INJURY TO THEMSELVES. IT HAS ALSO BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ALASKA DEFENSE COMMAND THAT THEY BE AWARDED A SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

- IN MEMORIAM -

DAN C. VICTOR, SENIOR AIRWAYS INSPECTOR
NOBLE T. BASS, MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR
HENRY A. WEIR, ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEER

WITH PROFOUND REGRET WE RECORD IN THIS, THE FIRST ISSUE OF OUR NEW REGIONAL PAPER, THE DEATHS OF THREE POPULAR MEMBERS OF OUR OFFICIAL FAMILY.

THESE MEN LOST THEIR LIVES ON NOVEMBER 19, 1942 IN THE CRASH OF ADMINISTRATION CESSNA NC-118 IN THE VICINITY OF SHAKTOLIK ON AN OFFICIAL FLIGHT FROM ANCHORAGE TO MOSES POINT.

DAN VICTOR CAME WITH THE FLIGHT UNIT A YEAR AGO FROM STAR AIRLINES WITH A BACKGROUND OF MANY YEARS ALASKAN FLYING. HIS WIFE AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN WERE RESIDING IN BELLINGHAM AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT AND WILL MAKE THEIR FUTURE HOME IN THE STATES. DAN WAS BURIED BESIDE HIS MOTHER AND FATHER IN TACOMA.

NOBLE BASS WAS ONE OF THE REAL OLD-TIMERS WITH THE ORGANIZATION, HAVING BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE AIRWAYS SERVICE FOR SOME TEN YEARS. MRS. BASS ACCOMPANIED THE BODY TO SEATTLE, WHERE BURIAL WAS MADE IN THE MYSONIC CEMETERY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MRS. BASS INTENDS TO RETURN TO ANCHORAGE TO MAKE HER HOME. THEIR SON, LYMER, 18, IS ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA AT FAIRBANKS.

HENRY WEIR CAME TO THE SIGNALS BRANCH LAST FEBRUARY FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY IN FAIRBANKS. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA AND HAD LIVED PRACTICALLY ALL OF HIS LIFE IN FAIRBANKS, WHERE HIS

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THE OUTSTANDING ACTS WHICH THESE THREE CAA EMPLOYEES PERFORMED OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 21 WHEN A RCAF SERVICE PLANE WAS FORCED TO MAKE A CRASH LANDING AT WKG. THE PLANE HAD TAKEN OFF FROM THE FIELD WITH A FULL SERVICE LOAD AND SHORTLY AFTER GETTING IN THE AIR ONE ENGINE FAILED. ITS PILOT RELEASED AS MUCH OF THE SERVICE LOAD AS POSSIBLE WHERE IT WOULD DO THE LEAST DAMAGE BEFORE MAKING THE CRASH LANDING WHICH OCCURRED WITHIN 150 YARDS OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES AND QUARTERS BUILDINGS. MARCHANT, BASSETT AND SASSEEN IMMEDIATELY RAN TO THE ALREADY FLAMING AIRCRAFT AND FOUND THE PILOT AND THE CO-PILOT THROWN CLEAR OF THE WRECKAGE. WHILE SASSEEN AND BASSETT WERE DRAGGING THEM TO FURTHER SAFETY THE PILOT REMARKED THAT THERE WERE STILL TWO MEN IN THE PLANE. MARCHANT APPROACHED THE PLANE BUT FOUND THE HEAT SO INTENSE THAT HE HAD TO RUN TO THE OTHER SIDE. HE DISCOVERED THE WIRELESS OPERATOR THROWN CLEAR OF THE SHIP, AND THE OTHER MAN IN THE TAIL OF THE SHIP, HIS INJURIES SUCH THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO MOVE. MARCHANT IMMEDIATELY, EVEN IN VIEW OF THE KNOWLEDGE THAT AN EXPLOSION MIGHT OCCUR IN THE BLAZING SHIP AT ANY MOMENT, WENT INSIDE AND EXTRACTED HIM. MACHINE GUN BULLETS AND TRACERS WERE GOING OFF DURING THIS ENTIRE TIME.

SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS CARRIED TO SAFETY, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED WITH SUCH FORCE THAT PARTS OF THE PLANE WERE BLOWN OVER 200 YARDS DISTANT, LEAVING A CRATER ABOUT 15 FEET DEEP AND 30 FEET WIDE WHERE THE PLANE HAD BEEN.

SERVICE TO THE FLYING PROFESSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE WATCHWORD OF THE CAA, AND WE ARE PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH MEN SUCH AS THESE, WHO HAVE SO FULLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR WILLINGNESS, "WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN", TO CARRY OUT THIS CREDO TO THE ULTIMATE.

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 CORRESPONDENTS ALL CAA PERSONNEL
 CENSORS THOSE MEN

ANNOUNCEMENT

WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE WITH THIS FIRST EDITION OF THE NUKLUK TELEGRAPH IN ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF AN EIGHTH REGION MONTHLY NEWS PAMPHLET. THIS PUBLICATION IS DESIGNED PARTICULARLY TO DISSEMINATE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO FIELD PERSONNEL, WHICH ORIGINATE WITHIN OUR OWN ORGANIZATION. IT WILL SERVE AS A MEANS THROUGH WHICH THE REGIONAL OFFICE CAN ACQUAINT FIELD PERSONNEL WITH ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH ARE NOT OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT THE ISSUANCE OF CIRCULAR LETTERS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MUTUAL CHANNEL FOR THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERESTING EVENTS WHICH HAPPEN AT VARIOUS FIELD STATIONS. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST IT WILL, AS ITS NAME IMPLIES, PROVIDE A LEGITIMATE METHOD BY WHICH VARIOUS ITEMS OF "SCANDAL" CAN BE EXCHANGED.

SEVERAL OF THE OTHER REGIONS WITHIN THE CAA, AND EVEN THE WASHINGTON OFFICE, HAVE VARIOUS FORMS OF NEWS LETTERS AND "SCANDAL SHEETS". THIS REGION HAS NOT ADOPTED A SIMILAR POLICY PRIOR TO THIS TIME DUE MAINLY TO THE PRESS OF OTHER WORK. IT HAS RECENTLY BECOME APPARENT THAT EVEN THOUGH OUR OFFICIAL DUTIES MORE THAN OCCUPY OUR FULL TIME DAILY, SOME METHOD MUST BE PROVIDED TO VENT OUR LITERARY IMBITIONS. UNLESS THIS ESCAPE VALVE IS PROVIDED, WE SOON FIND OURSELVES WRAPPED IN OUR OWN SPHERE OF ACTIVITIES WITHOUT IN THE LEAST KNOWING WHAT THE OTHER FELLOW MIGHT BE DOING.

FOR THE TIME BEING AND UNTIL THE DEMAND WARRANTS, THE NUKLUK TELEGRAPH WILL BE PUBLISHED ONCE MONTHLY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION WITH THE SALARY CHECKS MAILED ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH. ALL PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASSIGNED TO FIELD STATIONS, ARE URGED TO APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF THEIR GROUP TO ACT AS CORRESPONDENT. THE PERSON SO SELECTED SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ACCUMULATE ALL INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE, ATTENTION SECTION 43, SO THAT IT WILL ARRIVE BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH. INFORMATION SO SUBMITTED SHOULD, AS A RULE, CONTAIN NOTHING OF A MILITARY NATURE SUCH AS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT OR THE MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, IF THE SUBMISSION OF AN ITEM IS QUESTIONABLE AND IS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IT MAY BE SUBMITTED IN THE USUAL MANNER, AND WHEN THE NUKLUK TELEGRAPH IS FINALLY EDITED BEFORE DUPLICATION, MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT

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BE OF COMFORT TO THE ENEMY WILL BE REMOVED AND THE STORY RECORDED, OR ELIMINATED.

THE SUCCESS OF THE NUKLUK TELEGRAPH NATURALLY DEPENDS UPON THE COOPERATION OF EVERYONE TO SUBMIT NEWS ITEMS. WE, THEREFORE, URGE YOU TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THIS LITERARY EFFORT, SO THAT WE MAY ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS AND PLEASURES.

H. P. FLETT
 SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRWAYS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

TO BEGIN OUR NEW YEAR WITH ANOTHER DEGREE OF PERSONAL TOUCH IT HAS BEEN DECIDED A REGIONAL NEWSLETTER, PUBLISHED MONTHLY, SHALL BE INAUGURATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATING NEWS OF INTEREST REGARDING HAPPENINGS AT VARIOUS STATIONS AND TO PERSONNEL.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGION ARE NOT ABLE TO VISIT EACH STATION AS OFTEN AS THEY PERSONALLY DESIRE IN VIEW OF PRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE WORK. AS REGIONAL MANAGER I HAVE THE TROUBLES OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AT HEART. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS ORGANIZATION MANY OF YOUR PROBLEMS NEVER REACH MY DESK. ANY THAT ARE JUSTIFIED AND SERIOUS ENOUGH SHOULD, IF PRESENTED IN THE PROPER MANNER THROUGH THE UNIT, BRANCH, OR DIVISION CHIEFS, BE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION.

IT IS MY DESIRE TO CONVEY TO YOU THE PRESENT IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGENCY IN THE WAR EFFORT, AS HAS BEEN ITS IMPORTANCE TO AVIATION PRIOR TO THE DECLARATION OF WAR. EACH ONE OF US IS CHARGED WITH A CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY AND, DURING A WAR, MANY OF US FEEL WE COULD BETTER AID IN THE WAR EFFORT WERE WE IN THE ARMED FORCES. THUS FAR THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A DEFENSE AGENCY AND EACH ONE OF US MUST STILL DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR POSITIONS IF WE ARE TO CONTRIBUTE OUR BEST TO THE WAR EFFORT. AS YOU ALL MUST BE AWARE THE MILITARY AIR FORCES ARE DEPENDENT ENTIRELY UPON THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF OUR AIDS AND THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THEM FOR THE SAFE MOVEMENT OF ALL MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND, WITHOUT EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU GIVING YOUR BEST, THIS VITAL ARM COULD NOT FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY. WE MUST ALL REMEMBER THE WORDS OF OUR PRESIDENT THAT THIS IS AN "ALL-OUT WAR" AND WE CANNOT EXPECT, UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, TO LIVE AS WE WOULD NORMALLY.

THIS OFFICE TRUSTS THAT THE NUKLUK TELEGRAPH WILL FILL SOME OF THE "VOIDS", AND DESIRES ALL PERSONNEL TO USE IT TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES FULLY. I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN, REGIONAL MANAGER

- IN MEMORIAM -

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 PATENTS STILL RESIDE. HE WAS UNMARRIED.

LITTLE CAN BE SAID WHICH WILL SOFTEN THE GREAT DEREAVEMENT WHICH THE LOSS OF THESE MEN BROUGHT TO THE FAMILIES AND CLOSE ASSOCIATES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. YET IT IS COMFORTING TO REALIZE THAT AT THE TIME OF THEIR DEATHS THEY WERE ENROUTE TO MAKE A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF A MILITARY OPERATION IN A COMBAT ZONE. THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES, THEN, IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY IN THIS GREAT WAR AGAINST THE EVIL FORCES OF THE WORLD, JUST AS SURELY AS THEY WOULD HAD THEY BEEN IN THE UNIFORM OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH ALL HAD WORN AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

SINCE THE GREAT ADMINISTRATOR HAD DECREED THEIR FATE, WE FEEL SURE THAT THE BOYS WENT OUT AS THEY WOULD HAVE CHOSEN, "WITH THEIR BOOTS ON", QUICKLY AND WITHOUT SUFFERING, SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT EACH HAD CONTRIBUTED HIS FULL SHARE TOWARD MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

PERSONNEL UNDERTAKES TO BETTER HOUSING SITUATION

WITH THE HOUSING SITUATION AS IT IS IN ANCHORAGE, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE WHOLE GROUP OF US SHOULD GANG UP WITH THE IDEA OF HELPING ONE ANOTHER IN HIS, HER, OR THEIR QUEST FOR A HOME FACING THE PROVINCIAL SOUTH IN PREFERENCE TO THE LITTLE OLD BUNGALOW WITH JUST A LITTLE TOO MUCH EXPOSURE IN ALL DIRECTIONS, OR FOR A HOME WHERE ICICLES DON'T HANG FROM THE HOT WATER FAUCET. OR IT COULD BE JUST A ROUTINE SEARCH FOR A PLACE TO LIVE.

A CLEARING HOUSE FOR RECEIVING AND GIVING INFORMATION, LEADS, CLUES, HOT TIPS, OR EVEN RUMORS ABOUT HOUSES AND ROOMS SEEMS THE BEST WAY OF TRYING TO HELP SOME AND BE HELPED BY OTHERS. RATHER REMINDS ONE OF A RACETRACK BOOKIE'S SCHEME, EXCEPT THAT WE HOPE THE CUSTOMER COMES OUT AHEAD ON THIS ONE. PAUL NELMS IN ROOM 220 IS "IT", WHICH EXPLAINS WHY YOU'VE SEEN HIM WALKING AROUND WITH ONE EAR SO CLOSE TO THE GROUND. PAUL MISSES NO BETS IN SEEKING OUT UNWARY LANDLORDS WITH EMPTY SPACE FOR RENT, SO HOWABOUT WHISPERING TO HIM WHAT YOU OVERHEARD IN FRONT OF THE CORNER SALOON AS YOU DASHED BY ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM WORK,--ABOUT THAT VACANT ROOM AT THE MCGILLICUDDYS'.

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ROWLEY RAILWAY RESUMES OPERATION

VERN ROWLEY, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF BRANCH 50, AND OWNER-MANAGER-OPERATOR OF ROWLEY'S ROUNDHOUSE AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WAS FORCED TO ABANDON OPERATIONS TEMPORARILY LAST MONTH DURING A CHANGEOVER FROM 0 GAUGE TO H0 GAUGE.

ACQUISITION OF A NEW RIGHT-OF WAY ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT OF SERVICE, BUT THE MANAGEMENT IS NOW PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OLD FRIENDS MAY AGAIN RELY ON THE SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE ROWLEY RAILROAD.

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THE FEDERAL AIRWAYS DEPOT WILL SWAP TRUCK NO. 752 FOR "WHAT HAVE YOU?"

THEY ALSO WILL TRADE (SIGHT, UNSEEN) ONE LEAKY METAL ROOF FOR A GOOD WOODEN ONE.

THE WHEREABOUTS OF ONE DECIBEL METER, SERIAL NO. 3136 WOULD LIKE TO BE KNOWN BY THE DEPOT PERSONNEL.

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GRIGGS RETURNS FROM INSPECTION TRIP TO NINTH REGION

THE CHIEF OF THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING BRANCH, C. B. GRIGGS, RETURNED RECENTLY FROM AN INSPECTION TRIP OF THE "NINTH REGION" (FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FILES, THE "NINTH" CONSISTS OF GALENA, SEWARD PENINSULA, BARROW, SHUNGNAK, KOTZEBUE AND OH YES, WE ALMOST FORGOT, UNALAKLEET. BILL SEELEY AND JOHN BROADWELL HELD UNDISPUTED SWAY OVER THIS SECTION OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL GRIGGS' VISIT, BUT GRIGGS REPORTS EVERYTHING IN ORDER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW SHORTAGES AND BROADWELL EXPECTS TO INVOICE THE WHOLE DEAL ON FORM 411 (EXTRA PINK FOR WASHINGTON) TO BRANCH 50 SHORTLY.

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ON THEIR TRIP TO BARROW, GRIGGS AND BROADWELL FOUND ACCOMMODATIONS IN A SOO IGLOO WHICH WAS COMPLETE WITH A PENTHOUSE. THEY WERE FORCED TO SHAVE WITH MELTED ICE AND IN THE MORNINGS THEY TUMBLED OUT OF THE IGLOO INTO TEMPERATURES OF 30 DEGREES. (ABOVE. THE LAGOON WAS COVERED WITH WATER FROM AN OVERFLOW, AND THE TRADITIONAL ARCTIC TEMPERATURE WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND). "THEY TIGHTENED THEIR BELTS AGAIN, KILLED ANOTHER DOG", AND AFTER FOUR DAYS DEPARTED FOR KOTZEBUE VIA WAINWRIGHT AND POINT LAY. LEST GRIGGS PERISH ON THE TRAIL, THE GOVERNMENT NURSE AT BARROW PRESENTED HIM WITH A BOTTLE OF PICKLED MUKTUK (WHALE SKIN TO YOU), BUT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO BREAK OUT THESE EMERGENCY RATIONS.

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THANK YOU FROM GENERAL INSPECTION

PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL INSPECTION BRANCH WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PEOPLE STATIONED AT MOSES POINT FOR THE FINE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THEM DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE NC-118 ACCIDENT IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. IT WARMS THE COCKLES OF YOUR HEAR TO KNOW THAT CAA PEOPLE ARE REAL PEOPLE, READY AND MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP GET THE JOB DONE, REGARDLESS OF COSTS IN PERSONAL COMFORT TO THEMSELVES. THIS IS REAL ALASKAN HOSPITALITY. WE ADD OUR GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR TO THESE AND ALL THE GOOD FRIENDS WE HAVE MADE IN ALL THE CAA STATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

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HANGAR RAVINGS

AT LAST! A CHANCE TO COMPLAIN. PLEASE PEOPLE, WHEN YOU CALL THE HANGAR BY PHONE BE WILLING TO WAIT AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES. THE TELEPHONE IS DIAGONALLY ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE OFFICE. THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONAL PHONE, ITS COW-BELL ATTACHMENT RINGS OUT LOUD AND CLEAR AND CAN BE HEARD FROM QUITE A DISTANCE. IF YOU ARE THE ONE TO ANSWER YOU WEAVE YOUR WAY AROUND CUPBOARDS, THROUGH DOORS AND AROUND MACHINERY, DOWN, UNDER AND OVER AIRPLANES TILL YOU REACH THE BLASTED THING ONLY TO HEAR THE SUGAR SWEET VOICE OF THE OPERATOR ASKING FOR YOUR NUMBER. WE HOPE SOON THIS SITUATION WILL BE REMEDIED.

PERHAPS YOU DIDN'T KNOW, THERE IS ANOTHER COLD STORAGE COMPANY IN ANCHORAGE, THE CAA HANGAR. THE MECHANICS GET SO COLD WHILE THEY WORK THEY MOVE LIKE ROBOTS, STAND ALL THEY CAN, DASH INTO THE ANNEX FOR COFFEE AND RETURN TO THE BITTER COLD AGAIN. BRAVE MEN, THOSE MECHANICS. HOWEVER, HOPE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN UP THAT SOMEDAY A HEATING SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE AND DANDY.

THE HANGAR IS BEGINNING TO GAIN SOME SEMBLANCE OF ORDER. THE NEW ANNEX IS NEARLY COMPLETED AND WILL HOUSE THE WOODWORKING SHOP, MOTOR SHOP, STOCK ROOM AND OFFICE. UP TO THE PRESENT IT HAS BEEN LIKE KEEPING ORDER WHILE A WINDMILL BLOWS THROUGH. GAS MASKS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ISSUED RECENTLY. THE SMELL OF FRESH PAINT MAY BE DELIGHTFUL TO SOME BUT IN LARGE QUANTITIES IT "AINT SO HOT". THE STOCK ROOM AND MOTOR SHOP ARE PAINTED A BEAUTIFUL COMBINATION OF GREENS WHILE THE WOODWORKING SHOP IS PAINTED JUST AS BEAUTIFULLY IN A COMBINATION OF GRAYS. THE SMELL, AT LAST, IS SLOWLY DYING AWAY JUST IN TIME TO KEEP THE PERSONNEL FROM SLOWLY DYING WITH IT.

OH YES, ABOUT THE HANGAR PERSONNEL. HERE THEY ARE:

BIG BOSS	HERB ENBERG
MECHANICS (GREASE MONKEYS)	MATT PARVIN ART SPICER L. P. ROGERS (FUZZ) J. R. SHANKS (DUTCH) RAY DELL HARRY LUMAN
CARPENTERS (OUR TWO SPECIAL WOOD BUTCHERS)	FREDDY CYRE HAROLD SMITH
AND THE GIRLS, BLESS 'EM	EDNA C. THOMPSON MARYL BRISKY PEGGY NYSTROM
HELP MAKE A DULL MONOTONOUS LIFE VERY INTER-	

ESTING---JUST ASK. OVERALLS, A BIT OF GREASE, A SMUDGE OF DIRT AND A POUND OF PAINT (NOT LIPSTICK EITHER) AND YOU HAVE THEIR ACCEPTED WEARING APPAREL. ONE DAY THEY ARE LONGSHOREMEN, THE NEXT PAINTERS, CARPENTERS, MECHANICS, STENOGRAPHERS AND THE BEST ALL AROUND FLUNKIES ANYONE COULD ASK FOR. IF HOWEVER, YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE FELLOWS REALLY THINK OF ALL THIS, READ THE HANGAR BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WOODWORKING SHOP.

YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME OUT AND VISIT THE HANGAR AND ANNEX. A RECEPTION COMMITTEE WILL BE READY TO TRIP YOU AS YOU COME THROUGH THE DOOR.

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NEWS FROM ENGINEERING UNIT

OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE GREAT SOUTHEASTERN, EVERETTE GOODWIN, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SPEND ANOTHER NIGHT ON HOUND ISLAND. THESE WIVES ARE GONNA GET WISE TO YOU SOUTHEASTERNERS YET.

JOE MOONEY RECENTLY SALLIED FORTH TO RENEW HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE WOULDN'T THINK ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, EXCEPT THAT TIL HOPEWELL AND HOWARD HENKEL MANAGED TO BE THERE AT THE SAME TIME. AND WE ARE AT WAR. WELL, FAIR WEATHER AND A TAIL WIND, BOYS.

'TIS RUMORED THAT JERRY ANDERSON RELINQUISHED CONTROL OF HIS CONTROL BUILDING. NICE GOING, JERRY. YOU AND SALLY BOTH HAVE OUR BEST WISHES FOR A LIFE FILLED WITH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. INCIDENTALLY, IF JERRY ANDERSON CAN DO THAT WELL IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOME HOPE FOR DATE AND HOOPER. IT APPEARS THAT THE FORMER IS IN THERE SWINGING, ANYWAY.

THOSE ENGINEERS BACK IN THE BULL PEN SEEM TO HAVE HAD THEIR MORALE STEPPED UP A LOT OF NOTCHES LATELY BY A RECENT SPARKLING ADDITION TO THE PERSONNEL IN THE WEST WING. WE CONGRATULATE THEM, AND WELCOME HER.

WANT AD: WILL TRADE TWO PUT CAPS IN MEDIOCRE CONDITION FOR TWO PITH HELMETS IN ANY CONDITION. VERNE AND BUZZ.

BUCK CULVER GOT PINCHED THE OTHER DAY FOR RUNNING A LOCOMOTIVE THROUGH SOMEBODY'S BEDROOM. MAYBE HE WASN'T LOOKING WHERE HE WAS GOING. OR WAS HE?

WE'RE LOSING ONE OF OUR OLD GUARDS WHEN BILL THOMAS GOES TO ALASKA. PROJECTS DEPOT, AND WE HATE TO HAVE HIM LEAVE US. HAPPY LANDINGS, BILL. WE'LL SEE YOU WHEN WE COME THROUGH.

A. T. C.

THIS ARTICLE IS BEING WRITTEN ONLY TO CLEAR UP THE CONFUSION WHICH THE ABOVE THREE LETTERS HAVE CAUSED IN THESE PARTS. THEY DO NOT MEAN ALASKA TERMITE CONTROL NOR AIR TRAFFIC CONFUSERS AS SO MANY ARE LED TO BELIEVE, BUT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

AT PRESENT THE AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT IS OPERATING THE ANCHORAGE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER AND HOPING TO HAVE THE FAIRBANKS AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER ON THE AIR VERY SOON.

INASMUCH AS THIS IS ONE OF THE NEWEST DEPARTMENTS OF THE CAA IN ALASKA IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN INTRODUCTION OF ALL PERSONNEL IS IN ORDER.

IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE (EAST PENTHOUSE) WE HAVE PETE PETITTE WHO DID TIME IN THE PITTSBURGH, PA. AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, AND K. THOMAS NAYLOR, FORMERLY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRWAYS OFFICE, SEVENTH REGION.

IN THE MERRILL FIELD CONTROL TOWER (SOME CALL IT A GLORIFIED CACHE) WE HAVE JIM BROWN OF THE PENDELTON, OREG. CONTROL TOWER; BOB (HENRY BUSSE) KAPLAN OF THE NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. CONTROL TOWER; JIM (SILENT) HUMPHRIES OF THE HARTFORD, CONN. CONTROL TOWER; FRED (THE TOOTH) STEARNS OF THE SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. CONTROL TOWER; ART DENTON OF THE MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. CONTROL TOWER; BOB JACKSON OF MIDROW AIR SERVICE, NOME; AND BOB RIEDEL OF THE EIGHTH REGION GENERAL INSPECTION OFFICE.

BRAVING THE COLD WINTRY BLASTS OF FAIRBANKS WE HAVE JERRY CURTIS OF THE SAN DIEGO, CALIF. CONTROL TOWER; FRED SEELY OF THE BOSTON, MASS. CONTROL TOWER; OZZIE OSBORN OF THE SAN DIEGO, CALIF. CONTROL TOWER; ROG ROGERS OF THE CINCINNATI, OHIO AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER; IRV ZIEMKE OF THE ATLANTA, GA. CONTROL TOWER; AND SAM (SEÑOR) SILVER OF THE CHARLESTON, S. C. CONTROL TOWER WHO IS SAID TO BE GOOD AT A RADIO MIKE.

NEXT, BUT NOT LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT, WE HAVE FOUR NEWLY ARRIVED REPRESENTATIVES OF AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL WHO ARE LIAISON OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO (SORRY THIS HAS BEEN CENSORED AND CANNOT BE PUBLISHED). GRIF CONNELL REPRESENTS THE CHICAGO, ILL. CONTROL CENTER; TILLY TILLINHAFT OF THE OAKLAND, CALIF. CONTROL CENTER; MONTY MONTGOMERY OF THE BURBANK, CALIF. CONTROL CENTER; AND ED BROWN OF THE CLEVELAND, OHIO CONTROL CENTER.

COMMISSARY HOPES TO BE BIG BRANCH SOME DAY

THE COMMISSARY TWIG (A TWIG IS A SMALL BRANCH, ISN'T IT?) IS GROWING RAPIDLY AND VERY LIKELY BY SPRING WILL BE IN FULL BLOOM IF WE CAN GET PLENTY OF SUNSHINE, RAIN, GOOD WILL, ETCETERA. THIS COOL FALL AND WINTER WEATHER HASN'T DONE ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE EXCEPT FOR A FROZEN EXTREMITY OR TWO, BUT WE ARE HOPING AND EXPECTING THAT WARMER WEATHER MAY STIMULATE OUR GROWTH.

BUT SERIOUSLY (MORE OR LESS) WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSARY IS GRADUALLY BECOMING BETTER ORGANIZED AND MAKING SOME PROGRESS. WE NOW HAVE SIX FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, AND KEEP THEM ALL BUSY. OUR WAREHOUSE CREW CONSISTS OF LEONARD ERICKSON, TRUCK DRIVER, AND RAY ARALO AND L. M. HAMPTON, ORDER CLERKS. IN THE OFFICE ALICE DUNCAN PRESIDES AT THE TYPEWRITER; C. J. TAYLOR IS KEEPER OF THE BOOKS AND JOHN H. (JACK) HOCKZEMA ATTEMPTS TO KEEP ALL THE BOYS FROM FIGHTING OVER ALICE.

MERCHANDISE IS ARRIVING RATHER SLOWLY. MANY ITEMS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT ALL, MANY OTHERS ARE SCARCE AND MORE OR LESS RATIONED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN AFTER THE MERCHANDISE IS SHIPPED, IT IS SOMETIMES DELAYED CONSIDERABLY AT SEWARD AND AT OUR LOCAL RAILROAD FREIGHT HOUSE DUE TO LACK OF HELP, ETC. WE ALASKANS SHOULD FEEL RATHER FORTUNATE IN HAVING ALL THE SUGAR, COFFEE AND MILK THAT WE CAN USE AND WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE COMMISSARY HAS A GOOD SUPPLY OF ALL THREE. WE HAVE HAD ORDERS PLACED FOR SOME TIME FOR MUCH MORE MERCHANDISE AND HOPE TO REALLY HAVE A COMPLETE COMMISSARY ONE OF THESE DAYS.

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NOTHING TO IT

AND THEN THERE IS THE STORY ABOUT W. JORDET AND D. FOUSLEY'S HUNTING TRIP. THEY GOT ON A TRAIN AND RODE TO A NICE BIG SECTION HOUSE. THE MORNING OF THE FIRST DAY, THEY AROSE EARLY AT 10:00 A.M., HAD A BIG BREAKFAST, WENT OUT AND SHOT TWO MOOSE (ONE APIECE) AND RETURNED IN TIME FOR LUNCH. IT WAS TOO EASY. THEY DIDN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT HUNTING ANYMORE. SO THEY RETURNED TO WORK. BY THE WAY, THAT MOOSE WE RECEIVED CERTAINLY DID TASTE LIKE HAM, BOYS.

THIS SEEMS TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR THIS ISSUE. WE HOPE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENLIGHTEN SOME PEOPLE AS TO THE SUBJECT OF THE STORIES WHEN THE TERMITE CONTROL OR TRAFFIC CONFUSION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MENTIONED.

A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, DECEMBER 30, 1942. WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF UNOFFICIAL NOTICE THAT FURTHER RECLASSIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR GRADES IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE PROJECT HAVING ORIGINATED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION IN WASHINGTON IS REPORTED TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. IT IS DEFINITELY TOO EARLY TO HAZARD A FORECAST AS TO WHAT THE RECLASSIFICATION WILL MEAN TO FIELD PERSONNEL, BUT IT IS BELIEVED SAFE TO SAY THAT IF APPROVED IT WILL RESULT IN AN IMPROVED GRADUATION. THE REGIONAL OFFICE IS AS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING THE RECLASSIFICATION AS YOU ARE IN THE FIELD AND WILL FURNISH OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE. EACH SUBSEQUENT ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH WILL CONVEY ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AS TO THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT.

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OFFICIAL ADVICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE OVERTIME BILL ON DECEMBER 24. CAA EMPLOYEES WERE NOTIFIED DECEMBER 30 OF THE 48-HOUR WEEK, CONSISTING OF 8 HOURS PER DAY, 6 DAYS PER WEEK.

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PLANS ARE NOW UNDER WAY WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION TRAINING CENTER, ACCOMMODATING TRAINEES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND SIGNALS BRANCHES. THE TOTAL CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING CENTER IS PROPOSED TO BE 200 STUDENTS AT ONE TIME. THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE TRAINING CENTER IS BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH ON E.

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THE PATROL UNIT CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE TOWARDS ITS ENDEAVORS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LARGE AIRCRAFT, THUS PROVIDING THE MEANS WITH WHICH TO MORE CONVENIENTLY ACCOMPLISH TRANSPORTING GROCERIES, PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY.

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SOME RELIEF IS IN PROSPECT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC DUTIES BY AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL AT BUSY TERMINAL AND INTERMEDIATE STATIONS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE FURTHER DISCUSSION TO THE DETAILS THROUGH THIS MEDIUM.

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WISHING EACH AND EVERY AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR IN THE EIGHTH REGION A HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND TRUSTING THAT YOU WILL SHARE WITH ME IN THE SLOGAN "WE HAVEN'T YET BEGUN TO TELEGRAPH".

ALLEN D. HULEN
CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

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WASHINGTON OFFICE VISITOR

MR. A. V. CARROLL, ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE CAA TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS, IN ADDITION TO VARIOUS AND OTHER SUNDRY DUTIES, RECENTLY ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE TO INSPECT THE EIGHTH REGION TRAINING PROGRAM AND ARRANGE FOR INAUGURATION OF A PROGRESSIVE SYSTEM OF TRAINING. PROGRESSIVE TRAINING WILL PERMIT ENROLLMENT AT APPROXIMATELY MONTHLY INTERVALS AND PERMITS THE GRADUATION OF STUDENTS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO FIELD STATIONS AS SOON AS THEY ARE ABLE TO ATTAIN THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SPEEDS, AND MORE OR LESS ALLEVIATES THE DISADVANTAGES OF OUR PREVALENT SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTING BY CLASS. THE LATTER SYSTEM PROHIBITS ENTRANCE INTO THE SCHOOL AFTER A CLASS HAS BEEN UNDERGOING TRAINING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

MR. CARROLL'S DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR HERewith SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THIS PARTICULAR JOB:

"THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR---HE MAINTAINS VIGILANCE AT HIS EARTH-BOUND STATION THROUGH THE MAGICAL MEDIUM OF MODERN COMMUNICATION, SERVING THOSE WHO TRAVERSE THE SKY BY DAY AND NIGHT---THROUGH FAIR WEATHER AND FOUL; WITH MESSENGERS AT HIS COMMAND TO SPAN THE WORLD IN AN INSTANT.

"HIS DUTIES ARE EXACTING---RESPONSIBILITIES GREAT. SAFETY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY OFTEN DEPEND SOLELY UPON THE PROPER PERFORMANCE OF ROUTING ASSIGNMENTS. SOMETIMES ONLY INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE AND RESOURCEFULNESS WILL AVERT DISASTER.

"HIS LOYALTY MUST BE CONSTANT---HIS MISSION NEVER ENDS. INTO HIS HANDS ARE PLACED TOOLS FABRICATED THROUGH YEARS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. HE MUST CONTRIBUTE THE FINAL AND MOST VITAL LINK---INTELLIGENT HUMAN ENDEAVOR TO THE END THAT THOSE WHO FLY THE AIRWAYS MAY DO SO WITH MAXIMUM SAFETY."

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KITTY HASSLER, ACTING CHIEF OF THE CONTRACT AND LEASE UNIT, FINALLY LEFT FOR SA AFTER NEARLY A TWO WEEK DELAY. HER TRIP WILL INVOLVE A DETAIL AT THE APD AND A SHORT VACATION.

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A. W. KESSINGER WAS SEEN GIVING CIGARS TO THE GIRLS AND CANDY TO THE BOYS AT THE DEPOT THE OTHER DAY. THE REASON? A BABY GIRL, BORN DECEMBER 22, WEIGHT, 7 LBS. 10 OZ., NAMED MADE-LINE PEARL.

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IT IS RUMORED AROUND THE REGIONAL OFFICE THAT AL HULEN HAS RECENTLY SENT IN THAT MAGIC FORM 215 FOR FIVE HUNDRED CARRIER PIGEONS.

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ACCOUNTS HAS ITS PROBLEMS

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR MONEY LATELY? WELL, BE PATIENT. THE AUDIT UNIT OF THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH HAS ITS PERSONNEL PROBLEMS. STELLA UNWIN, ONE OF OUR VOUCHER CLERKS, HAD TO GO OUTSIDE FOR CARE OF HER TEETH AS THE LOCAL DENTISTS COULDN'T HELP HER. SHE'S BEEN IN SEATTLE SINCE NOVEMBER TRYING TO GET BACK UP AND WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HER BUT THE DAYS GO BY AND SHE STILL ISN'T AT HER DESK. WE HEAR VIA THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH THAT SHE IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN SEWARD SOON. (THE INFORMATION GAINED VIA MUKLUK TELEGRAPH WAS CORRECT,--STELLA RETURNED TO WORK THURSDAY).

MARY ROSS, ANOTHER VOUCHER CLERK, HAS INFECTION IN HER HANDS AND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WEEK. SHE RETURNED TO WORK FOR A WEEK AND THE INFECTION REOCCURRED AND NOW WE'RE PATIENTLY WAITING FOR HER TO GET BACK.

MELVA GOODCHER, THE VOUCHER TYPIST, HAS BEEN OUT FOR SEVERAL DAYS WITH THE FLU AND HER CHAIR IS EMPTY.

THEN HANK LALLY, THE CHIEF OF THE AUDIT UNIT LEFT ON DECEMBER 15TH FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. TO LOOK OVER THE AUDIT PROCEDURE IN THE WASHINGTON OFFICE.

IN SPITE OF THE LACK OF HELP WE SENT THROUGH FOR PAYMENT ALMOST 1000 VOUCHERS TO KEEP OUR AVERAGE OVER THE 1000 MARK FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR MONEY LAST MONTH LOOK FOR IT IN JANUARY.

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OH LADY I

OH LADY WITH YOUR COAT SO WARM
FITTING NEATLY TO YOUR FORM,
AND YOUR MUKLUKS ANKLE HIGH
KEEP YOUR FEET SO WARM AND DRY;
BUT TWIST THE ANKLE AND THE KNEE,
DON'T THE COLD STRIKE BITTERLY?
OH LADY, ARE YOUR SOCKS SO HOT
FRIGID AIR CAN TOUCH YOU NOT?

OH LADY WITH YOUR COAT SO WARM,
CAN YOU SCORN OLD WINTER'S STORM?
AIN'T THERE JUST SOME LITTLE SHIVER
ANYWHERE THE COAT DON'T KIVER?
YOU FOUGHT AND VOTED FOR THE RIGHT
TO DRESS IN TROUSERS LOOSE OR TIGHT.
AND NOW WHEN WINTER'S WINDS ARE HEARIN'
JUST WHY IN THUNDER DON'T YOU WEAR 'EM?

OH LADY TELL ME, WON'T YOU PLEASE,
DON'T YOUR SHIN BONES NEARLY FREEZE?
-----DICK TOSLEY

A POET AROSE FROM AMONG THE RANKS AT THE DEPOT,
AND BLOSSOMED FORTH WITH THE ABOVE DITTY.
WHERE DID HE GET THE INSPIRATION?

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ROLL CALL IN THE DRAFTING UNIT IS RATHER BAFFLING THESE DAYS WHAT WITH PEOPLE COMING AND GOING. WE DON'T QUITE KNOW WHETHER THIS IS THE JUMPING OFF OR JUMPING IN POINT. SOME ARE COMING IN FROM THE FIELD AND OTHERS GOING OUTSIDE.

AT PRESENT WE HAVE HANS RHIGER IN THE NORTH-WEST CORNER. HANS CAME IN FROM GULKANA ABOUT A MONTH AGO. HE HAS BEEN WITH CAA SINCE LAST MAY. WE ARE SURE THAT THE REMOTENESS OF GULKANA HELD NO TERROR FOR HIM BECAUSE WE ASKED HIM HOW LONG HE HAD BEEN IN ALASKA AND HE TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN HERE FOR FIVE YEARS AND THAT HE HAD SPENT MOST OF THAT TIME RUNNING AROUND HUNTING AND FISHING AND HAVING A GOOD TIME IN GENERAL. WHICH IS THE WAY WE LIKE TO HEAR A MAN TALK.

ONE WHO LEFT US ABOUT THE TIME OF THE LAST CAA DANCE WAS BOB LOCKNESS. BOB WAS AN EX-SEAMAN BUT NO MORE. HE RESIGNED TO GO TO SA AND JOIN THE ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE. HIS LAST WORDS WERE THAT HE EXPECTED TO SEE US ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME. ANOTHER TO LEAVE US WAS JIMMY TAPSCOTT. JIMMY IS NO LONGER SLEEPING IN IN THE MORNINGS. HE IS DRAFTING FOR THE SIGNAL CORPS, AND WEARING OLIVE DRAB.

LEO WILDER IS A FAIRLY NEW NEWCOMER FROM KODIAK. HE SAYS THE PAY IN KODIAK IS BETTER THAN HERE BUT THAT HE'LL TAKE ANCHORAGE. HE IS TELLING A GOOD STORY ON HIMSELF. HE HAS BEEN TELLING HIS THREE-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, GAIL, THAT SHE IS A CHEECHAKO AND THAT HE IS A SOURDOUGH. (LEO HAS BEEN IN ALASKA FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.) GAIL HAS SINCE BEEN HEARD EXPLAINING TO PEOPLE THAT SHE IS A CHEECHAKO AND THAT HER DAD IS A SOUR DOPE.

OUR ONE REAL STANDBY IS CHARLIE WERNEKE. SINCE FEBRUARY 1944 CHARLIE HAS BEEN PUTTING FORTH FOR CAA, WE MEAN REALLY PUTTING OUT. THE QUIETEST MAN IN THE OUTFIT AND THE MOST PRODUCTIVE.

GENERAL FRANKLIN DUCKWORTH CARLWAY IS PROBABLY THE MOST POPULAR MAN WITH THE WOMEN IN THE DRAFTING UNIT. OR THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION. WE DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT, BUT VERY QUIETLY AND SLYLY HE SEEMS TO HAVE LINED ALL THE GALS UP ON HIS SIDE. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT HIS WIFE NEVER SEES THIS COLUMN.

WE CLAIM A DISTINCTION IN JOAN ANDERSON. SHE HAS BEEN WITH CAA FOR SEVEN MONTHS AND IS THE FIRST GIRL TO EVER BECOME A SHE-DRAFTSMAN IN THIS UNIT. OR THE REGION AS FAR AS WE KNOW. JOAN LIVED IN FAIRBANKS FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE COMING TO ANCHORAGE AND SAYS SHE HAS GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SEVERAL TIMES, WHATEVER THAT MEANS.

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NEXT IS JERRY ANDERSON, WHO AS MOST OF US KNOW BECAME A MARRIED MAN DECEMBER 19. SALLIE PARKS IS THE OTHER HALF OF THE UNION.

ERNIE WESCHENFELDER IS THE MAN WHOSE HAIR IS GRAYING WITH TRYING TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL HIS GALS AND BOYS. AND NO WONDER, AT THE RATE OF COMING AND GOING IN THE UNIT. LAST TO BE LEAVING WILL BE GEORGIA NELSON AND JEAN HUFFMAN WHO WILL BE OPENING A REAL BARBEQUE STAND VERY SOON AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AT THE ANCHORAGE DAIRY. OF COURSE, WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU ALL DOWN THERE.

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PERSONNEL AND TOPICS FROM
COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

MRS. W. A. CRAVER ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE DECEMBER 29 ENROUTE TO JOIN HER HUSBAND AT GULKANA. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO ARRANGE FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION FROM ANCHORAGE TO GULKANA.

IN THE FUTURE IT IS PROPOSED TO TABULATE ALL EIGHTH REGION AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRANSFERS, SELECTIONS AND/OR CHANGES IN STATUS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE PRECEDING MONTH.

SENIOR AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR, P. O. PETERSON ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE DECEMBER 29 FROM WOODY ISLAND. UPON BEING QUERIED EARLY ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 30 AS TO HOW HE LIKED ANCHORAGE PETE COMMENTED THAT HIS FIRST REACTION WAS RATHER HARSH BUT HE HAD SINCE FOUND COMFORTABLE LODGING AND FELT THAT ANCHORAGE WOULD PROVE TO BE A VERY FINE ASSIGNMENT.

CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR, R. H. FINEGOLD, IS IN ANCHORAGE AWAITING FURTHER TRANSPORTATION TO GAMBELL WHERE HE WILL ASSUME CHARGE AND HAVE AS HIS SUBORDINATE OPERATORS MR. AND MRS. GOODRICH, WHO RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE TRAINING CENTER, AND TRAINEE, IRVING UNGLORUK, WHO IS A NATIVE OF ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND AND COMES TO US WELL RECOMMENDED BY HIS FORMER COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYER.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE A. SPIRES, AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR, KENAI, ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF A 7-POUND BABY GIRL BORN CHRISTMAS DAY AT PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL, ANCHORAGE. THE "FAMILY" IS REPORTED TO BE DOING NICELY. CONGRATULATIONS. EVEN SANTA CLAUS OUTDOES HIMSELF ONCE IN A WHILE. NO MORE COMMENTS WE WAGER WILL BE HEARD FROM GEORGE SPIRES TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE ISN'T ANY SANTA CLAUS. (CONFIDENTIALLY, THE MINIMUM ENTRANCE AGE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING SCHOOL WILL POSSIBLY BE REDUCED TO 16 YEARS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.)

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TO THE SMALL HARD WORKING ARMY OF CAA PERSONNEL IN THE EIGHTH REGION IS GIVEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GREAT TASK OF DEFENDING AMERICA AND THE MANY INTANGIBLE, SACRED, AND EVER REAL PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE EMBODIED IN THE AMERICAN WAY. THIS TASK WE SHARE WITH ALL WHO IN ANY WAY PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR EFFORT.

FURTHER, THE WORK WE MUST ACCOMPLISH DURING THE NECESSITY OF THE PRESENT STRUGGLE WILL PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE SAFETY, AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO THE MINDS OF A PEACE LOVING PEOPLE, WILL PROVIDE FOR THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS VAST AND VALUABLE TERRITORY.

IT IS UNIVERSALLY UNDERSTOOD, THAT, DUE TO PECULIARITIES OF CLIMATE AND RUGGEDNESS OF TERRAIN, THE TERRITORY'S FULL DEVELOPMENT IS DIRECTLY DEPENDENT UPON AIR TRANSPORTATION, AND LOGICALLY FOLLOWS THAT THE GROWTH OF THE AVIATION SERVICES IN ALASKA IS DEPENDENT ON OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS.

EACH ENGINEER AND TECHNICIAN, WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE CREATION OF A NEW AIRPORT, OR THE ERECTION OF AN AID TO NAVIGATION; EACH TECHNICIAN, PILOT, RADIO OPERATOR, OFFICE WORKER AND LABORER WHO MAKES HIS HOME HERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THESE FACILITIES, IS IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE MOST VALUABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISE HE OR SHE WILL EVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER.

WHILE EACH IS BUT A SMALL COG IN THIS MACHINE, AND AT TIMES OUR DUTIES MAY SEEM ARDUOUS, SOMETIMES BORESOME, WE MAY ALL LOOK WITHOUT FEAR INTO THE FUTURE, WHEN MAN WILL AGAIN HAVE TURNED THE MIGHT OF HIS GOD-GIVEN INTELLIGENCE INTO CREATIVE, RATHER THAN DESTRUCTIVE PURSUITS, AND EACH LOYAL WORKER CAN ENJOY DEEP SATISFACTION IN A GREAT JOB WELL DONE.

EACH WILL HAVE DONE HIS PART IN MAKING THE RESOURCES AND WONDERS OF ALASKA ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO OUR SHARE EXISTS NOW. OUR CREATIVE TASK WILL BE WELL BEGUN WHEN THIS DESTRUCTIVE CONFLICT IS FINISHED.

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SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ADH SENT OUT AN "SOS" TO THE STATES FOR OPERATORS, DUE TO THE INCREASED BUSINESS, COMMISSIONING OF NEW STATIONS AND ACUTE SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL IN THE EIGHTH REGION. THIS REQUEST WAS MET WITH IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM OPERATORS IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED THAT AT ABOUT THIS TIME THE ALEUTIANS WERE INVADDED AND MOST OF THESE MEN VOLUNTEERED THEIR SERVICES TO SERVE IN ALASKA WHEREVER THEY MIGHT BE SENT, ALEUTIANS OR ELSEWHERE.

WE ALL KNOW THAT THE CAA HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING TO ALL BUT ELIMINATE THIS MENACE BY THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE ARMY AND OTHER MILITARY UNITS IN FURNISHING WEATHER, RADIO AIDS AND NUMEROUS OTHER SERVICES, THESE MEN HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND CAN FEEL THAT THEY HAVE DONE A REAL JOB.

SOON SOME WILL BE LEAVING TO BE REPLACED IN PART BY OTHERS COMING UP FROM THE STATES, WE HOPE THEY WILL ALL STAY ON AND CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK. WE HAVE GAINED MANY GOOD FRIENDS AND FEEL WE WILL BE MISSING A SWELL BUNCH OF FELLOWS.

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ALUMINUM BEING STRICTLY AN ESSENTIAL METAL WE WONDER WHAT HULEN PLANS ON USING FOR DISPATCH CAPSULES FOR THE CARRIER PIGEONS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HE REQUISITIONED TO TAKE CARE OF FADE OUTS.

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WE WONDER WHO THE 300S OPERATOR WAS WHO PUNCHED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE HE DISCOVERED THERE WASN'T ANY TAPE IN THE PERK. AND THE WATCH SUPERVISOR WATCHED HIM DO IT. IT'S A CRUEL WORLD.

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CONRAD AND MOORHEAD RECENTLY WENT UNDER THE KNIFE FOR APPENDICITIS. CONRAD IS BACK ON DUTY NOW, AND MOORHEAD WILL BE BACK THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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MR. AND MRS. EUGENE B. LOWMAN ARE NOW AT HAINES, ALASKA.

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MRS. HANSON REGIONS

CONTINUED ILLNESS FOLLOWING AN OPERATION LAST SPRING HAS LED MRS. W. A. HANSON, NEE WILMA COMPTON, A COMPARATIVE VETERAN OF THE CONTRACT AND LEASE UNIT, TO ENTER HER RESIGNATION. UPON TERMINATING HER SERVICE SHE EXPECTS TO RECUPERATE OUTSIDE. ALTHOUGH HER DEPARTURE IS CONTEMPLATED WITH REGRET WE HOPE THE CHANGE WILL BRING A SPEEDY RECOVERY AND HER SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO ALASKA.

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BRUDERER AND NEE LEAVE FOR OUTSIDE

MR. O. J. BRUDERER, CHIEF CONTRACT AND SERVICE BRANCH LEFT FOR SEATTLE ON DECEMBER 3. BECAUSE OF OVERTAXED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF PRIORITY PASSENGERS TRAVELING AT THE SAME TIME, MR. BRUDERER WAS DELAYED AT FAIRBANKS AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED BY JOE NEE. THEY ARRIVED IN SEATTLE DECEMBER 12. MR. NEE'S DESTINATION WAS SANTA MONICA, CALIF., WHERE HE WILL JOIN THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING STAFF OF THE SIXTH REGION. HE WAS FORMERLY CHIEF OF THE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE UNIT IN THIS REGION. VIRGIL D. STONE NOW HAS THAT POSITION.

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ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE THE MARRIAGE OF MISS CELESTE PARKS AND JERRY ANDERSON HAS BEEN MENTIONED BUT NONE OF THE DETAILS OF THE EVENT RECORDED. HERE ARE THE FACTS.

THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE REV. R. ARMSTRONG AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SATURDAY EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK, DECEMBER 19. THEIR ATTENDANTS WERE MISS HELENA KIMBALL AND CAPTAIN W. T. GARIBALDI.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY MR. AND MRS. ANDERSON ENTERTAINED MISS KIMBALL AND CAPTAIN GARIBALDI AND SEVERAL OTHER FRIENDS, AMONG THEM, MISS GRACE HUTCHINSON, CAPT. F. V. LANUM, CAPT. EDW. KING, AND CAPTAIN GUEST, IN THE MIRROR ROOM AT THE LIDO GARDENS.

SALLIE HAS BEEN WITH THE CAA SINCE SEPTEMBER 1941, EMPLOYED IN THE ENGINEERING DATA UNIT. JERRY IS AN ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEER AND HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE CAA FOR OVER TWO YEARS.

THEY ARE MAKING THEIR HOME IN THE BLISS APARTMENTS, 326 L STREET.

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS, SALLIE AND JERRY!

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THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY MR. HOPPIN ON JANUARY 11.

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

DECEMBER 14, 1942

DEAR MR. HOPPIN:

PLEASE ACCEPT FOR YOURSELF AND EXTEND TO ALL OF THE PERSONNEL UNDER YOUR DIRECTION MY BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

WE MUST ALWAYS RECOGNIZE CHRISTMAS AS SACRED, AND WHILE WE CANNOT HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS UNDER IMMEDIATE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CAN REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE PURPOSES OF A CHRISTIAN LIFE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JESSE H. JONES
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

ON A CERTAIN TRIP MADE IN NC-18 FIRST OFFICER "FUZZ" ROGERS DECIDED TO CONSERVE ON THE WEIGHT OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT THEREBY MAKING A GREATER PAYLOAD. HE DECIDED TO TAKE ONLY ONE FIRE POT TO WARM UP TWO ENGINES. UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS ONE OF THE "SOUR" TYPE. "FUZZ'S" FACE WAS OF A VERMILLION HUE AS WE STARTED WARMING UP AT MOSES POINT AT CENSORED BELOW ZERO WITH A CENSORED MILE AN HOUR WIND BLOWING; AND A BUM FIRE POT. HOWEVER, JACK VOSS WAS ABLE TO BURN ONE FOR US THAT WORKED AFTER A FASHION.

THE CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE WESTWARD WENT ON SCHEDULE AND WE REGRET THAT WE COULD NOT PUT ON OUR SANTA CLAUS SUIT AND SPEND MORE TIME AT EACH STATION, BUT IT WAS SO COLD AND WINDY THAT WE WERE AFRAID THAT IF WE SHUT THE ENGINES DOWN ON THE GOOD "KING ARTHUR" WE WOULD BE THERE UNTIL SPRING, EVEN THOUGH "FUZZ" HAD SIX FIRE POTS ON BOARD. WE RETURNED FROM NOME AT NIGHT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS AT FAREWELL, LIMBERT, ERICKSON AND MUSTERMAN. LIMBERT KEPT THE STATION OPEN ALL NIGHT AND MUSTERMAN MET US AT THE FIELD WITH CAKE AND HOT COFFEE. ALL OF THE ISOLATED STATIONS WHERE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO LAND WERE REACHED EXCEPT BIG DELTA, TANNACROSS AND NORTHWAY. WEATHER AND SHORTAGE OF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT TO MAKE THE TRIP MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH THESE STATIONS.

---JACK T. JEFFORD

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PERSONNEL OF THE DEPOT CELEBRATED THE NEW YEAR BY TAKING INVENTORY ON JANUARY 2.

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WE EXPECT TO HAVE A COVER FOR SUBSEQUENT ISSUES OF THIS PUBLICATION. MR. BRIDGES, INSTRUCTOR IN THE TRAINING SCHOOL, AND JIMMY TAPSCOTT, FORMER CAA EMPLOYEE, ARE WORKING ON VARIOUS LAYOUTS FOR A COVER THAT MAY BE USED ON ALL ISSUES, AND WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY BRIGHT IDEAS AS TO HOW TO ILLUSTRATE THE NAME, MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, PLEASE TELL MR. BRIDGES OR JIMMY.

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"CASEY JONES" JEFFORD IS FOLLOWING THE GLIDER PROGRAM WITH INTEREST. NOW THAT HE HAS HIS ENGINEER'S CAP, GAUNTLETS AND BANDANNA HE'S GETTING THE ITCH TO COUPLE THE "KING" ONTO A "DIAG". EVEN TRIED TO GET HERB TO HOOK THE THROTTLE UP TO A "JOHNSON BAR".

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WE WANT NEWS FROM FIELD PERSONNEL! EACH STATION SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE, BUT IT'S UP TO YOU! WE CAN'T WRITE YOUR NEWS FOR YOU. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT 20TH OF THE MONTH DEADLINE. WE DON'T EXPECT THE OUTLYING STATIONS TO BE ABLE TO MEET IT, AND YOUR NEWS IS ALWAYS WELCOME.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING UNIT ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AT A HIGH PEAK. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING SUPERVISOR, W. E. CRUSE, INSTRUCTORS HERB BRIDGES, J. W. HAINES, ELMO E. CONE, AND VANCE HAWLEY ARE ENGAGED IN EXPLAINING THE MYSTERIES OF CAA COMMUNICATIONS TO AN EVER-GROWING STUDENT BODY. A NEW GROUP OF STUDENTS BEGAN TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 30, AND AN ADDITIONAL GROUP IS EXPECTED TO ENTER THE SCHOOL ON JANUARY 11.

TO MR. AND MRS. MELVIN S. MAJERUS, NOW ASSIGNED TO THE KENAI COMMUNICATION STATION, BELONGS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST HUSBAND AND WIFE COMBINATION TO COMPLETE THE BASIC TRAINING COURSE AND TO QUALIFY FOR THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR GRADE. THIS TRAINING WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN APPROXIMATELY FIVE AND ONE-HALF MONTHS, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE AN EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT CONSIDERING THE RELATIVELY HIGH CODE SPEED REQUIREMENTS INVOLVED.

THE TRAINING UNIT ENJOYED A RECENT VISIT FROM MR. A. V. CARROLL, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D. C. PART OF MR. CARROLL'S WORK INCLUDES THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH NOW EMBRACES ALL REGIONS, AND WITH HIM CAME MUCH INTERESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TRAINING IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

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RECENT ASSIGNMENTS FROM THE TRAINING UNIT

MR. AND MRS. D. W. THOMAS, TO TALKEETNA

MR. AND MRS. A. D. TALLMAN, TO SUMMIT

MRS. LOLA BERATO AND MRS. PHYLLIS GRIMSTAD, TO THE ANCHORAGE STATION

MR. AND MRS. PAUL WILSON, TO ANNETTE ISLAND

MR. AND MRS. BEN HITCHCOCK, TO SHEEP MOUNTAIN (THIS STATION IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST STATION IN THE TERRITORY TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A DOG TEAM. HOWEVER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT OTHER STATIONS DO NOT REQUISITION THIS ITEM, INASMUCH AS IT IS NOT "STANDARD ALLOWANCE" BUT THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF BEN HITCHCOCK WHOSE FINE TEAM HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN ANCHORAGE.)

MRS. SONIA LOWMAN, TO HAINES

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DYER, TO JUNEAU

MRS. BERNICE EVANS, TO SIORKA ISLAND

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BRIEFS FOR THIS COLUMN ARE SOLICITED FROM COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL "GRADS" NOW IN THE FIELD AND WILL HELP US GREATLY TO UTILIZE OUR FUTURE SPACE ALLOTMENTS TO BEST ADVANTAGE. CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE, MARKED "ATTENTION, TRAINING UNIT."