

THE GPP (GUN PURCHASING PROGRAM) FEUD BETWEEN GULL AND PUTNAM HAS BROKEN OUT ANEW. GULL BOUGHT A WINCHESTER 270, OF WHICH HE IS EXTREMELY PROUD. AS A MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL PRIDE, PUTNAM IS NOW TRYING TO LOCATE ONE FOR HIS COLLECTION. GULL HAS THE FINANCIAL EDGE, INASMUCH AS HE SELLS ONE GUN BEFORE BUYING ANOTHER, WHILE PUTNAM STILL HAS MOST OF HIS. NOTE: IN CASE OF AIR RAID APPLY AT ROOM 312 FOR WEAPONS. AT PRESENT GULL STILL HOLDS THE HUNTING RECORD - ONE HUNTING TRIP, ONE BEAR; THE GAME WAS THEN CALLED ACCOUNT "WET GROUNDS" (WAR).

MARIE ROWLEY LEFT SUDDENLY TO JOIN HER HUSBAND, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE STATES FROM A JUNKET SOMEWHERE EAST OF NEW YORK. SHE HOPES TO GO EITHER TO MINNEAPOLIS OR FT. WORTH TO CONTINUE HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CAA. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHEECHAKOS, MARIE WAS BETTER KNOWN AS THE BETTER HALF OF THE LARGER HALF OF THE MCKEAN-ROWLEY FACTION IN THE ENGINEERING BRANCH.

PUTNAM RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A PROLONGED SESSION IN WASHINGTON AND REPORTS SEEING MANY FORMER CAA'ERS HOLDING THE LINE ALONG THE ALASKA WING OF THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND. E. B. GENTRY, I. K. MCWILLIAMS, DAVID R. NELSON, CECIL BRADDICK, R. D. BEDINGER, AND B. H. JACOBS. MOST OF THESE MEN ARE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF VARIOUS POSTS ALONG THE AIRWAY FROM MINNEAPOLIS TO FAIRBANKS.

THE GI IRON HORSE (NC 216) IS STILL CHURNING AS USUAL, BUT IS SLOWLY WEARING AWAY TO A MERE SHADOW OF ITS FORMER SELF. ITS SLEEK SKIN IS GRADUALLY BECOMING DULLED BY THE ADDITION OF NUMEROUS "REINFORCING PATCHES" AND THE PAINT JOB IS ASSUMING A VARI-COLORED EFFECT THEREFROM. ONE OF THESE DAYS IT WILL BE JUSTLY RETIRED TO THE PASTURE TO LIVE GRACEFULLY FROM NOW ON.

EVERY DAY MORE NEW FACES APPEAR IN YE OLDE OFFICE. THIS MONTH WE'VE SEEN ROBERT E. LEE FROM THE THIRD REGION. MR. LEE HAS BEEN ON ASSIGNMENT IN MEXICO CITY. E. L. COMBS ALSO COMES FROM THE THIRD REGION AND JOHN F. CURRY HAS ARRIVED FROM THE FIFTH REGION.

AS WE GO TO PRESS, LESTER WILLIAMS, A VOLUNTEER FROM THE FOURTH REGION, IS IN EN ROUTE TO CQ, WHERE HE WILL BE RMC.

AWAITING TRANSPORTATION AT APD IS MILTON WHITTIER, FOURTH REGION VOLUNTEER WHO WILL BE RMC AT LU.

HEY, GALS, THEY SAY THERE ARE EIGHTEEN MORE FELLOWS ON THEIR WAY! BUT IF YOU SEE ONE WHO LOOKS INTERESTING, KEEP YOUR SECRET WELL HIDDEN OR HE'LL BE SHIPPED OUT INTO THE FIELD, ASSAP.

ALSO ENROUTE ARE MILTON SING, THADDEUS HARRY, WILLIAM HOOVER, CARLTON KLOCZEWSKI, ERNEST LORC AND LEROY MURLEY. THESE BOYS HAVE JUST COME FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. AND HAVE BEEN DETAILLED TO VARIOUS STATIONS. FRED SORRELL IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE GROUP SOON.

DID YOU SAY ENGINEERS HAVE NO AMBITION? ONE OF OUR ENGINEERS HAS ALREADY MAPPED OUT HIS ACTIVITY AFTER THE WAR. HE PLANS TO BE A TRAVELING SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ADVISER. FIRST, OF COURSE, IS EDUCATION. BARBER COLLEGE - TWO WEEKS, DENTAL SCHOOL - A COUPLE OF MONTHS, OSTEOPATHY - TWO WEEKS, CHIROPRACTIC - TWO WEEKS OR SO. EQUIPMENT - ONE TRUCK COMPLETE WITH MACHINERY OF HIS DIFFERENT TRADES, A FEW TOOLS, A FEW BOTTLES OF PATENT MEDICINE AND ROAD MAPS OF THE COUNTRY ON WHICH ARE MARKED SEASONS AT WHICH NATIVES OF EACH DISTRICT HAVE CASH-ON-THE-LINE. THERE, HE'S ALL SET. OH, YOU DON'T NEED A TOOTH PULLED? THEN HE'LL GIVE YOU A HAIRCUT. RIGHT THIS WAY, FOLKS, RIGHT THIS WAY.

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TELEGRAPH

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ANCHORAGE ALASKA

COMMUNICATIONS MAKES
NEW ASSIGNMENTSEIGHTH REGION
GREET VISITORS

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTED

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY ARE AS FOLLOWS: JOHN M. STORM AC HQ; KURT HALL AC HQ; GEORGE E. BULLIS AC HQ; FELTON E. JACKSON CAC US; SYDNEY D. KETCHUM ACAC UJ; GREY A. PRINGLE CAC KP; EUGENE PASTRO ACAC KP; WILLIAM H. LEHMAN AC IQ; NORRIS C. KUMLER CAC UW.

THE THIRD GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN ALASKA SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING STATIONS: BENNIE F. JAMES AC HQ; A. EWELE BROWN AC KG; JOHN W. PIMLOTT AC KG; JOSEPH STELLA AC KG; PAUL J. FAUR AC KG; LEWIS V. MILLER AC KG; PAUL A. GERSE AC KG; DOUGLASS A. RAY AC KG; FREMONT O. KIMPTON AC KG AND CLARENCE A. SCHMAUGH AC KG.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS TOUR OF DUTY IN THE EIGHTH REGION: DAVID E. YOUNGBERG HQ AND ERNEST H. HURD HQ.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SIX MONTHS TOUR OF DUTY IN ALASKA AND HAVE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY: HAROLD J. HENNES, DONALD J. BOONE, ROBERT W. STAUFFER, ALDUS O. LUCAS, WALLACE A. CHAPMAN, WINFIELD D. HENRY AND ELVIN J. NEWELL.

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINEES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING STATIONS: KENNETH KULM, WB; WINNIFRED KULM, WB; HELEN LEHMAN, IQ; LILA MARY JONES, YO; CORTIS L. JONES, YO.

THE REGION AGAIN HAS THE PLEASURE OF WELCOMING VARIOUS WASHINGTON PERSONNEL TO ALASKA:

MR. R. D. MCCREE, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN UNIT OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTION, HAS BEEN ACTING IN WASHINGTON AS LIAISON OFFICER OR "BUFFER" FOR THE BUREAU OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS IN EXPEDITING PURCHASES, PRIORITIES, MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL MATTERS AFFECTING CONSTRUCTION IN ALASKA. HE IS HERE TO GAIN FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE HAS BEEN DEALING. ALSO HE IS GIVING THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING DIVISION SOME VALUABLE INSIDE INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES.

WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE MAC IN THE REGION, AND HIS ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN VERY ENLIGHTENING.

MISS JEAN POTTER AND MR. DONALD STEWART, FLIGHT INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, ARE HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION IN THE WAR EFFORT AND TO MORE FULLY COORDINATE FLIGHT INFORMATION FOR USE OF THE AERONAUTICAL PUBLIC. THEIR REPORT, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE INFORMATION AND STATISTICS BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION. THE INFORMATION THEY ARE COMPILING WILL SUPPLY A LONG-FELT NEED - AND THEY ARE JUST THE "GUY" WHAT CAN DO IT!

MR. ARLIN V. CARROLL, FORMERLY ASSISTANT CHIEF (TRAINING) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, HAS RECENTLY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE EIGHTH REGION AT HIS REQUEST AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH. CARROLL IS ONE OF THE OLDTIMERS WITH THE ORGANIZATION, AS YOU MIGHT GUESS FROM THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR! WE WELCOME A MAN OF HIS ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE, AND LOOK FOR GREAT THINGS FROM HIM IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH.

-- MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
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WE ARE NOW ENTERING OUR THIRD YEAR AS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ADVANCES, CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE WAR HAS VITALLY AFFECTED OUR ACTIVITIES.

I WISH TO AGAIN COMMEND, AS HAS THE ADMINISTRATOR, EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY AND FAITHFULNESS IN YOUR WORK OF "KEEPING 'EM FLYING!" HOWEVER, THIS WAR IS NOT YET WON. YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE FURTHER SACRIFICES, WHICH MANY OF US MAY FEEL ARE MORE THAN WE CAN TAKE, BUT THEY MUST BE MADE IF WE, AS AN ORGANIZATION, ARE TO ACCOMPLISH OUR PURPOSE OF HELPING TO SHORTEN THE DURATION.

EACH OF US MUST MAKE THESE FURTHER SACRIFICES WITHOUT "GRIPING", SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT EVERYTHING WE DO NOW TO HELP WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO LIVE AS AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS LIVED - IN A FREE COUNTRY, MAKING OUR OWN LAWS AND LIVING OUR OWN LIVES.

-- MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

IT SEEMS THAT WE CAN NEVER WIN. TWO OLD TIMERS, VIVIAN FRANKLIN AND ARLENE DECKER HAVE LEFT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN. TWO NEW ARRIVALS HAVE BALANCED OUR BOOKS - WE HAVE RUTH ZIEL, AN EFFICIENT YOUNG MISS FROM COMMUNICATIONS, AND KAY SHAYLOR, UNTIL RECENTLY A RESIDENT OF TOWANDA, PENNSYLVANIA, THE GARDEN SPOT OF AMERICA. (PERSONAL NOTE: SHE IS MARRIED, BOYS!)

THE ENGINEERS SEEM TO BE CAST FAR AND WIDE THIS MONTH. EDWARD L. GRIFFIN AND HIS TWO ABLE ASSISTANTS, GEORGE RUSSELL AND AMOS McLAIN, ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEFEAT OLD FATHER TIME AND FINISH THEIR JOB AT BIG DELTA BEFORE WINTER SETS IN. JOHN C. HOOPER, OUR CHIEF, AND WARREN MOSIER ARE SOMEWHERE IN THE ARCTIC GIVING THEIR ALL FOR THE BRANCH. DURING THIS INTERIM JERRY KEMPTON, THAT PROUD FATHER, IS ACTING AS OUR CHIEF.

JUST ANOTHER THING. IT IS RUMORED THAT ONE OF OUR ENGINEERS HAS AN INTEREST DOWN THE HALL. WONDER WHO SHE COULD BE?

FLASH FROM 85

HAS ANYONE AN AMERICAN-BEAUTY-RED HAT? IF SO, PLEASE DISPATCH IT BY THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO SECTION 85. CHARLOTTE REGAN MUST HAVE AN AMERICAN-BEAUTY-RED HAT ERE THE WEDDING BELLS CAN BE ALLOWED TO RING. (INCIDENTALLY, THE LUCKY MAN IS HERVEY ALDRIDGE.)

THIS MONTH SIX PIONEERS HAVE DARED TO BRAVE THE WILDS OF ALASKA. THESE ADVENTURERS ARE: J. A. HOLZENBERG, 3RD REGION, TO RM; F. C. EMANUEL, 5TH, TO JP; MARVIN ROYCE, 3RD, TO KG; L. L. WILLIAMS, 4TH, TO GQ; AND ROBERT WRIGHT, 3RD, TO RS. HELLO, GANG. WE HOPE TO INITIATE YOU INTO THE SOURDOUGHS.

THE MEN IN OUR OWN REGION ARE PLAYING "FRUIT BASKET UPSET" AGAIN. DONALD BOGI STARTS THE CHAIN BY LEAVING TW TO GO TO KD. HAROLD RAYMOND HEIDER FROM FX REPLACES BOGI. AND WILLIS COWLES FROM WB MOVES TO FX. THEN FRANCIS HALL GOES FROM JP TO WB. FX IS ALSO LOSING JAMES T. SHERRY TO VQ. AND ROSS CRONE HAS FINALLY SETTLED DOWN AT JE. WHO KNOWS WHERE WHO IS NOW?

WATCH THIS COLUMN FOR THE NAMES OF MORE NEWCOMERS FROM THE GREAT OUTSIDE. WHO KNOWS, YOU MIGHT FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING.

FROM THE BOYS AT KCDS/FX

A COUPLE OF OUR OPS REPORT THAT THE SIGNALS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS ON BOTH CIRCUITS 302 AND 303 WERE EXCELLENT ON JULY 28, AND THEY'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT EVER SINCE. WE FEEL IT MANDATORY TO LET ALL OPS WHO WERE ON THOSE CIRCUITS THAT DAY WATCH KNOW WHAT A BEAUTIFUL JOB EVERYONE DID IN HANDLING TRAFFIC AND WEATHER! MAY WE ALSO ADD A LITTLE PRAYER FOR MORE OF THOSE DAYS!

A PROMINENT LOCAL CITIZEN WHO AMASSED A FOR-

TUNE OF \$100,000.00 WAS ASKED HOW HE DID IT. SAID HE, "I WAS ABLE TO ACCUMULATE \$100,000.00 BY CONSTANT APPLICATION, BY UNCEASING WORK & STUDY, BY BEING HONEST, BY LABORING EARLY & LATE, BY LIVING MODERATELY AND CLEANLY, BY SAVING EVERY PENNY I COULD FOR 42 YEARS, AND THE DEATH OF AN UNCLE WHO FINALLY PASSED AWAY AND LEFT ME \$99,999.95."

THOUGHTS ON TRAINEES

AN OPERATOR'S WIFE IS FINE
TO AIM FOR PARITY,
BUT HOW ABOUT SOME SINGLE GALS
FOR A LITTLE ACTIVITY?

CONTRACT AND SERVICE

VERNA GRIMES, PRIORITY CLERK, LEFT CONTRACT AND SERVICE ON THE THIRTY-FIRST OF JULY TO DEVOTE ALL OF HER TIME TO HOUSEKEEPING.

MARGARET DAVIS, ALSO, HAS LEFT OUR ORGANIZATION. SHE HAS TAKEN A POSITION WITH THE ARMY AT WHITTIER.

VIOLET MELLO, MAIL AND FILES, HAS A VISITOR FROM JUNEAU. VI TOOK SOME "TIME OFF" TO SHOW THE YOUNG LADY THE SIGHTS OF HQ.

WE ARE BROKEN-HEARTED BECAUSE WE ARE LOSING OUR MOST FAVORITE PERSON. SHE HAS THE DARN BEST SENSE OF HUMOR AND JUST A CERTAIN WAY OF EXPRESSING THINGS WHICH MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE. MANY TIMES WHEN I HAVEN'T BEEN EXACTLY SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD AND HAVE STOPPED BY HER DESK TO PASS THE TIME OF DAY, SHE GENTLY BUT DEFTLY PICKED THE SPIRIT UP AND POLITELY PUT IT BACK IN ITS PROPER PLACE - ON TOP. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT HER STAY OUTSIDE WILL NOT BE FOR LONG AND OUR ONLY CONSOLATION IS - HOW GRAND IT WILL BE TO HAVE HER BACK AGAIN. SAY HELLO TO DIXIE FOR ME, MRS. WINNIE, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT MR. SCOLEY 'CAUSE LOTS OF US GALS HAS DONE HAD OUR EYES ON HIM FOR A LONG TIME!

EARL NORRIS, THE LATEST ADDITION TO OUR LITTLE GROUP OF SENIOR TRAFFIC CLERKS, IS NOW A PROUD PAPA --- SIX WHOLLY LITTLE PUPS! HOW 'BOUT THE CIGARS AND CANDY, EARL?

ENGINEERING DATA "DATA"

AT LONG LAST ENGINEERING DATA UNIT HAS ACQUIRED ITS NEW MEMBER, LOUISE SLUSSER. WE HAD TO WAIT A LONG TIME TO GET HER, BUT SHE WAS WORTH WAITING FOR.

JUST TO KEEP THE PERSONNEL SCALES TIPPED UNEVENLY, WITH THE ACQUISITION OF LOUISE WE HAVE SUFFERED THE TEMPORARY LOSS OF GRACE HUTCHINSON, WHO WAS CALLED TO SEATTLE BECAUSE OF THE ILLNESS OF HER MOTHER. GRACE WRITES THAT HER MOTHER'S OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS, AND GRACE IS NOW BEGINNING TO ENJOY HER SOJOURN "OUTSIDE".

SPEAKING OF SCALES, THERE SEEMS TO BE A LESSENING OF INTEREST IN THE "MOURNERS' COLUMN" IN ROOM 215. CAN IT BE THAT THE CAA GIRLS HAVE AT LAST GIVEN UP HOPE OF BEING HEDY LAMARRS AND RITA HAYWORTHS, AND ARE GOING TO SETTLE DOWN TO BEING "SOURDOUGH SYLPHS"?

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AUGUST 9, 1943. THE PAST SEVERAL ISSUES OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH HAVE MADE MENTION OF A COMMUNICATIONS STATION RECLASSIFICATION THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL. AS THIS PROJECT HAD BEEN DELAYED FOR SOME TIME, IT WAS WITH CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION THAT THIS OFFICE WAS ADVISED A FEW DAYS AGO BY WASHINGTON OF THE APPROVAL OF THE RECLASSIFICATION.

IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE MILITARY AND AERONAUTICAL INTERESTS AND TO PROVIDE AIRMEN WITH FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSUME AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL DUTIES AT AIRPORTS WHERE TRAFFIC IS NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT AN AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER. THE FOREGOING WILL REQUIRE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES, PHRASEOLOGIES AND A CONVERSANT KNOWLEDGE OF PILOTS' METEOROLOGY AND PILOTS' RADIO MANUAL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FURNISH THE PILOTS VITAL AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION.

THE PRESENT GRADUATION OF STATIONS IS TO BE DISCONTINUED. INSTEAD, ALL AIRWAY COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND THE TERRITORIES WILL BE SET UP IN TWO CLASSES - INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS. THERE WILL BE A ONE GRADE DIFFERENCE IN CLASSIFYING PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OVERSEAS STATIONS, SINCE THIS PERSONNEL MUST BE SKILLED IN HIGH SPEED RADIOTELEGRAPH OPERATIONS AND IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH FOREIGN AIRCRAFT AND STATIONS. THE TITLE OF ASSISTANT CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR WILL BE ABOLISHED AND PERSONNEL OCCUPYING THE EQUIVALENT POSITION WILL BE IN THE SENIOR AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR GRADE. GENERALLY, FOLLOWING THE REORGANIZATION THE GRADES WILL BE FROM ONE TO TWO GRADES HIGHER THAN THOSE EXISTING AT THE PRESENT TIME.

BEFORE THE REORGANIZATION CAN BE EFFECTED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO COMPLETELY QUALIFY ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL IN THE ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES. IN NO CASE WILL STATION CLASSIFICATION BE CHANGED AND PERSONNEL UPGRADED UNTIL THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MET THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND ARE HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE RECLASSIFICATION WILL BE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THESE DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALL STATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

G. A. WHITTAKER
ACTING CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

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OUR GOOD FRIENDS JOHN BROADWELL, TIL HOPEWELL AND PILOT JEAN JACK, G-MEN FROM SECTION FIFTY-FIVE, SPENT THE NIGHT HERE DURING AN INSPECTION TOUR. WE ENJOYED THEIR SHORT VISIT, AS FAMILIAR FACES HELP THAT TERRIBLE DISEASE CALLED SORE EYES IN THIS VICINITY.

GERALD HOWARD, CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, AND HIS AIDE-CAMP, HARVEY YOUNG, ARRIVED AND STARTED THINGS TO POPPING AND SNAPPING. THE BOYS MEAN BUSINESS, AND THE PLACE IS ALREADY LOOKING MUCH DIFFERENT.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH KULM FROM THE CAA TRAINING UNIT, HQ, STEPPED RIGHT IN AND TOOK OVER THE WATCH. THAT'S MORE THAN SOME OF US DID BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN FIFTY-AND-SIXTY-WORD OPERATORS WERE BEING SNEEZED AT.

KEN HAGER, RELIEF RMS, LIGHTLY RELIEVED COWLES OF SEVERAL HEAVY BURDENS. BILL WILL PROBABLY HAVE MORE TIME FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES NOW THAT KEN IS FILLING THE HOT SEAT.

CAPT. JACK JEFFORD SET KING CHRIS DOWN FOR A 3-POINT LANDING LADEN WITH PURE OLD HAND DOWN VITAMINS A, B, C, ETC. DOWN TO Q. WE EXPECT TO SEE SOME NEW LIFE IN A FEW OF THESE OLD FRAMES AFTER SO MANY MEATLESS AND OTHER KINDS OF LESS DAYS.

THAT DIESEL WIZARD, MR. ART LAPPI, SECTION 90, ASSISTED BY WAYNE CAMPBELL, ASSEMBLED THE INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR IN NOTHING FLAT. ART PROVED TO BE AN EXPERT AT CATCHING FISH, TOO. USED SOME KIND OF AN EXPENSIVE BAIT. IT'S KIND OF HARD TO GET THE LITTLE FISHES BACK TO THEIR NORMAL DIET.

BILL (ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL) COWLES INSTALLED THE ANIAK BUZZ-ME SYSTEM, AND TO THE SURPRISE OF THE CASH CUSTOMERS, IT WORKED. BILL WAS SO PLEASED WITH THE SET-UP HE DECIDED ALL BILLS MUST BE PAID BY THE FIRST INSTEAD OF THE TENTH OF THE MONTH. THE ANKLING FROM HITHER TO YON DAYS ARE OVER.

RECENTLY THE BACHELOR QUARTERS WAS PRESENTED WITH A PORK ROAST. AFTER DINNER COWLES ASKED DUFRESNE IF HE FELT NAUSEATED. DUFFY ANSWERED, "YES, I DO NOT KNOW IF THE PORK WAS TOO GREASY 'R MY STOMACH WAS SHOCKED FROM EATING FRESH MEAT."

ELWIN B. DELL AND FAMILY FROM KALSAG VISITED FRIENDS HERE ENROUTE TO THE CAA TRAINING UNIT, HQ. ELWIN MUST BE DETERMINED TO MAKE SHORT WORK OF THAT CODE, AS WE SENT HIS COAT AND NECKTIE ON THE FOLLOWING TRIP. A SPEED DEMON IN THE MAKING?

DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANY MORE? THEY DO AT ANIAK. MR. AND MRS. NEWBURN ATTENDED THE SHOW AND VISITED FRIENDS AT BETHEL. NO AWOL CHARGES WERE MADE. EVEN THE DOGS AND CAT NEVER MISSED A MEAL DURING THIS STRATEGIC MANEUVER. WONDER HOW THEY MANAGED IT.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SOME OPERATORS, THERE'S A DOGGY MAN ON EVERY CIRCUIT. HE ISSUES A PRETTY WHITE FORM MAILED TO ALL THE STATIONS ONCE A WEEK. AFTER JOHN DOE ADMITS HIS MISTAKE AND PROMISES TO DO BETTER NEXT TIME, THE FORM IS FILED UNDER "WHAT NOT TO DO ON RADIO CIRCUITS". TWO OR THREE STATIONS SENDING AT THE SAME TIME IS NOT BEING POLITE TO THE RECEIVING

WE'RE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE A NEW MEMBER IN "OUR GANG" IN THE DRAFTING ROOM, MISS BERTIE HAY. THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF SIX GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS. C'EST LA GUERRE! NOW!

ANNE SENEW, WHO IS AN ADEPT DRAFTSMAN IN SECTION 71, SUDDENLY PROVES TO BE A HIGH-SCORING BOWLER, ALSO. AFTER HAVING MADE THREE STRIKES IN A ROW, SHE HAS OFFERED THE OWNERSHIP OF THE ALLEYS IF SHE MADE THREE MORE. BUT THREE MORE STRIKES WEREN'T ENOUGH FOR ANNE; SHE HAD TO MAKE FOUR, TOTALING SEVEN STRIKES IN A ROW. ANNE COULDN'T ACCEPT THE BOWLING ALLEYS AS A PRIZE BUT WILL THINK OF SOME SUBSTITUTE. IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE A SCORE OF 231 LET US KNOW AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN'T "KNOCK OUT" A GAME OR TWO.

OPERATORS, AND IS NOT LOOKED UPON FAVORABLY BY SOME CIRCLES. NEITHER IS IT NECESSARY TO SEND CQ IF THE SEQUENCE WEATHER HAPPENS TO BE A SPECIAL. BESIDES, IT MAY NOT BE YOUR TURN YET.

THE MONITOR'S AWARD GOES TO BILL COWLES, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SOLO AFTER ANOTHER HOUR OR SO INSTRUCTIONS (WITH THE TRUCK).

FOR YOU BACHELORS WHO FIND THE CANNED ROAST BEEF FROM THE COMMISSARY TOUGH AND DRY, THE FOLLOWING RECIPES ARE SUBMITTED:

MEAT PIE

TEMPERATURE 350 DEGREES TIME 1 1/2 HOURS

1 12 OZ. CAN ROAST BEEF	2 CARROTS, CUT
3 TABLESPOONS FLOUR	2 POTATOES, CUT
1 1/4 TEASPOONS SALT	1 1/2 CUPS WATER
1/2 TEASPOON PEPPER	BAKING POWDER BISCUITS
2 ONIONS, CUT	

CUT THE MEAT, MIX WITH THE FLOUR. ADD THE SEASONING, VEGETABLES AND WATER. POUR INTO A BUTTERED OR GREASED CASSEROLE OR PAN. COVER AND BAKE.

NOTE: IF CANNED VEGETABLES ARE USED, THE BAKING TIME IS REDUCED.

OPTIONAL: AFTER THE ABOVE IS BAKED, THE FOLLOWING BROWN SAUCE MAY BE ADDED:

3 TABLESPOONS BUTTER	1 1/2 CUPS WATER
5 TABLESPOONS FLOUR	SALT AND PEPPER

MELT THE BUTTER IN THE FRYING PAN, ADD FLOUR AND STIR UNTIL THE FLOUR BROWNS. ADD THE WATER GRADUALLY, STIRRING. WHEN BOILING, TURN THE STOVE DOWN AND LET COOK FIVE MINUTES.

BAKING POWDER BISCUITS

TEMPERATURE 450-500 DEGREES TIME 12-15 MINUTES

2 CUPS FLOUR	3/4 TEASPOON SALT
4 TEASPOONS BAKING POWDER	1 TEASPOON SUGAR
4 TABLESPOONS SHORTENING	2/3 (OR SLIGHTLY MORE) CUP MILK

SIFT FLOUR, MEASURE, AND ADD SALT, SUGAR AND BAKING POWDER. SIFT AGAIN. ADD SHORTENING AND CUT IN WITH A FORK. ADD MILK AND MIX CAREFULLY. TURN ONTO A FLoured BOARD. KNEAD LIGHTLY AND ROLL 1/2 INCH THICK. CUT AND ARRANGE ON COOKIE SHEET. BRUSH WITH MILK OR MELTED SHORTENING TO GIVE GLOSSY SURFACE. BAKE.

HOPE THE ABOVE RECIPES WILL HELP SOME OF YOU GUYS OUT.

ACCOUNTS BRANCH HAS BEEN SHUFFLED, COMPLETE FROM A TO Z:
VENTURE INSIDE AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL SEE ---
ANNA HARRIS HAS FORSAKEN AUDIT; IT NO LONGER IS HER CHORE.
"OUTSIDE" SHE HAS GONE TO RETURN TO US NO MORE.
THE DRAFT BOARD MET AND STUDIED TO FIND A STRONG YOUNG MAN,
AND SO GLEN BULLOCK BELONGS TO UNCLE SAM.
BAD LUCK OFTEN FOLLOWS US; IT HAS AND ALWAYS WILL.
SO NELL MASON RETURNED TO HER HOME OUTSIDE, ILL.
ESTELLE COLE WENT OUTSIDE FOR SIX WEEKS OR A LITTLE MORE ---
OH WE SIT AND DREAM AND WONDER ABOUT THE DAYS OF YORE
WHEN EACH AND EVERY MEMBER WAS AN OLD AND WELL-KNOWN FACE
AND CHAMBERD NEVER HAD TO WONDER IF EACH WAS IN A PROPER PLACE.
WE'VE ADDED AND SUBTRACTED MEMBERS TO ACCOUNTS' LITTLE BAND,
BUT WE'RE NEVER REALLY SURE THE BALANCE WE'VE ON HAND!

UNCLE MIKE'S MUMBLINGS

ON ACCOUNT (CHARGE IT, BUD) OF THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MAIL REACHING MY SECRETARY'S DESK DAILY (SHE NEVER DOES), I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO ANSWER EACH ONE BY LETTER, BUT TO SUPPLY THE ANSWERS VIA THE MUKLUK. AND THEN EVERYBODY WILL KNOW ALL THE QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THE WAR TO END?

ANSWER: THAT IS A HARD ONE, SON, BUT I HAVE IT FROM RELIABLE SOURCES (HE WAS DRUNK TOO) THAT COMMENTATOR JOHN FRANCIS FRANCIS III, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN EXPERT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS WORKED OUT A CHART WHICH HAD BEEN USED TO PREDICT THE DAY THAT CORN WOULD SPROUT. HE HAS APPLIED THIS CHART TO, AND IN DIRECT RELATIONSHIP FROM, OUR WAR (MAKING THE NECESSARY ALLOWANCES, OF COURSE) IN ALL THEATERS OF WAR.

SO IT CAN ACCURATELY BE PREDICTED THAT THE WAR ENDS ON MARCH TWO TIMES P1 FOLLOWING THE SECOND ELEVENTEENTH.

QUESTION: IS THE HOUSING SITUATION IN FAIRWAYS BETTER THAN IT IS IN JUNEAU AT THE PRESENT TIME?

ANSWER: I HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE LOCAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION AND AFTER SEVERAL PROLONGED CONFERENCES WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A DEFINITIVE CONCLUSION THAT WE ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO ANSWER WITHOUT A FIRST HAND VIEW, AS WE LIVE IN KALATCHATNIK AND WE HAVE NO HOUSING PROBLEM TO CONTEND WITH - WE LIVE IN TENTS.

QUESTION: CAN YOU ADVISE ME OF THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF CURRENT "PAY-AS-YOU-GO" INCOME TAX?

ANSWER: IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT YOU PAY AND PAY, BUT GENERALLY SPEAKING YOU ARE DONE.

QUESTION: MY GIRL IN ANCHORAGE WANTS ME TO SEND HER A FUR COAT. SHOULD I DO IT, ALTHOUGH I LIVE WAY UP NORTH?

ANSWER: NO. WHAT FUR?

QUESTION: WHERE IS PAGE 6 OF BLANK FORM 99X FILED WHEN COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, AND WHAT DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE MADE OF IT?

ANSWER: IF LINE 13 (C) IS COMPLETE, THIS FORM MAY BE FILED AWAY WITH REPORTS OF LIKE NATURE, PROVIDING YOU HAVE A NUMERICAL FILING SYSTEM, IF NOT ACTUALLY DONE SO, YOU CAN FILE IT IN 8989.66 (V) AND CROSS INDEX TO 6567.8876

BIG DELTA

WE FACE THE PROSPECTS OF FILLING IN A COLUMN WITH NO MATERIAL ON HAND. VERY DISCOURAGING. WE NOW KNOW HOW A VACUUM FEELS. SO WE FILL IN WITH A FEW DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS.

THE FIRM OF GRIFFIN & CO. HAVE BEEN MUCH IN EVIDENCE AROUND JQ. SECTION 55 GROWS SOME HARDY SPECIMENS. GRIFFIN & CO. AVERAGE POSSIBLY 15 MILES PER DAY BY FOOT, AND IN THEIR SPARE TIME GO FOR A LONG HIKE. GADS! WE FEEL LIKE WE'RE BEING PERSECUTED WHEN WE CAN'T CATCH A RIDE FROM THE QUARTERS TO THE STATION, A GOODLY DISTANCE OF 1000 FEET OR SO.

THIS "CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY" BUSINESS BEGINS TO LOOK BAD. DESPITE OURSELVES, WE MIGHT HAVE TO DIG INTO ALL THESE PAMPHLETS WHICH HAVE BEEN DRIBBLING INTO THE STATION. THE PROSPECT IS APPALLING, TO SAY THE LEAST. PAW, HITCH UP THE OTHER TEAM. THE CAA'S GETTING WISE TO ME. WE ALWAYS DID SAY THAT A PAIR OF MULES HAD ITS POINTS.

HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THE CIRCULARS SIGNED, FYI TRY THIS: WHEN THE CIRCULARS HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD A WEEK OR SO, GO TO THE DIME STORE AND BUY A SMALL BLACK NOTEBOOK. WANDER INTO THE STATION CASUALLY, CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYING THE BLACK BOOK. INSPECT THE CLIP BOARD, THEN GIVE THE GUILTY OPERATOR SOME DIRTY LOOKS. WHEN THE SAID OPERATOR IS AWARE THAT HE IS BEING GIVEN THE BAD-EYE, MAKE SOME MYSTERIOUS ENTRIES IN THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK. THE POINT OF THE WHOLE PROCEDURE IS GETTING ACROSS TO THE OPERATOR THAT THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DIRTY LOOK, THE CLIP BOARD, AND THE MYSTERIOUS ENTRIES IN THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK. THIS IS BASED ON THEORY, OF COURSE. LET US KNOW IF IT WORKS. IF THE OPERATOR EXCHANGES DIRTY LOOKS WITH YOU, THIS SYSTEM MIGHT REQUIRE A DIFFERENT ANGLE. BEING BIGGER THAN THE OPERATOR HAS ITS GOOD POINTS. A HAPPY SITUATION EXISTS AT BIG DELTA. THE CAC TIPS THE SCALES.

WE BELIEVE THAT A WORD OF PRAISE SHOULD GO TO THE EDITOR RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECTING GRAMMATICAL ERRORS AND SPELLING MISTAKES IN OUR ENTRIES TO THE MUKLUK. HE (OR SHE) HAS HIS (OR HER) HANDS FULL.

(B). AS FAR AS THE DISPOSITION GOES, SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY.

FROM CONSTRUCTION

THE CRY OF THE ALASKAN KEE BIRD

DEER, WITHOUT ACCOMPANIMENT, FOR THE SMALL TALK OF ALASKA AT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING; THE CASE OF THE TELEPHONE; THE BEARD; THE INCIDENT OF THE ESCAPED AZIMUTH, BELIEVED TO BE STILL AT LARGE AND ON THE LOOSE; AND A PLEA FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FLIGHT OF THE LLAMA.

MR. H. H. HOBBS, TOLLING DAZEDLY IN THE MICE INTERIORS OF ACTING AS ACTING CHIEF OF THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING BRANCH, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING BRANCH, ACTING CHIEF OF THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT, ALL DONE UP NEATLY IN A MOUNTAIN, WAS SURROUNDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS GRANTING ENERGETICALLY DOWN HIS NECK, AND A FEW OF THEM OF VARIOUS HUE AND VINTAGE ALL BEARING THE UNMISTAKABLE IMPRINT OF GAFFLED SPEECH WHICH IS THE GENUS GOVERNMENTAL AT 11:12 OF ONE OF THOSE PEACEFULLY FRETNETIC DAYS, WHEN THE TELEPHONE DAVE TONGUE. THE DUTY STENOGRAPHER WHO ANSWERED SAID "TELEPHONE, MR. HOBBS". MR. HOBBS THEN PICKED UP THE LISTENING END OF THE INSTRUMENT, SMILED BRIEFLY AT THE TALKING END, AND ANSWERED IN HIS MOST CASUAL VOICE, THE ONE THAT CONVEYS SUNSHINE AND LIGHT AND HOPE FOR ALL: "TELEPHONE". IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR RECOVERY IN THE HOBBS' CASE MAY BE SAID TO BE FAIR, IN THE EVENT THAT SCHIZOPHRENIA HAS NOT CLAIMED ITS OWN AND CATCHES HIS ENTIRE PERSONALITY LIKE TO OTHERS. AS SILVER TO THE HOWLING WINDS BEHIND THE TOWER FROM THE FIELD OF MR. CULVER, A. J. CULVER AND MR. GRIFFIN, HOWEVER, ALL FOUR OF THEM, TO DATE, ARE HOLDING THEIR COURSE MANFULLY, AND IN THEY HAVE AN UNUSUALLY ACCURATE SILENCE, WHICH GIVES THE HEADS A NICE SILHOUETTE, A SUCCESSFUL CONVASCENCE IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

MR. SETCHFIELD, ONE OF OUR MOST AND HANDSOMEST ENGINEERS, IS CURRENTLY BURDENED WITH A WEIGHT OF AGE AND GRIEF, AT LEAST ONE GRIEF OR SO, HE IS CONVINCED, ATTAINED TO WHOLLY INADEQUATE PROPORTIONS. THE PAPER SHORTAGE HAS NOT PERMITTED AN ADEQUATE ADMIRATION OF ALL THEIR DEEDS - WE SHALL EVER HAVE TO SKIRT THE MOTHER OF THE VOICE BY DOCT. MR. SETCHFIELD IN THE MIDST OF BOTH, AND THE HALLOWED IN THE MIST OF SETCHFIELD.

MR. SETCHFIELD, OUR DISTRACTING DON JOAN AND THE FIELD, RETURNED THE OTHER MORNING WITH THE LAST REMARKABLE HIPPOCRATIC GROWTH GATHERED TOGETHER ON THE COFFINES OF A SINGLE HUMAN FACE EVER ENCOUNTERED BY OUR REPORTER. WE DEEPLY REGRET MR. SETCHFIELD'S DECISION TO REMOVE THIS UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING APPENDAGE, BUT APPRECIATE THE PERMANENT TONING EFFECT ENHANCING THE UPPER LIP. ALWAYS WE HAVE A TONED BEARDS.

IT IS TIME, HOWEVER, HAVE WE EXPERIENCED ANY DESIRE TO OWN A SMALL HAND SEWING LEATHER POUCH, THE MATERIAL OF WHICH ORIGINALLY OCCURRED BEHIND THE SHOULDER BLADES OF A MEMBER - MILITANTISTIC OF PRESIDENTIAL AND DARK OF SKIN, TRUE, BUT WHAT MATTER IN SUCH A ONE-OF-A-KIND EXERCISE? - FOR WE ARE MISSING, AND APPARENTLY IMAGINATIVE, PEOPLE. THIS RARE TREASURE WAS DESCRIBED, IF NOT ACTUALLY PROPRIETED, BY AN ENGINEER WHO HAD BEEN IN OCCURRENCE. AT LEAST IT CAN NEVER BE SAID WE HAVE TIED A TAILION OF SIBBIES.

THE FLIGHT OF THE LLAMA - A SADDENING AND

YOU HAVE HEARD THE WAIL OF THE SIREN,
AS AN AMBULANCE SPED DOWN THE STREET,
AND MAYHAP YOU'VE HEARD THE LION'S DEEP ROAR
DOWN IN AFRICA'S GRIM DESERT HEAT.
OR THE FIERCING CRY OF THE TIGER
AT NIGHT AS HE STALKS HIS PREY,
OR THE LOCOMOTIVE'S HIGH SHRILL WHISTLE
AS IT SPED, THROUGH THE NIGHT, ON ITS WAY.

BUT THESE SOUNDS ARE MERELY A WHISPER;
YOU'VE HEARD NAUGHT, I ASSURE, 'TIL I'VE TOLD
OF THE BLOOD-CURLING CRY OF THE KEE BIRD
IN THE ARCTIC'S CRUEL, FRIGID COLD.
THIS BIRD LOOKS JUST LIKE A BUZZARD;
HE'S LARGE, HE'S HIDEOUS, HE'S BOLD,
AT NIGHT, AS HE CIRCLES THE NORTH POLE
CRYING, "KEE, KEE, KEE-RIPE, BUT IT'S COLD!"

THE ESKIMOS TUCKED IN THEIR IGLOOS
TOSS FRETFULLY IN THEIR SLEEP,
WHILE THEIR MUSKIES ASLEEP IN A SNOW BANK
START BUPROWING, AWAY DOWN DEEP,
FOR THIS CRY IS SO AWAY INSPIRING
IT FREEZES THE BLOOD, I AM TOLD,
WHEN THE KEE BIRD FLIES IN THE ARCTIC
CRYING, "KEE, KEE, KEE-RIPE BUT IT'S COLD!"

THE MOUNTIES, ASBORD IN THEIR DOG SLEDS
VISITING THE WARDS OF THE CROWN,
OFF! HEAR THIS STRANGE CRY AND STARE SKYWARD,
WITH A FIERCE AND GULLEN FROWN.
GOD THINGS HAPPEN IN THE ARCTIC,
AND MANY WEIRD TALES HAVE BEEN TOLD,
BUT VOICES DROP TO A WHISPER
AT THE CRY, "KEE, KEE, KEE-RIPE
BUT IT'S COLD!"

MANY A BRAVE OR AT SOME CAA SITE,
STRONG AND BOLD, FROM HIS NATIVE STATE,
IS HEADING BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN
TO FORGET THAT CRY OF HATE.
THEY CAN TAKE IT, IT SEEMS, IN THE DAY TIME;
BUT WHEN MIDNIGHT HOUR IS TOLLED,
THEY COVER THEIR HEADS IN SHAMELESS FRIGHT
AT THE CRY, "KEE, KEE, KEE-RIPE
BUT IT'S COLD!"

SO BACK TO THE STATES THEY ARE GOING
TO SLEEP IN A REAL BED, AS OF OLD,
TO PUT STRONG ARMS AROUND THEIR LOVED ONE
THEIR FAIR, SLENDER FORM TO ENFOLD,
WHILE WIFEY'S SOFT HAND THEY WILL HOLD,
TO WAKE, TERRORIZED BY A NIGHTMARE
AND THE CRY, "KEE, KEE, KEE-RIPE
BUT IT'S COLD!"

SO ALL YOU CHERPHAKOS TAKE WARNING;
THINK WELL BEFORE YOU DEPART
FROM YOUR HOMES AND LOVED ONES SO DEAR;
MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE A STRONG HEART,
AND MARK WELL TO WHAT I HAVE TOLD
OF THE FEARSOME, GRUESOME "KEE BIRD" *
AND HIS CRY, "KEE, KEE, KEE-RIPE
BUT IT'S COLD!"

DISHEARTENING TALE - AND THE CASE OF THE ERRANT
AZIMUTH MUST, WE FEAR, BE RELEGATED TO THE
LIBRO OF ALL THINGS, SHUFFLED AND MISLID BY
SPACE AND TIME.

ALASKA IS SUCH A FASCINATING PLACE!

SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH

BEING SOMEWHAT OF SOUND BODY AND SOUND MIND, AND ON THE BEAM WITH MORE CHATTER, WE AGAIN BOARD OUR TRUSTY RAFT AND FLOAT ON DOWN THE SLOUGH, LOOKING FOR MORE MUD TO DRIP UPON THE PROGRESSES OF OUR ENDURING PUBLISHERS. WITH A CERTAIN RESPECT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CONSIDERABLE OF WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DRIPPED MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER LEFT WHERE THE RESTLESS WATERS OF OUR TWISTED SLOUGH COULD CONTINUE TO LAP ITS SLIMY CONSISTENCY. BUT WE CAN'T, SO HELP US, SLOP DOWN THE RIFLE TO REVERT TO A CHILDHOOD PASSION OF PLAYING IN THE GOO. AND WE PARALLEL IN VIEWPOINT WITH THAT OF A CERTAIN PROFESSOR OF LITERATURE, WHO ASSERTS THAT IF ONE SIMPLY DOES ENOUGH WRITING SOMETHING GOOD IS BOUND TO EMERGE. IN OUR CASE, IT MAY BE AS DIFFICULT TO FIND AS BANANA TREES ON THE ARCTIC TUNDRA, BUT THE QUEST IS ALL THE MORE DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, AND THEREFORE, WE HEREWITH PRESENT THIS MONTH'S DEBACLE.

RECEIVED A NEWSY LETTER FROM OUR FORMER CO-PILOT, DON MILLER, NOW CAPT AT GIMBELL, AND WERE TERRIBLY OVERJOYED AT LEARNING THAT HE HAD NOT AS YET GONE NATIVE. HE WROTE HIM TO ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY WHEN HE BEGINS TO SLIP, AND WE WILL DISPATCH POST HASTE, SPIRITUALLY-ELEVATING AND VIRTUE-BUILDING LETTERS. HE TELLS US THEY HAVE NATIVE GIRLS TO DO ALL THE HOUSEWORK AND BAKING, AND THE BOYS THEMSELVES NEARLY HAVE TO DO THE COOKING. WHY THE COOKING? SOUNDS LIKE THE ANCIENT TRICK OF DRAGGING A HERRING ACROSS THE TAIL. THERE'S MORE THERE THAN MEETS THE EYE, FOLKS.

OUR MONTHLY OFFERING TO THE BOWEN DEPARTMENT NEVER SEEMS TO FAIL. THIS TIME IT IS - "Y YOKO, O COKE". WON'T WE EVER LEARN?

WE UNINTELLIGENTLY STUMBLER ON A PARTIAL SOLUTION TO OUR OWN PROBLEM OF INVOLVING PERSONNEL INTO INITIALING POSTED CIRCULARS, STATION ORDERS, ETC., SOMETIME WITHIN REASON. ONE OF OUR BETTER BIRDS RECEIVES, EVERY WEEK PUNCTUALLY, A GIRLIE POSTCARD FROM A FRIEND OF HIS IN THE STATES. THEY ARE NEVER ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPES, BUT ARRIVE IN THEIR BIRTHDAY SUITS - IT SAYS NOTHING OF ONE OF THE BIRTHDAY SUITS INVOLVED. THEREIN, AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THEY ENJOY A LARGE CIRCULATION AMONG STATION EMPLOYEES AFTER HAVING ALREADY ELICITED RIFE COMMENT FROM POSTAL EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE BIRDS LEACH US IN GOOD SHAPE. WELL, OUT OF MAIN CONCERN, WE WANTED TO ASCERTAIN HOW QUICKLY MATERIAL OF THAT NATURE WOULD BE INITIALED IF WE CLASSIFIED IT AS OFFICIAL BUSINESS. SO WE DID SO CLASSIFY IT, AND THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM WERE IN SIGHT LIKE A SIX-FOOT SQUARE HERRING FULL INTO THE WIND. IN FACT, THE ANSWER IS SO OBVIOUS IT HARDLY SEEMS WORTH WHILE CHRYSLING THIS ON TO A FURTHER EXPLANATION. BUT TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE REGIONAL OFFICE MAY FAIL TO TAKE THE HINT, WE STATE THE SOLUTION, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, TO GO WITH PRIMER ARTISTRY ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO EMPLOYEES AT LARGE. IF DONE, WE BELIEVE THE INCENTIVE FOR READING OFFICIAL MATERIAL IS SOUL-DEADENING. OTHERWISE, SOME OF THE STUFF IS WORTH SAYING.

WE LIKED THE LAYOUT OF THE MUKLUK'S TITLE PAGE ON THE JULY NUMBER. THE WORDS "ANCHORAGE, ALASKA" SEEMED UNNECESSARILY LARGE, BUT WE SAW THE CHENA SLOUGH IN THE PICTURE, SO WE'LL CALL IT EVEN STEVEN.

AS A SORT OF A BACKFIRE ON A CERTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE CIRCULAR RECEIVED IN RECENT MAIL, SLOPPY JOE (A CURIOUS GUY AND ONE OF OUR LESS RETICENT HELPERS) ASKS THIS QUESTION: "CAN WE SLOP-DROUGHS VOLUNTEER FOR SIX MONTHS DUTY IN THE STATES AND GET A ONE MONTH VACATION WHEN WE GET BACK TO THIS REGION?"

OPEN LETTER TO BIG DELTA -

WE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR MUKLUK ACCOUNT OF THE WONDERFUL MORALE-BOOSTING QUALITIES OF THE CAA LADIES AT JQ. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO-HALE AT FX IS IN A VERY SORRY STATE. WOULD THE MMEs. HORTON, BROWN, PEACOCK AND NYEN BE INTERESTED IN A TRANSFER? ALLOW US TO SUGGEST THAT A SUBTLE AND DISCREETLY-IMAGINED ALLUSION TO THE FACT THAT MOST OF OUR MEN ARE UNENCUMBERED MAY BENEFICIALLY INFLUENCE THE LADIES TOWARDS A PROPER DECISION. HOWEVER, DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND US. A REPLY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

REGRETTABLY, THIS MONTH WE HAVE NO SERIOUS SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE EITHER TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE OR THE FIELD PERSONNEL. THE RESPIRE IS BUT TEMPORARY. NEXT MONTH WE'LL HAVE SOME.

LEST IS BE NOISED ABOUT THAT THIS STATION DEGRADATES A GOOD WORD TO ANYONE ABOUT ANYTHING, WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN ITEM PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE WHICH MAKES MENTION OF JUST HOW WELL OUR CIRCUITS CAN OPERATE. WE MOMENTARILY CURB OUR NATURAL BENT TOWARDS DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND FRANKLY ADMIT THAT THE COMBINED DAY WATCHES OF JULY 28 PRODUCED TOPS IN OPERATING TECHNIQUE. TRAFFIC MOVED FAST - AND WE DO MEAN MOVED - CALLS WERE ANSWERED ON THE SPLIT SECOND, AND THE WHOLE SHOW ON BOTH 302 AND 303 WAS HONKY-OTRY. ALSO, NO BALONEY. WHEN THINGS BECOME TOO HOT, THE APPROPRIATE "QRS" WAS USED. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE THANK YOU.

IN PREPARING THESE MONTHLY NOTES, WE DO NOT OFTEN HAVE A FEELING OF CONSPIRACIOUSITY, BUT WE DID LAST MONTH AND TO NO MINOR DEGREE. WE HAD EXPECTED THE REGULAR DRILL OF POETRY TO APPEAR AS CUSTOMARY, AND INDEED AS THERE USUALLY HAS BEEN SO MUCH OF IT, WE FELT NOT OUT OF ORDER IN CONTRIBUTING A LITTLE MORE TO THE CONFESSION. SO IMAGINE OUR CHAGRIN AT HAVING THE ONLY RHYME IN THE ISSUE AND A FULL PAGE ONE AT THAT! NEVERTHELESS, WE WERE GLAD TO SEE A LAY-OUT BECAUSE AN UNINTERRUPTED CONTINUANCE OF SAME WOULD TEND TO INDICATE THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE HAD MISSED TOO MANY BEATS. WHAT MENTAL DISTURBANCE LEADS PEOPLE INTO POETIC PHRASING IS A QUESTION FOR PSYCHIATRY. SUFFICE IT TO SAY, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED IT WILL BE ALLEVIATING FOR US TO FORGET RACKING UP RHYMES IN QUESTIONABLE ATTEMPTS TO KEEP UP WITH THE JONES'S.

SO - PARTLY TO BE DIFFERENT, AND PARTLY TO SEE IF WE CAN ESTABLISH A NEW VOGUE IN REPORTING, WE ASK YOUR INDULGENCE WHILE WE PRESENT OUR LATEST DRAMATIC SUCCESS WHICH HAS BEEN SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY ALL PATRONS OF OUR CHENA SHOWBOAT. DUE TO THE PRESS OF FUTURE BOOKINGS DOWN THE SLOUGH, TIME PERMITS BUT ONE PERFORMANCE.

A PLAY IN THREE ACTS AND FIVE SCENES

ACT I. SCENE: INTERIOR OF OUR TRANSMITTER BUILDING.

AS THE CURTAIN LIFTS, THERE IS DISCLOSED THE POSTERIOR PORTION OF OUR RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR PROTRUDING FROM THE LOWER DEPTHS OF ONE OF OUR TRANSMITTERS. AS HE DEFTLY TIMBERS WITHIN THE "INTROS" OF THE THING HE IS HEARD HUMMING MISCELLANEOUS EXCERPTS FROM:
"CONTENTMENT IS THY NAME"
"LOVE AND KISSES"
AND GREGORY'S "I DREAM OF ANGELS"

ACT II. SCENE I. INTERIOR OF THE RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR'S LIVING QUARTERS ADJACENT TO THE TRANSMITTER BUILDING. THE PHONE RINGS. PRESENTLY THE R/S ENTERS AND REMOVES THE HOOK.

R/S: HELLO.
FEMININE VOICE: IS THIS THE RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR?

R/S: YES, MA'AM.
VOICE: WELL, I ORDERED ONE DOZEN PACKAGES OF HORLICK'S MALTED MILK FROM THE ARMY COMMISSARY FOR MY BABY AND I WAITED THEM IN ONE POUND PACKAGES. THEY'VE SENT ME ONE DOZEN TWENTY POUND PACKAGES, AND WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY POUNDS OF MALTED MILK?

R/S: HAVE MORE BABIES.
VOICE: WHAT WAS THAT?
R/S: I SAID, IT SURE BEATS HADES.
VOICE: WELL, ANYWAY, I WANT TO RETURN IT.
R/S: NOTHING DOING. YOU BOUGHT IT AND YOU'RE STUCK WITH IT.

SCENE II. SAME AS SCENE I. PHONE RINGS AND R/S ENTERS, REMOVES HOOK.

MALE VOICE: IS THIS THE CAA RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR?

R/S: NOW AND THEN AT ODD TIMES.
VOICE: WHAT WAS THAT?
R/S: I SAID, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
VOICE: WELL, I ORDERED A CONSERVATIVE SUPPLY OF NATURE'S REMEDY FROM THE ARMY COMMISSARY AND WHAT I RECEIVED WAS A WHOLESALE SHIPMENT.
R/S: THEY MUST HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE WORSE OFF THAN YOU THOUGHT.

VOICE: WHAT WAS THAT?
R/S: I SAID, CAN'T YOU USE WHAT YOU GOT?
VOICE: MY DEAR FRIEND! WE DON'T LIVE ON IT. AND I WANT TO RETURN IT.
R/S: NOTHING DOING. YOU BOUGHT IT AND YOU'RE STUCK WITH IT.

SCENE III. SAME AS SCENES I AND II.

AN EXCITED FEMALE VOICE IS FIERCING THE EAR OF THE R/S, WHO STANDS, AS USUAL, AT THE TELEPHONE.

VOICE: ARE YOU THE MAN WHO TAKES CARE OF THE COMMISSARY GROCERIES AROUND HERE?
R/S: LADY, I TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING AROUND

RECENT FIELD ASSIGNMENTS: MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. LEHMAN TO LAKE MINCHUMINA; MR. AND MRS. KENNETH KULM TO ANIARK; MR. AND MRS. CONNIE L. JONES TO NONE; MR. AND MRS. WARD THOMPSON, JR. AND MRS. NOBLE LAESCH AND MRS. EVELYN HUFFMAN TO ANCHORAGE.

THE REMAINDER OF INSTRUCTOR HERBERT BRIDGES' ADVANCED TRAINEES HAS COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING AND IS AWAITING ASSIGNMENT. INDICATIONS ARE THEY WILL NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT, HOWEVER. DURING THE INTERIM, INTENSIFIED INSTRUCTION IS BEING CARRIED OUT RELATIVE TO THE NEW COMBINED OPERATING PROCEDURES, PRACTICAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION, AND SUBJECTS PERTINENT TO THE FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

THE JOHN B. TAYLORS (MARCH 1943 CLASS) ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE ADVERTISING FOR WHAT MISS TAYLOR TERMS A "MORE RUGGED BABY CARRIAGE" FOLLOWING THE DISINTEGRATION OF THEIR FORMER VEHICLE DURING A RECENT CLOUDBURST. EARLY REPORTS REACHING THIS OFFICE ON THE INCIDENT ARE CONFLICTING, ALTHOUGH IT IS KNOWN THAT THE DISASTER OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER "JOHN B." PARKED HIS STRENUOUS CODE BENDING TEST. WITNESSES FAIL TO AGREE ON WHETHER IT WAS TAYLOR OR THE BABY WHO WAS ACTUALLY OCCUPYING THE CARRIAGE WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.

CONSIDERABLE NEWS WRITING TALENT IS KNOWN TO BE LYING DORMANT THROUGHOUT THE "EIGHTH", MUCH OF IT IN THE LAPS OF OUR EX-TRAINING-UNIT PERSONNEL. ARTICLES ARE LOUD OVERDUE FROM "DOODY DIX" MAJERUS, "W. WINCHELL" TULLMAN, "KATHLEEN NORRIS" BRAZIL, AND THE REST OF OUR 1942 ALUMNI. A FEW BRIEF NOTES NOW AND THEN ON YOUR FIELD EXPERIENCES WILL HELP A LOT TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF THIS COLUMN.

HERE.
VOICE: WELL, I ORDERED SOME CANNED SPINACH AND I DIDN'T GET IT. DOESN'T THE ARMY EAT SPINACH?

R/S: SOMETIMES PROBABLY WORSE.
VOICE: WHAT WAS THAT?
R/S: I SAID, PUT IN YOUR ORDER AGAIN BY THE FIRST.
VOICE: BUT I DON'T WANT IT ON THE FIRST. I WANT IT NOW!

AT THIS POINT, THE LADY ENTERS INTO A LONG DISCUSSION ON THE UNSATISFACTORY DETAILS ACCOMPANYING THE CONSUMMATION OF HER CANNED ORDER. THE R/S, BEING RELATIVELY SHORT IN FORTITUDE IN SUCH SITUATIONS, SEVERES HER DISSENTATION BY HANGING UP THE RECEIVER WITHOUT RITY, AND EXITS.

ACT III. SAME SCENE AS ACT I.
WITH THE RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR'S POSTERIOR PORTION ONCE MORE PROTRUDING FROM THE LOWER DEPTHS OF THE SAME TRANSMITTER, HE IS HEARD HUMMING MISCELLANEOUS EXCERPTS FROM:
"JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, EITHER"
"BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC"
AND FERNANDO'S "DANCE OF THE HELL FIRES"

FINAL CURTAIN

-- THE SCENARIOS

