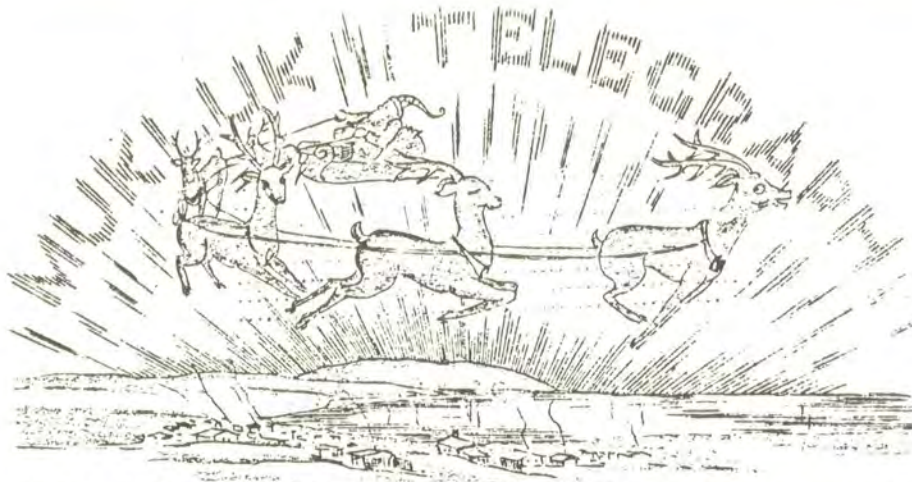




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FIRST CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR
TRAINING COURSE COMPLETED

MAINTENANCE INSPECTORS
HOLD CONFERENCE

SCENES REMINISCENT OF THE ANNUAL CLOSING OF THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE FOR SUMMER VACATION WERE REENACTED ON THE COMMUNICATIONS COLLEGE "CAMPUS" THE OTHER DAY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SECTION OF THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING COURSE BEING HELD AT THE ANCHORAGE CENTER. ISSUING FORTH WITH GREAT GUSTO FROM THE GRIM GRAY CORRIDORS OF HOLLINGSWORTH HALL, WITH REPORT CARDS FLASHING IN THE SUNLIGHT, WERE THIRTY-ONE HAPPY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, IMPETUOUSLY AWAITING RETURN TO THEIR OWN STATIONS AND A CHANCE TO APPLY THEIR NEWLY-WON KNOWLEDGE. OTHER INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS, TOO NUMEROUS TO RECORD HERE BUT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES OF COLLEGE HUMOR AND THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, WERE OBSERVED.

CONSIDERABLE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY WAS IN EVIDENCE. PHIL BAKER OF YAKUTAG FAME (COMPLETE WITH FACIAL FOLIAE) HEADED THE DRAMA CLUB AND WAS PURPORTEDLY GROOVING HIMSELF FOR A ROLE IN "HENRY THE EIGHTH". FELTO O. JACKSON FROM BETHEL WAS AWARDED THE INTRAMURAL BOXING CROWN WHILE EUGENE WARREN OF ALBUQUERQUE ISLAND ASCENDED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE HONOR SOCIETY. NORMA A. ANDERSON, THE ONLY FAIR-SEX REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE, WAS VOTED CAMPUS QUEEN AS WELL AS "THE GAL MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED", AFTER ESTABLISHING HERSELF AS THE FIRST FEMALE COMMUNICATOR IN THE EIGHTH TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE RIGOROUS NAVIGATION COURSE.

THE SECOND CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING COURSE IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN DECEMBER 5TH, FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WHICH, SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE DEVOTED TO QUALIFYING FIELD PERSONNEL IN SUBJECTS COMPRISING THE BROADENED SCOPE OF COMMUNICATOR TRAINING.

CONCERNING THESE NO CERTIFICATES

UNDER A PLAN NOW CURRENT, WASHINGTON CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ADMINISTERED ON THE STATION BY CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS AND FORWARDED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR GRADING, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED FROM

HAVE YOU BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THE DENSE CLOUD OF SMOKE AND DUST THAT HAS BEEN ROLLING OUT OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING'S SECOND FLOOR THIS PAST WEEK? NO, IT'S NOT THAT THE PLACE IS ON FIRE; JUST THAT ALL THE MAINTENANCE INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN CONFINED IN ONE BUILDING (NO MEAN FEAT IN ITSELF). IT'S A GOOD THING THAT THE BUILDING IS WELL BUILT TO ALLOW FOR THE PROORGANIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE MAINTENANCE UNITS.

POSSIBLY THE MOST REMARKABLE THING ABOUT GETTING SOMEBODY TOGETHER AT ONCE IS THE FACT THAT AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF WORK HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS FRIENDLESS AND FORGOTTEN BAND OF WANDERING NOMADS OF THE NORTH, ONE OR TWO OF WHOM ARE SO SHOCKED AT THE AMOUNT OF WORK BEING DONE THAT IT MAY PROVE FATAL.

THE FOLLOWING INSPECTORS ARE ON HAND FOR THE GREAT MOVEMENT: JOHN W. LIVINGSTON, CHIEF, VIRGIL STONE, JOE TIPPETS, LEE HUMPHREY, LEE DUNLAP, HARRY DELBERT, BOB PHERRIN, RAY ANDERSEN, ARMY FRANCIS, GEORGE BROOKS "BO" BENN, RUDY CARTER, FRED YERNEY.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER

THE SEASON OF ONE OF THE OLDEST TRADITIONS IN THE WORLD - AND ONE OF THE MOST SACRED - IS AGAIN WITH US. AT CHRISTMAS TIME OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH AFFECTION AND THOUGHTS OF GIVING, BUT WITH A WORLD AT WAR WE CANNOT EXPRESS OURSELVES AS FULLY AS WE WOULD LIKE.

WE AMERICANS ARE VERY FORTUNATE. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE AT WAR - AND MANY OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN ARE ABROAD AND IN THE THICK OF IT - WE ON THE CONTINENT HAVE NOT SUFFERED THE HORRORS OF BOMBINGS, INVASION OF OUR NATIVE LAND, NOR HAVE WE BEEN SACRIFICING TO THE POINT WHERE IT HURTS. WE WORK AT OUR VARIOUS JOBS - WHICH OCCASIONALLY APPEAR A LITTLE MONOTONOUS COMPARED TO THE EXPERIENCES OF SOME OF OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES - AND SOMETIMES WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY IN THE WAR EFFORT AND FIGHTING FOR OUR COUNTRY. THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF CRITICAL MATERIALS - INFLATION IS INCREASING - THE MILLS ARE HEAVILY OVERLOADED. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? ESPECIALLY WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT AT CHRISTMAS TIME WHEN WE SO PARTICULARLY WANT TO SPEND AND GIVE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF OUR SENTIMENT? BUT THIS SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. THERE IS ONE WAY WE CAN FULFILL THE DUAL MISSION OF REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES, AND WINNING THE WAR AND BRINGING DOWN INFLATION. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU BUY WAR BONDS OR STAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. OUR PERSISTENT, DODGED EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION WILL EVENTUALLY BRING ABOUT THAT STATE FOR WHICH WE ARE FIGHTING - AND WHICH FINDS ITS FULLEST EXPRESSION AT CHRISTMAS TIME - "PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TOWARD MEN".

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO PERSONALLY MEET ALL OF YOU, SO I TAKE THIS METHOD OF EXTENDING TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU IN THE ANCHORAGE OFFICE, IN THE ALASKA PROJECTS DEPOT, AND TO YOU IN THE ISOLATED AND LONELY STATIONS IN ALASKA, MY WHOLEHEARTED APPRECIATION FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND LOYALTY TO THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE WAR EFFORT.

I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY YEAR TO COME.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING DIRTY DIPS AND ANY PERSON LIVING, OR EMPLOYED BY THE CAA, IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL OR YOUR GUILTY CONSCIENCE DOBERING YOU.

FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT TO THANK THE FLIGHT UNIT FOR THEIR MENTION OF YE OLD ALMA MATER. WE HAD NO TROUBLE AT ALL WITH OUR TWENTY FOUR VISITORS. THE GENTS WERE PLACED IN THE BACHELOR QUARTERS, THE LADIES DIVIDED AMONG THE REMAINING FIVE HOUSES. THEIR COMPANY WAS REALLY ENJOYED BY ALL.

FLOWERS TO: KA FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR GROCERY AND DRUG ORDERS SO VERY PROFICIENTLY. VY FOR BEING TIGHT WITH BROADCAST DISCREPANCIES. HQ FOR DOING AN ACCOMMODATING JOB OF RELAYING OUR DAILY DRIBBLE OF TRAFFIC IN ITS ENTIRENESS, WHEN SIGNALS ARE OUT. WISH WE COULD SEND YOU THOSE SMOGES YOU REQUESTED SOME WEEKS AGO, FELLA. SORRY NO CAN DO.

CIRCUIT 302 BOTTLENECK: THAT CERTAIN CAA STATION WITH A VERY NEW AND HIGH POWERED TRANSMITTER EMITTING A QSA 5 SIGNAL ON ALL CHANNELS AT ALL TIMES.

SOUR NOTE OF THE MONTH: BROWNIE'S SERVO SAGBUCK ORDER ARRIVING ON THAT LATER THAN USUAL PLANE FROM KA, WITH BROWNIE DIGGING DESPERATELY THRU THE BOX FOR THOSE NEW SHOES, ONLY TO COME UP WITH A SAD LOOK AND A SLIP POLITELY INFORMING US THAT WE HAD NEGLECTED TO STATE THE CORRECT SIZE, AND THEREFORE NO NEW KICKERS. OH WELL!

BRIGHT NOTE OF THE MONTH: THE SUN WAS ACTUALLY SEEN BY ALL HANDS THE OTHER AFTERNOON (FOR ALMOST THIRTY WHOLE MINUTES). SO THERE, YOU SMARTIES, IT DOESN'T RAIN HERE ALL THE TIME. HOWEVER, WE'D ADVISE YOU TO BRING ALONG PLENTY OF RAIN GEAR IF YOU INTEND STAYING AROUND AWHILE.

NEWS COMMENTS: WE VERY SELDOM LISTEN TO THAT SO VERY POLITE JAP RADIO STATION, BUT IT DOES HAVE ITS BRIGHTER MOMENTS. WE WERE PLEASSED TO HEAR THEM PLAYING "GOD BLESS AMERICA" THE OTHER MORNING! WE USUALLY LISTEN ONLY WHEN WE'RE IN A VERY BAD HUMOR, AND GROWL ALL SORTS OF UNPRINTABLE PHRASES AT THE ANNOUNCER. WE FEEL IT'S GOOD FOR OUR MORALE, BUT OUR WIVES ONLY LOOK AT US AS THOUGH WE HAD CABIN FEVER, OR WORSE.

FOR SALE: ONE BLACK BEAR, WITH A MANIA FOR LOOKING IN WINDOWS AND DUMPING GARBAGE CANS. HE WAS LAST SEEN HEADING OVER THE NEAREST HILL WITH A LOAD OF ROCK SALT IN HIS POSTERIOR, BUT HE'LL BE BACK.

NOTE TO WEATHER BUREAU: OUR THERMOMETERS ARE LOCATED SOME FIFTY FEET FROM THE STATION. IF YOU'RE SO DETERMINED THAT THE SHELTER MUST BE LOCATED THAT FAR AWAY, WHY DON'T YOU COME ON DOWN AND TAKE OUR WEATHER FOR US? PERHAPS YOU'D ENJOY HAVING THAT BEAR BREATHING DOWN YOUR NECK EVERY TIME YOU STEPPED OUT OF THE OLD STATION. PERHAPS ONE OF THESE DAYS HIS TASTE WILL CHANGE, AND HE'LL DECIDE TO EAT A NICE

AFTER ENJOYING THE MUKLUK FOR MANY MONTHS WE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTRIBUTE OUR PART, SO HERE GOES FOR OUR FIRST ATTEMPT FROM VICTORIA NAUS (LATIN FOR HAINES), THE GARDEN SPOT OF ALASKA, NATURE'S WONDERLAND, THE MIAMI OF THE GOLDEN NORTH, THE UTOPIA - OH WELL, WE SHALL HAVE TRIED.

INTRODUCING OURSELVES - COMMUNICATIONS: GENE LOWMAN, ORVAL HOLMES, SONIA LOWMAN AND FLORENCE HOLMES. MAINTENANCE CONSISTS OF RAY WISEMAN AND TOM KNUDDEN, WHILE OUR GUEST STARS AT PRESENT ARE GENIAL CLIFF LINEHAN AND HAPPY ILERTSON AND STAFF. THE LATEST ARRIVAL IS JIG EASY'S LOSS, RAY WISEMAN, THE KING OF GUY THAT GETS UP AT 5 AM UPON THE INSTANT RINGING OF THE TELEPHONE, COMES UP AND FIXES THE TRANSMITTER AND THEN, WHILE THE OPERATOR ON WATCH IS STUTTERING SOMETHING ABOUT BEING SORRY THAT HE WAS ROUTED OUT AT THIS TIME, RAY SMILINGLY SAYS THAT'S OK AND THAT'S WHAT HE'S HERE FOR. YOU KNOW THE KIND OF GUY WE MEAN.

INTERCEPTING A MESSAGE THE OTHER NIGHT FROM ONE OF OUR STATIONS TO HQ BRINGS TO MIND THAT XMAS WILL SOON BE UPON US. SEEMS THAT THIS MESSAGE WAS A REQUISITION FOR THE HOLIDAYS. AND TO QUOTE IT IN PART: 21 LOAVES OF WHITE BREAD AND 4 QUARTS OF BOURBON, A BOX OF HERCONEY BARS AND 2 QUARTS OF BOURBON, 1/2 OF HAIROIL AND 3 QUARTS OF BOURBON, ONE DOZEN ORANGES AND 4 QUARTS OF BOURBON, ETC. I WONDER WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THAT SHELDS. SO YOU SEE IT WON'T BE LONG TILL WE SLUSH DOWN A TOM AND JERRY, GRAB A TURKEY LEG AND TRODDLE OFF TO WATCH WHILE THE BACHELOR OPS GUZZLE TOM AND JERRYS (MADE FROM BOURBON) SIT BACK AND HARMONIZE "I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE MISTRESS".

READ IN THE LAST MUKLUK THAT JOE TIPPETS IS RETURNING HOME. HOPE HE'S BACK TO STAY. HELLO, JOE.

SO LONG FOR NOW, GANG. WE BROKE THE ICE, SO LET'S HEAR FROM SOME OF THE OTHERS. IN THE SPIRIT OF XMAS AND THE HOLIDAYS WE AT VICTORIA WISH ALL A VERY MERRY XMAS AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR FILLS ALL YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

PLUMP AC. MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE SOME GUY FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU (WE THINK).

WEATHER FORECAST: THE OLD TIMERS HEREABOUTS INFORM US THAT THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT TYPES OF WINTERS HERE. ONE IS AN "OPEN" WINTER, WHEN IT'S NICE AND CLEAR, BUT COLD. THE OTHER KIND IS KNOWN AS A "CLOSED" WINTER; THEN IT'S CLOUDY, DUMP AND RAINY. WE CAN STATE WITHOUT A DOUBT THIS IS GOING TO BE A "CLOSED" WINTER, OR PERHAPS IT'S JUST A HANGOVER FROM LAST WINTER, AS IT'S BEEN THIS WAY SINCE WE ARRIVED LAST APRIL.

WELL, WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS STUFF FOR THIS TIME, SO WE'LL JUST SAY T3'S AND SEE YOU NEXT MONTH, PERHAPS.

A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

FROM OUR GENERAL PERSPECTIVE, SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE UPON THE MODIFIED CIRCUIT EXPANSION PROGRAM SERVICES WITH A RESULTANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE HANDLING OF COMMUNICATIONS. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, REFERRED TO IN PREVIOUS ISSUES, WILL BECOME AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE END OF THIS MONTH. THIS WILL, OF COURSE, PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OPERATING POSITIONS AND WILL RESULT IN A FURTHER INCREASE IN OUR OVER-ALL EFFICIENCY.

IT IS REGRETTED THAT NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BECOME AVAILABLE IN REGARD TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR REALLOCATION. THERE IS NO CHANGE, HOWEVER, IN THE POLICY OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR TRAINING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS SO THEY WILL BE QUALIFIED PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION OF THE REALLOCATION.

I SHOULD LIKE TO COMPLEMENT THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED A THIRTY-DAY COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS SUBJECTS. ON THE INTEREST SHOWN IN THE COURSE AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY CONDUCTED THEMSELVES DURING THE CONFERENCE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF INSTRUCTION. THIS OFFICE COULD NOT HELP BUT NOTE THE INTENSE DESIRE EXHIBITED BY MOST CHIEFS FOR THE EARLY RETURN TO THEIR STATIONS. THIS, OF COURSE, IS NOT COMPLIMENTARY TO MANAGEMENT, BUT IS CERTAINLY COMPLIMENTARY TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL POINTS OF DUTY.

WE IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO THE NEXT CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING FOR THIS SECOND GROUP OF CHIEFS, SINCE WE ARE ANXIOUS TO PLACE INTO PRACTICE SOME OF THE EXCELLENT IDEAS ADVANCED DURING THE RECENT CONFERENCE.

A DEEPER GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL PROMPTS ME TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN THE SERVICE BY ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL DURING THE PAST YEAR. IT SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE, DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS, TURNED SOME OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS LIABILITIES INTO DEFINITE ASSETS AND HAVE THUS EARNED FOR OURSELVES RECOGNITION FROM THE VARIOUS ARMED SERVICES WHOM WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO SERVE. WITH THESE THOUGHTS I SHOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST HAPPY NEW YEAR. PLEASE TAKE THIS MESSAGE AS BEING DIRECTED TO EACH ONE OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY.

ALLEN D. HULEN
CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS ARE BEING OMITTED FROM THIS ISSUE DUE TO PRESS OF URGENT BUSINESS AT HAND. ALL MOVEMENTS WHICH TRANSPIRED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WILL APPEAR IN THE JANUARY ISSUE.

WE SEE ED SNYDER BACK ON THE JOB MUMBLING SOMETHING ABOUT "ADIABATIC LAPSES". HE UNDERSTANDS IT'S SOME MYSTIC JARGON HE PICKED UP DOWN AT THE CAC SCHOOL.

WE NOW HAVE THREE NEW TRAFFIC CHECKERS, "BOB" KROGER, "DASH" DAHL AND "MENDY" BENNER-LIND, WHO ARE NOW ON THE JOB ALONG WITH MR. G. L. SPEER. WE WELCOME THESE NEWBORN "TRAFFIC CHECK CHICKS" INTO OUR MIDST AND ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THEIR WORK HAS BEEN MOST SATISFACTORY. TED "THE BRAIN" CRIST, HQ R/S, ADVISED HE CONSIDERS THESE CHECKERS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE COMMUNICATIONS GANG, AND DECIDES THAT THEY ARE VERY EASY ON THE EYES, WHICH HE FURTHER ADVISES IS QUITE A CHANGE FROM THE GENERAL RUN OF SOUR-PUSS OPERATORS. HE CONCURS WITH THE VENERABLE "BRAIN" AND ARE HAPPY TO SEE HIM SPENDING MORE TIME IN THE OPERATING ROOM.

KODW-KIS-HQ IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW BUILDING. ALL HANDS SEEM WELL PLEASED WITH THEIR NEW WORKING QUARTERS, AND A GENERAL UP-SWING IN MORALE HAS BEEN NOTICED. THE ONLY COMPLAINT LOGGED SO FAR HAS BEEN FROM MAINTENANCE, WHO NOW, BEING SITUATED RIGHT NEXT DOOR, HAVE RUN INTO AN UNFORESEEN CONDITION. WHILE THEIR NEW WORKSHOP IS HANDY TO THEIR WORK, IT IS ALSO HANDY TO THE WATCH SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE ABLE TO COLLAR A MAINTENANCE MAN WITH EASE WITHOUT HAVING TO TRACK ONE DOWN BY PHONE.

THE MANUAL CIRCUITS, TELETYPE ROOM AND BROADCAST BOOTH ARE NOW GLANCED IN SEPARATELY. THIS CONTRIBUTES TO A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THESE CIRCUITS, AS THE VARIOUS OPERATORS ARE NOT DISTRACTED BY PEOPLE PASSING TO AND FRO AND BY BACKGROUND CONVERSATION OR LOCAL QTY. HOWEVER, SEVERAL COMMUNICATORS HAVE BEEN NOTED PEERING DISDAINFULLY FROM THEIR VARIOUS BOOTHS AND SEEKING QUITE LONELY AND ISOLATED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT AS THE COMMUNICATORS BECOME ACQUAINTED TO THE NEW CONDITIONS THIS FEELING OF LONELINESS WILL GRADUALLY CEASE. THE NEW BUILDING HAS EVOKED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE COMMENT FROM ALL WHO HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH IT, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE LIGHTING, HEATING, ACOUSTICS, CONVENIENT PLACEMENT OF VARIOUS CIRCUITS, INTERIOR COLOR SCHEME AND FIXTURES AND THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK.

THE FOLLOWING SKIT IS REPRINTED FROM THE U. S. CONST GUARD MAG ZINE.

RADIO MEN

AMONG THE STRANGER PEOPLE ON THIS EARTH ARE RADIO MEN. A RADIO MAN IS A PERSON EITHER GOING ON OR COMING OFF WATCH.

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, RADIO MEN ARE NOT CRAZY. A RADIO MAN HAS TWO BRAINS: ONE PERFECTLY NORMAL BRAIN, WHICH IS DESTROYED DURING THE PROCESS OF LEARNING RADIO, AND ANOTHER WHICH IS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF TURMOIL AND IS USED PROFICIENTLY IN HIS WORK. THIS LATTER BRAIN IS FILLED WITH DOTS AND DASHES AND PROCEDURE SIGNS.

RADIO MEN ARE LIKE GROUNDHOGS. THEY SELDOM SEE THE SUN, COMING UP TOPSIDE ONLY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE SPECIAL REQUEST OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER. IF THE SUN IS SHINING AND A RADIO MAN SEES HIS SHADOW, HE GOES BELOW AND

EVERYONE KNOWS THERE WILL BE SIX MORE DAYS.

SITTING AT HIS TYPEWRITER A RADIO MAN RECEIVES AN ENDLESS STORY OF THE WORLD IN, THROUGH HIS EARS, UNABLE TO GET OUT BOTH EARS ARE STOPPED UP BY HEADPHONES. STUFF FLOWS OUT THROUGH HIS FINGERS AND GIVEN OUT AS PRESS NEWS, WEATHER MESSAGES, AND SO FORTH.

WHEN CONVERSING WITH A RADIO MAN, DO NOT TRY TO POINT YOUR STORY BY ASKING IF HE REMEMBERS "THE MESSAGE TO GORDON," BECAUSE HE WILL JUMPS AND SCREAM, "WHAT'S THE NUMBER OF IT? WHO SET IT? IF IT'S LOST, IT WON'T COME IN ON A WATCH!"

RADIO MEN LIVE ON BLACK COFFEE AND OLD RETTES, ALL THROUGH THE LONG MIDNIGHT WATCH THEY SIT AND DIT AND DASH, SO TIRED AND WEARY. IT ALL AND WONDERING WHY THEY EVER CHOSE RADIO AS A PROFESSION. WHEN THEY GO OFF DUTY THEY HURRY HOME TO THEIR LITTLE "HOM" R DIT GETS AT JUST DIT AND DASH TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT.

GIRLS WHO FALL FOR RADIO MEN WILL FIND THEM ARE CHARTED WITH CONSIDERABLE SHAKING, AND AFTER THEY ARE MARRIED WILL RECEIVE MUCH DASH LASTING BOTH LONG AND LONG.

RADIO MEN ARE FOUND ON ALL SHIPS AND IN ALL STATIONS AND ARE QUITE HARMLESS IF LEFT ALONE FED OCCASIONALLY, AND GIVEN A SMALL LEAVE IF THEY MAY RIG UP NEW "HOM" OUTFITS AT HOME!

* NOTE: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW OF THE HARBOR SPECIMENS WHO LIVE ON BLACK COFFEE AND CIGARS.

NOTED FROM THE FIRST
CAC NAVIGATIONAL SCHOOL

CRUISE: DEFINE A STRAIGHT LINE.
WIREBROWNER: A STRAIGHT LINE IS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS.

JACKSON FROM BETHEL SPENT A NIGHT AS A GUEST OF THE LOCAL CROSS-BAR HOTEL. HIS COMPLAINT: THAT THE BEDS ARE HARD AND THEY WOULDN'T GIVE HIM A KEY.

NIGHTLY CLASSES WERE HELD IN THE NINTH REGIONAL OFFICE (SOUTH SE 5), WHERE ALL HAND DELVED DEEPLY INTO THE MYSTERIES OF EVAPORATION AND CONDENSATION NUCLEI (NO PRETZELS).

SNAPUS: "DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ESKIMO FROM THE NORTH POLE AND AN ESKIMO FROM THE SOUTH POLE?"

JANFUS: "NOT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ESKIMO FROM THE NORTH POLE AND AN ESKIMO FROM THE SOUTH POLE?"

SNAPUS: "AN ESKIMO FROM THE NORTH POLE SAYS 'GLUB GLUB', WHILE AN ESKIMO FROM THE SOUTH POLE SAYS, 'GLUB GLUB, YOU ALL.'"

THERE ONCE WAS A GUY NAMED HURST WHO SAID, "DON'T BUY IT; SEE ME FIRST." I CAN STOP AND SHOP ON ANY LONG HOP, AND YOU'LL STILL ALWAYS GET THE MOST!

IN ALL SIGNALS BRANCH FIELD PERSONNEL

RECLASSIFICATION OF SIGNALS BRANCH PERSONNEL IN ALL REGIONS HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE THE WASHINGTON OFFICE FOR SOME TIME, AND DURING RECENT WASHINGTON CONFERENCES, ATTENDED BY SIGNALS BRANCH CHIEFS FROM ALL EIGHT REGIONS, DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION WERE COMPLETED.

ESSENTIALLY, THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL GRADE INCREASES FOR POSITIONS WHERE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, DUE TO THE INCREASED SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF OUR FACILITIES, WARRANT INCREASED COMPENSATION.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE SIGNALS BRANCH, EIGHTH REGION, HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THESE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EIGHTH REGION. IF APPROVED BY OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE, JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE NEW POSITIONS WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR CLASSIFICATION. FINALLY, BEFORE ANY PROMOTIONS IN THE FIELD CAN BE INITIATED, FUNDS MUST BE APPROPRIATED TO COVER ANY AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN GRADES.

UNDER THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION, FIELD STATIONS WILL FALL INTO ONE OF THREE CLASSES:

TRANSCENTRIC	ANCHORAGE
TERMINAL FACILITIES	NOME
	FAIRBANKS
	KODIAK
	AKUTIE ISLAND
AIRWAYS STATIONS	ALL OTHER STATIONS ASSIGNED A MAINTENANCE STAFF

IT IS PROPOSED THAT MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS AT "TRANSCENTRIC" AND "TERMINAL FACILITIES" WILL BE IN CHARGE OF AN AIRWAYS ENGINEER (RADIO) WITH PERSONNEL CONSISTING OF ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEERS (RADIO), ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEERS (RADIO) AND PRINCIPAL GENERAL MECHANICS COMPLETING THE STAFF.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS AT "AIRWAYS STATIONS" WILL BE IN THE CHARGE OF AN ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEER (RADIO) WITH PERSONNEL CONSISTING OF ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEERS (RADIO) AND PRINCIPAL GENERAL MECHANICS COMPLETING THE STAFF.

IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO FILL THE PROPOSED ENGINEER (RADIO) POSITIONS WILL NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE A COLLEGE DEGREE. PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY AND BEST PERFORMANCE IN THE SERVICE WILL BE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN DETERMINING PROMOTIONS.

SOME OF OUR FIELD MAINTENANCE MEN HAVE BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. ON THE BASIS OF THEIR PERFORMANCE, WE HAVE DEFINITELY PROVEN THAT MAINTENANCE CAN BE HELD TO STANDARDS WHICH WILL WARRANT THE PROPOSED GRADES. OTHER FIELD MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL HAVE NOT BEEN PERFORMING UP TO EXPECTATIONS. IN ORDER TO ASSIST EVERY INCUMBENT TO QUALIFY FOR THE JOB HE NOW HOLDS AND TO PLACE HIMSELF IN LINE FOR ANY PROMOTIONS THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION MAY BRING, WE ARE INaugurating AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION. ULTIMATELY ALL MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL MUST BE FULLY QUALIFIED ADMINISTRATIVELY AND TECHNICALLY. YOUR INDIVIDUAL PART IN THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE BY THIS OFFICE TO CARRY THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION AND REORGANIZATION TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, BUT THE POSITION YOU OCCUPY OR WILL OCCUPY THROUGH THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION WILL DEPEND SOLELY UPON THE INDIVIDUAL'S QUALIFICATIONS.

G. E. GOLOIE
CHIEF, SIGNALS BRANCH

FLASH FROM 85

KOTZELLE KAPERS

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE STAFF IN HQ CAN ACTUALLY TAKE A DEEP BREATH WITHOUT GOING INTO THE HALL FOR SPACE. IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO WALK ACROSS THE ROOM WITHOUT TRAMPLING FOUR OR FIVE OF YOUR FELLOW WORKERS. THE REASON? THE CHIEF OF BRANCH AND HIS STAFF HAVE MOVED INTO THE OLD PERSONNEL OFFICES, MAKING WAY FOR MAINTENANCE TO EXPAND TO THE END OF THE BUILDING. AH, 'TIS WONDERFUL TO HAVE HALF OF A DESK ALL TO ONESELF.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR MANY OF OUR FINE VOLUNTEERS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME REGIONS. WE HOPE THAT THEIR STAY IN ALASKA SEEMS AS SHORT TO THEM AS IT DOES TO US. E. L. COMBS, REDDAL GRILVIE AND CHARLES STEVENS ALL GO BACK TO THE THIRD REGION, LLOYD CLAYTON RETURNS TO THE SECOND AND GLENN CORNWELL TO THE FIRST. SO LONG, FELLOWS; THE BEST OF EVERYTHING TO YOU. COME BACK TO VISIT US AGAIN.

KP IS GOON TO HAVE A NEW R/S IN THE PERSON OF GEORGE W. HENKE FROM MO.

GUESS WHO JUST BLEW IN. "STEBRY" STEBBING, THE MONTANA KID, JUST BACK FROM HIS HOME STATE. AND WITH HIM HE BROUGHT AN IRISH LASSIE, KATHRYN, WHOSE LAST NAME RECENTLY BECAME STEBBING, TOO. CONGRATULATIONS, STEBBY, AND WELCOME, KATHRYN.

"SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU ALL"

CODE TO JACK JEFFORD

YES, WE HEAR THAT DOWN IN TEXAS IS A LONESOME LONED JACK JUST A-ROVIN' FOR THE NORTHLAND A-SINGIN' HE WERE BORN WHERE THE WINDY WINDS ARE BLOWIN' - WHERE THE CHICK IS ON THE GROUND, BUT AWAY DOWN SOUTH IN TEXAS, NOT A SNOWFLAKE CAN BE FOUND.

AND NOW IT'S NEARIN' CHRISTMAS TIME, AND HE IS FAR AWAY JUST AWAITIN' FOR HIS AIRPLANE - MIXED WITH ALL THE OTHER WAY THAT IS NEEDIN' OVERHOLIN' IN THE HOT AND SULTRY SOUTH; SO POOR JACK IS THERE A-FRETTIN' AND A-FORMIN' AT THE MOUTH.

SO TO JACK WE SEND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY FROM THE NORTHLAND TO THE SOUTHLAND LET THEM NOW BE ON THEIR WAY. HE WILL MISS YOU IN THE NORTHLAND WHERE THE GROUND IS WHITE WITH SNOW, HERE'S GREETINGS FROM ALASKA - THOUGHT WE'D BETTER LET YOU KNOW.

V. D. STONE

JACK'S NEW THEME SONG: "I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS"

OH, MA! THAT MAN IS HERE AGAIN! --- HMM, CHILLIN'.

HOW ARE ALL THE LITTLE CHIEFS GETTIN' ALONG WITH THEIR LESSONS? DOES IT KEEP YOU FELLAS BUSY? YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED OUR CHIEF WITH A FEW SCARS AND A RANCY SMILE. HE SAID IT THAT HE WAS OUT CHATIN' WITH HIS LEE, AND THAT HE FELL DOWN ON A CHUNK O' ICE AND SCRAPED HIS SKULL. YOU FELLAS, AIN'T THAT BULLSHIT, NO YAT? HOW YOU BE, "OGAR FACE"?

NO, THAT THE CHIEFS ARE DONE, YOU ARE THE ADAM'S DOING?

AH, LIKE HIT OUT OUR CHIEF, IT GIVES NO TIME TO BEEP. AH, MERRY, MERRY NO! OUR CONSTANT WORK WILL BE OUR VERY DEATH, YOU'LL SEE.

BY THE WAY, IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO IN A FEW CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS ON THE "MIDNIGHT OF LEARNING THE ESKIMO LANGUAGE", IT WILL COST TEN CENTS A WORD OR THREE WORDS FOR A QUESTION. LONG IN A WHILE IT TAKES A GUY A HOUR NOW TO ASK FOR (A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON THAT WORD) A SINGLE, TELEGRAPHY WORD. A FELLA HAS TO LEARN HOW TO CHANGE HIS ADAM'S APPLE TO THE BACK OF HIS MOUTH EVERY NOW AND THEN. GIVE YOUR TONGUE WITH YOUR FIST AND GIVE IT A BUSH OF SMILE BARKER (HE WAS MORE THAN JUST TO TASTE).

OK, NOW, HERE FOR YOUR FIRST WORD. I'LL WRITE IT AS IT SHOULD BE PRONOUNCED. (HUCK ON WOOD.) "AH - HUNG - AH - HUN - HED - THY" -- TRY IT AGAIN. --- NO, THAT'S WRONG! DON'T SAY THE LAST TWO SYLLABLES. LIKE A GUY ROOTIN' IN A FOOTBALL GAME OR SOMETHING. GIVE YOUR WORDS A QUESTIONING QUALITY. TRY SOUNDING YOUR ADAM'S APPLE A BIT. MAYBE A FEW MORE TIMES WILL GET IT. OH --- WHAT DOES IT MEAN? I FORGOT! IT MEANS "GUTE".

IF YOU HAVE LEARNED THE WORD, PLEASE FORWARD TEN CENTS (A THIN DIME) IN A WELL WELDED ENVELOPE. IF ENOUGH DIMITS ARE PROVIDED HERE AND THERE, WE WILL PUBLISH A COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME (OR VOLUMES) ON THE ESKIMO LANGUAGE.

ALL IN ALL, KP IS MOVING TO SO A MOST INTERESTING PLACE. MAIL SERVICE IS UNCERTAIN AT TIMES, BUT THEN YOU DON'T GET THESE LITTLE SCOLDINGS FROM THE OFFICE RIGHT AWAY.

WELL, WELL, CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE! NOW IS THE TIME FOR KP TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR", SO THAT IT MAY REACH OUR BROTHER (AND SISTER) CARRIERS ON TIME. IF ANY OF YOU WANT US TO SHOOT A WORD TO GIVE, HURRY AND LET US KNOW. ONE OF HIS REMINDER WAS LOST, AND HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS REMINDER ROUNDS. JUST ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO "FLYING MARE, KING PETER, ALASKA".

SO LONG, GAWW.

PUFF PUFF STUFF
STREETCAR STREET
KOTZELLE, ALASKA

"MOOSE MEAT" McLAIN IS AGAIN BACK IN THE FOLD. REALLY LOOKS GOOD. BIG DELTA DOES SOMETHING FOR A FELLOW. KAY THINKS IT'S KEEPING HER HUSBAND TOO LONG. SHE DID GO THERE AND WAVE THE PLACE HER APPROVAL.

IT SEEMS THAT ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE "BULL PEN" IS TO BE ABLE TO GROW A GOOD MUSTACHE. J. SCOTT DONALDSON HAS A BEAUTY THAT HE GREW ON A THREE MONTHS' FIELD TRIP. "MILLER'S" "SUCCESS" IS DUE TO HIS WIFE'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE. FRANK KIDDOCK SAYS HE HAS A GOLD RE ON HIS UPPER LIP. BILL MAILEY, FULLY REALIZING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER, IS AGAIN BACK WITH US. IT IS RUMORED THAT W. MOSIER, "OUR SWEATER BOY", PERHAPS DOESN'T CARE FOR MUSTACHES BECAUSE HE NOW HAS A DESK IN THE OUTER OFFICE.

MR. GRIFFIN SEEMS TO PROTEST SO MUCH THAT THE WELL CIRCULATED RUMOR CONCERNING A BLONDE INDIVIDUAL IS UNFOUNDED, WHEN IT IS KNOWN THAT "GRIF" HAS SUCH A WAY WITH "WIMMIE". H. L. GAY IS PROBABLY IN WITH HIM.

GEORGE RUSSELL HAS RETURNED TO US, WHICH DOESN'T LEAVE MANY OUT IN THE COLD.

HANGAR RAVINGS

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE HANGAR

MAX KIRKPATRICK, LICENSED AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE MECHANIC, FORMERLY OF KIRK'S AIRCRAFT AT MERRILL FIELD AND A-1 FARM MECHANIC IN KANSAS IN THE DAYS OF HIS YOUTH, BROUGHT HIS SCRAP IRON AND EVER READY CRESCENT WRENCH (1904 AD), HAMMER AND PLIERS (HE CALLS ALL THESE TOOLS) TO THE HANGAR AND PROCEEDED TO GO TO WORK AS AIRCRAFT INSPECTOR. MAX HAD A FEW HARD KNOCKS THE FIRST FEW DAYS. HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON AND AROUND SOME BIG PLANES THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND HE WAS FOREVER RUMMING INTO THE CESSNA WING EDGE OR THE FAIRCHILD STRUTS, WHICH ARE A LITTLE SMALLER AND CLOSER TO THE GROUND. THE CONSTANT BEATING ON HIS HEAD FINALLY WENT TO HIS FEET AND DEVELOPED INTO ARTHRITIS. HE IS AT PRESENT UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE AT HOME BUT EXPECTS TO BE BACK TO WORK SOON.

OUR CREW WAS FURTHER AUGMENTED BY THE ARRIVAL AT HQ FROM FX OF ANOTHER LICENSED AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE MECHANIC, FORMERLY WITH WESTERN AIR, BY THE NAME OF LYLE SEITZ (SIGHTS). HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED HERE FOR SOME TIME. HE'S ALSO A SQUADROON, HAVING LIVED IN THE COUNTRY FOR SIX YEARS.

BELLONCA NC 5 ARRIVED IN HQ FROM HURST'S PLATEAU (SWAMP) AFTER A LOSING ARGUMENT WITH A CUB BEAR WHO CLEARLY LEFT ITS CLAWPRINTS EVERYWHERE HE OR SHE COULD REACH, THEN WALKED UP THE BACK OF THE SHIP, WHERE IT FELL THROUGH INTO THE RADIO COMPARTMENT. IT WOULDN'T BE HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT WENT ON IN THERE. IT DIDN'T STAY LONG ENOUGH TO DO MUCH DAMAGE TO THE RADIO, BUT MADE ITS OWN EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE OF THE SHIP IN ONE WILD, CLAWING EXPLOSION, DEPARTING FOR PARTS UNKNOWN. THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE INCURRED IN THE LANDING WAS MILD COMPARED TO WHAT THE BEARS DID. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE BACK IN SERVICE BY THE 15TH OF JANUARY. (ED: OH YEAH!)

STINGON NC 89 HAD ITS FIRST BREATH OF FRESH AIR AND ENGINE RUNUP SINCE IT WAS DAMAGED QUITE SOME TIME AGO, AND WITH A DECENT DAY TO MAKE A TRIP TO FX FOR ONE PART, WE WILL HAVE IT FLYING. IN FACT, IT WILL BE FLYING BY THE TIME THIS GOES TO PRESS.

OUR CESSNA NC 12 SHOULD BE FLYING WITH A. E. WORKING AT THE CONTROLS IN SEVERAL WEEKS WITH A NEW ADF INSTALLED AND NEW TAIL FEATHERS, WHICH WE ENROUTE FROM THE STATES.

ENGINEERING DATA "DATA"

CAPTAIN KING TAKES A "QUEEN"

IN A BEAUTIFUL DOUBLE-RING CEREMONY SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12TH, IN THE FORT RICHARDSON POST CHAPEL, MISS HELENA KIMBALL BECAME THE BRIDE OF CAPT. EDW. KING. LIGHTED TAPERS IN THE WINDOWS AND ON THE ALTAR FURNISHED SOFT LIGHT AS CHAPLAIN HALLS READ THE SERVICE.

HELENA CHOSE BLUE, HER FAVORITE COLOR, FOR HER GOWN, WITH A FINGER-TIP VEIL OF WHITE. SHE CARRIED A GORGEOUS DOUQUET OF WHITE ROSES AND GARDENING. HER SISTER, MRS. L. A. ROGERS, AS HER ATTENDANT, WORE GOLD AND CARRIED YELLOW ROSES. MAJOR FRANKLIN LAMON ACTED AS BEST MAN, AND THE BRIDE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE BY COLONEL WARREN SHOWN.

AT A RECEPTION AFTER THE CEREMONY, MRS. ROGERS AND THE BRIDE'S MOTHER, MRS. A. H. KIMBALL, ENTERTAINED AS HOSTESSES.

CAA GUESTS INCLUDED MR. AND MRS. W. M. SEELEY, GRACE HUTCHINSON, LOUISE SLUSSEN AND JANE HAPLING.

CAPT. AND MRS. KING PLAN ON SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN JUNEAU BEFORE RETURNING TO WORK. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ALL EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND WISH THEM LOTS OF HAPPINESS AND LUCK.

DON VOYAGE!

WHAT WITH WEDDINGS AND ALL, YOU'D THINK THE EXCITEMENT WOULD MAKE LOUISE WANT TO STAY, BUT SHE'S OFF TO SUNNY CALIFORNIA FOR A MUCH NEEDED REST AND TO BE WITH HER FATHER, WHO EXPECTS TO HAVE A MAJOR OPERATION SOON. WE CAN'T SAY WE BLAME HER WANTING TO BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, BUT WE'LL ALL BE WAITING FOR HER WHEN SHE COMES BACK, AND WE HAVE A HUNCH SHE WILL BE BACK.

FINGERPRINTS

THE SCALERS IN 54 WERE PLACED SO CLOSE TO THE DOOR AND WERE SO HANDY FOR PASSENGERS THAT THEY ALL HAD THE IDEA THEY COULD SLIP IN WITHOUT BEING SEEN. BUT WE KNOW, BECAUSE, YOU SEE, THEY LEAVE THEIR FINGERPRINTS ON THE WALL, AND NOT IN THE DUST EITHER, BUT ON OUR BRAND NEW PAINT JOB. WE WON'T TRY TO TRACE THE PEOPLE BY THE PRINTS; WE'LL JUST HOPE THAT THEY RETURN TO EITHER WASH THEIR HANDS OR BALANCE BETTER SO THEY WON'T NEED THE WALL FOR SUPPORT.

THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS BEING THE FIRST ENTRY FOR THE MUKLUK FROM YE OLDE NORTHWAY. WE CAN'T EVEN LAY OUR CLAIM TO GOOD INTENTIONS IN THE MATTER, 'CAUSE WE ALL DECIDED LONG AGO THAT WRITING WAS NOT OUR CLAIM TO FAME BY A LONG SHOT. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE ALL A BIT ON THE LAZY SIDE, IF ONE HAS TO BE TRUTHFUL. HOW ABOUT ALL YOU OLD HANDS AT THIS STUFF SENDIN' IN SUGGESTIONS FOR A TITLE TO OUR BIT? BE CAREFUL NOW! WE STILL BRUISE EASILY.

CIC SELPH SAID VA TO THE COMPLEMENT AT PM. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, HIS FORWARDING ADDRESS IS....GENERAL DELIVERY, USA! RECORD! THERE'S ANOTHER SIX-MONTHS-MAN THAT FINISHED HIS ALASKAN STINT WITHIN THE YEAR. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HE WAS A GOOD FELLOW AND ONE TO BE MISSED. HOWEVER, WE ARE GLAD HE WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN HIS WIFE "SOMEWHERE IN NEBRASKA" AND GET ACQUAINTED WITH HIS YOUNG SON.

YESTERDAY OUR NEW CIC, KAREL ZEMAN, GREETED US ALL WITH BEAMING CONFIDENCE AND ALL THE NEWS FROM HQ PLUS HQ (ANCHORAGE PLUS HEADQUARTERS). TODAY, WONDER OF WONDERS, THE SAME BEAMING SMILE USHERED HIM IN. WE ARE HOPING THAT TOMORROW AND ALL THE DAYS HENCE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE SAME THEME! (HE DOESN'T KNOW US VERY WELL YET!!)

INTRODUCING ALSO, WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT, DICK AND JEANNE COLLINS, PREVIOUS ADDRESS ROOM 28E, AND XS BAGGAGE SCHNAPPS, SUNNY AND NOSEY, ADDITIONS TO THE CANINE AND FELINE TRIBE, ALREADY CONSISTING OF TOK, SPATAFORD'S 1/16 WOLF, AND CONKY, JIMMY GRAHAM'S COCKER SPANIEL, PLUS ANY NUMBER OF TRANSIENT MAMMALS. AT THIS WRITING WE THINK IT BEST TO FORGET TO DISCUSS THE MORE HUMAN PERSONALITIES. NO?

NOT TO BE OUTDONE BY YOU VERY CLUB-MINDED STATIONS, WE TOO ARE PLANNING A FEW OF THE GADGETS. OF COURSE, AMONG THE FIRST WILL BE THE SKATING, BOTH FIGURE AND HOCKEY. IT SEEMS WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF TALENT FOR THE LATTER AMONG THE WEATHER BUREAU AND ARMY PERSONNEL. WHAT WE NEED ARE A FEW OF THE SONJA HENIE TYPE. VOLUNTEERS ACCEPTED WITH OPEN ARMS.

WHILE WE ARE THUS OCCUPIED, WE MIGHT AS WELL DO SOME MORE BEATING. ATTENTION ALL THOSE WHO WEARY OF CARVED MEATS! WE ARE INFORMED BY OUR LOCAL ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND HUNTING EXPERT THAT THIS IS THE TIME OF THE CYCLE WHEN RABBITS ARE MUCH TOO PLENTIFUL. THEREFORE, IF YOU DO NOT KILL THEM (THAT IS, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THEM) THEY WILL GET ALL THE DISEASES KNOWN IN THE BEST OF RABBIT CIRCLES AND DIE ANYWAY. JUST NATURE'S LITTLE HELPERS - THAT'S US. YOU REC-IT-WEATERS GET BUSY.

WE ARE HAVING A BIT OF LOO-L GAMBLING THESE DAYS. IT SEEMS THAT SPRINGHETTI, SQUIE AND REAMS, OUR REMAINING SIX-MONTHERS, ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THEY ARE SOON TO LEAVE. THREE GUESSES ON HOW WE ARE BETTING, AND THE FIRST TWO DON'T COUNT.

RUNNING A CLOSE SECOND IS THE CURRENT POOL CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF PUPS CONKY AND SCHNAPPS WILL GIVE THE TERRITORY FOR A XMAS PRESENT. BETS NOW RUN FROM ZERO TO SEVEN. ANY NEW IDEAS WILL BE DULY CONSIDERED.

HERE'S ONE FOR THE BOOKS, ENTITLED "THE

MOUNTAIN CAME TO MARCHET". NORTHWAY POST OFFICE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY LOCATED IN THE INDIAN VILLAGE WHICH UNFORTUNATELY LIES ACROSS THE RIVER FROM OUR BOONING COMMUNITY (OR IS THAT UNFORTUNATE?). ANYWAY, IT SEEMS THAT SAID RIVER DOES NOT HAVE A BRIDGE IN THE LOCALITY. NOW, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM TO FIND THE BEST METHOD OF CROSING FOR THE ALL-IMPORTANT MAIL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LAST SPRING ONE FELLOW, HOLSAPPLE OF THE SS TO BE EXACT, RISKED HIS NECK AND EVERYONE'S MAIL WADING ACROSS ON A HALF INCH OF ICE COVERED BY SIX INCHES OF WATER. HOLSAPPLE NOW SAYS TWELVE INCHES, BUT AFTER ALL, STORIES DO GROW. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN FOLK GAMES AND THE FACT THAT HIS CHECK WAS OVER THERE WERE THE MOTIVES FOR THE FEAT. BUT TO GET BACK TO THE FIRST TALE, THERE WILL BE NO MORE WADING, BRAVING OF RAGING WATERS, SWIMMING AND WHAT HAVE YOU. THE MOUNTAIN CAME TO OUR (OR) BACKDOOR. WE ARE NOW MORE OFFICIALLY NORTHWAY.

A PASSING THOUGHT: WHAT STATION HAS THE BEST AND MOST NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND WHY DOES NORTHWAY? ACCOUNT SUBJECT MATTER, NO DOUBT. YOU'RE OUTHUNTERED, KOTZBUS, UNLESS YOU CAN PULL SOME MORE OUT OF A HAT REAL QUICK LIKE.

HEY, JACK! ARE YOU GONNA PLAY SANTA CLAUS THIS YEAR?

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DEPARTMENT: MOST FREQUENT ON BOTH SCENES IS ONE J. LIVINGSTON. ALL CARD TABLES WERE WELL WASHED AND CERTAIN BITS OF SQUARE CUT BONE REPOLISHED FOR THE EVENT. HAVE NOTICED THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE TO RECOVER FOR A FEW WEEKS BETWEEN HIS VISITS. EVEN THE POWER PLANT FEELS THE STRAIN AFTER SOME OF THOSE ALL NIGHT SESSIONS.

ANOTHER THING THAT GOT WELL SHINED ABOUT THE TIME OF HIS LAST TRIP OUT HERE WAS THE NUMBER ONE BACHELOR QUARTERS. THE KITCHEN, IN PARTICULAR. FORTUNATELY, LIVINGSTON SAW ALL AND MADE THE BEST OF COMMENTS. GOOD FOR YOU, SQUAB. WE WERE AFRAID FOR A WHILE THAT ALL YOUR EFFORTS AND NEWLY ACQUIRED HOUSEWIFE'S KNEES WERE FOR NAUGHT.

SPATAFORD RECENTLY LEFT FOR THE OUTSIDE VIA FX, TUGGED WITH TIL FOR DELIVERY TO COLVIA ONE HALF PRICE FOR DOG. SPATAFORD WAS A FORMER TWO PAYROLL MAN NOW VERY INTERESTED ABOUT THE IDEA OF SOME SUBSISTENCE ON ONLY ONE.

SEVERAL NIGHTS A WEEK WE HAVE, COURTESY OF THE ARMY, A SHOWING OF THE LATEST OF PICTURES. THAT LOT, OF COURSE, DEPENDS ON WHEN YOU WERE LAST OUTSIDE. OUR THEATRE IS REALLY THE BEST YET. BY DAY IT IS A CAR BE DELUXE SPECIALIZING IN REPAIR AND REBUILDING OF ALL THOSE IDEAL CARS OF THE FUTURE KNOWN PERHAPS MORE FREQUENTLY BY THE NAME OF JEEP. COME THE FIRST TRAY SHADOWS OF NIGHT THE JEeps AND KINDRED MACHINES ARE PARKED OUTSIDE AND THE BANDS THAT ARE PARKED OUTSIDE DURING THE DAY ARE NOW CARRIED IN AND SET ON - INDIGENOUS FELLOWS - BLOCKS OF AGOOD. A FOLDING SCREEN JIFFIES FROM SOME VAGUE CATION, AND SOON ALL THE COMMUNITY IS HOWLING TO THE NOW FAMILIAR TUNES OF OUR FAVORITE BILD BILTEIN ACTOR. UP AND COMING, NOW DON'T YOU THINK?

ENOUGH FOR NOW. WE WILL TRY TO GET UP OUR NERVE AGAIN IN THE NOT TOO FAR FUTURE.

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THEY WERE NOW SAYING, "GIVE THE TRAINERS A BIG HAND" (AND I GOT A WINK IN THE BACK OF THE EYE. I GOT ON MY FEET. MY WIFE'S LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER.) IT, KIDDING AHEAD, WE ALL GRAB OUR TEETH AND CHUCKED FINGER NAILS OVER THEM, BUT I CAN REMEMBER MY FIRST DAYS OF OPERATING. AND AFTER SIX MONTHS I WAS LUCKY IF

EVENUALLY, WE HOPE TO BACKLOG ENOUGH OFFICIAL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAVEL TO ALLOW US TO USE THE BIG SHIPS ON SORT OF AN ALL STATION RING-AROUND-THE-ROSY AT FAIRLY DEFINITE INTERVALS, SAY, ONCE A MONTH. WE'LL SEE; YOU KNOW HOW AIRPLANES ARE!

THREE WEEKS HAVE PRESSED; YOU FEEL ALOOF.
THE BOYS YOU WORK WITH START TO SPEAK.
THE SUN IS SHINING ON YOUR ROOF;
BUT GAWD! YOU'VE HAD A NARROW SQUEAK.

J. B. TAYLOR
ONE OF THEM THERES

WITH THE SPECIAL TRAINING FOR CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS NOW COMPLETED, IT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THAT HENCEFORTH THEY MAY PASS AS EDUCATED INDIVIDUALS. NOTHING LIKE HARVARD OR OXFORD, OF COURSE, BUT A RESPECTABLE ENOUGH AMOUNT TO RAISE THEM ABOVE THE PLEBEIANS. AND WHAT OTHER PEOPLE DON'T FIND OUT TO THE CONTRARY WON'T HURT THEM. BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF TIME AND THE RESULTANT NECESSITY OF TOUCHING JUST THE PEAKS, THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS UNROLLED TO THEM SOMEWHAT AS A PANDORAN, WHICH MAY EXPLAIN WHY THEY SOMETIMES FELT IN A SWEAT PERSONALLY, WE EVEN WRESTLED WITH THE STUFF IN OUR SLEEP.

CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING EIGHTH REGION CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1943

CLASS MOTTO: "HOLD THAT RHUMB LINE!"
CLASS SONG: "WE ARE HOLDING THE RHUMB LINE!"
CLASS HISTORY: IN BAD TASTE
CLASS SENTIMENT: "I WANT TO GO HOME!"
CLASS SPORT: GOD MAN WINS
CLASS PROPHECY:

AS THE TWIG IS BENT THE TREE WILL GROW,
AND THIS APPLIES TO CHIEFS, WE KNOW.
AND A RHUMB LINE IS A COURSE MADE GOOD,
AND ALL CHIEFS KNOW THIS FACT, OR SHOULD.

BUT A RHUMB LINE IS A LINE THAT'S BENT,
BENT LIKE A CORKSCREW OR A SMOOZEY GENT.
SO OUR PROPHECY NOW IS OUT OF THE WAY.
WE'LL BURY THE MATTER AND A TOMSTONE LAY.

PARTIAL CLASS ROSTER AS SPACE PERMITS

FRED NEWBURN, ANIAC
HIS WIT IS DRY; SURSISTS ON SATIRE.
IT DOZES OUT LIKE THE QUAG IN QUAGNIERS.

ARLEY EVANS, SITKA TO NENANA
THE MAN FROM THE SOUTH
WITH THE BIG SMOGAR IN HIS MOUTH.

GREY FRINGLE, KOTZERUE (ALASKA)
FRINGLE BELLS, FRINGLE BELLS,
FRINGLE ALL THE WAY.
WE HAD A GOOD TIME IN ANCHORAGE,
AND THAT'S WHY WE WENT THERE, ANYWAY.

WILLIAM WINERREINER, NOME
BLESSINGS ON THEE, MY LITTLE MAN.
KEEP ON TRYING AND SOME DAY YOU'LL LAND.
ORIENTATION IS RIGHTLY A GIFT,
BUT SOMETIMES, WILLIE, THE FOG MAY LIFT.

GRANT McMURRAY, FAIRBANKS TO REGIONAL OFFICE
A SOBER MAN SELDOM MARRIED,
AND THINKS THIS LIFE WOULD BE MORE VARIED
IF THE NICEST GALS WEREN'T ALREADY MARRIED.

PHILLIP BAKER, YUKATON TO BIG DELTA
"I GREW A BEARD FOR FUN, I GUESS.
BUT WHY DID IT HAVE TO LOOK LIKE THIS?"

MUSSEVOE, TALKEETNA TO TALKEETNA
BIG HULK OF A MAN, A MILDEN'S THRILL.
HE EVEN MAKES OUR HEART STAND STILL.

WILLIAM YOPPI, TANANA TO SITKA
WILD BILL YOPPI THE SIGHTS WOULD ENJOY,
BUT HIS WIFE DROPPED IN. POOR BOY, POOR BOY!

JAMES TOY, KODIAK TO FAIRBANKS AND POSSIBLY A WIFE

THINK A BIT OR YOU'LL BE SORRY.
IT'S A LOT OF GRIEF AND NOT MUCH GLORY.

BERNARD NAYER, BIG DELTA TO KODIAK
DON'T MISCONSTRUCT THIS QUIET MAN
NOR WHAT GOES ON BEHIND HIS HAND.
HIS POKER FACE MAY FOOL A FEW,
NOT US! (P. S. HIS WIFE'S NICE, TOO.)

ED SNYDER, ANCHORAGE TO ???
"HELL IF WE DON'T; NOTHING IF WE DO."
FORGET IT, EDDIE. WE ALL LOVE YOU.

OUR REALLY MOST WORTHWHILE DISCOVERY IN ANCHORAGE WAS AN EATING JOINT WHERE THE JUKE BOX WAS HIRSH "PISTOL PACKIN' PAPA".

MOST OF THE CHIEFS HADN'T SEEN SO MANY PRETTY GIRLS IN A LONG TIME. IN FACT, THE FIRST WEEK OF THE TRAINING COURSE VERGED ON DISASTER UNTIL THE BOYS SETTLED DOWN AND LEARNED TO ALLOCATE THEIR HOURS OF PLAY ON A SENSIBLE BASIS. NAVIGATION, METEOROLOGY AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AMALGAMATED WITH OTHER THINGS, AND THE INSTRUCTORS RECEIVED THE MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE WISHERS TO SOME OF THEIR QUESTIONS.

WHO WAS THE CHIEF, SO ROUGHLY TANKERED BY THE LOCAL EARTHQUAKE, WHO DASHED FROM HIS BED WILD-EYED OUT OF HIS HOTEL INTO THE NIGHT IN NIGHT ATTIRE, ON DOWN THE STREET FOR BLOOMS AND BLOOMS? UPON BEING QUERIED BY A CURIOUS BY-STANDER AS TO WHAT WAS COOKING, AND BEING ADVISED THAT IT WAS ONLY AN EARTHQUAKE, HE UTTERED, "AN EARTHQUAKE? BULL OF FIRE! I THOUGHT MY WIFE HAD GONE TO TOWN!"

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHIEFS' TRAINING COURSE, WHEN THE DECKS WERE CLEARED AND THE BLACKBOARD WASHED, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALL CONCERNED BILL CRUSE A-NOUCED A TOUR OF THE VARIOUS SITES. WITH ANTICIPATION RUNNING WICK AND THE WHOLE GATHERING SENT INTO A DITHER BY A COMMUNAL OPINION THAT IMPROVEMENT WAS IN ORDER, AND HAVING PREVIOUSLY DURING SPARE HOURS A FORETASTE OF SAME, THEY BOARDED THE VARIOUS CONVEYANCES AND SET OUT. THEY RETURNED A DEJECTED AND FLATTENED BUNCH. THEY THOUGHT HE MEANT SIGHTS.

UPON BEING QUERIED AS TO HER OPINION ON WHAT SHE HEARD DURING THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR CONFERENCE, LILLIAN KAPLAN, RECORDER OF THE MINUTES, EXPRESSED HER DOUBT THAT CHIEFS WORKED AS HARD AS THEIR CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS INTIMATED. IT HAS SINCE BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT FUTURE CONFERENCES INVOLVING CHIEFS BE CLOSED AFFAIRS - MEN ONLY. WOMEN TALK TOO MUCH.

NOT UNDERESTIMATING THE INTEREST VALUE OF THE MESSERS, HOPPIN, FLETT, HULLEN ET AL, WE MUST NEVERTHELESS REPORT THEY WERE THROWN FOR A LOSS BY KAPLAN AND HER STENOTYPE GIGSET. INTEREST WAS SO UNCONTROLLED SHE TOOK THE TROUBLE, IN AN OFF MOMENT, TO ENTER ON A DISCOURSE TO THE BOYS ON ITS MYSTERIOUS OPERATION, UNDER THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT CHIEFS CAN UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.

NOTES:

SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF THE CHIEFS TO THEIR

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11-17. THE FLIGHT UNIT - SOME OF AGE AND IS NOW A FULL FLEDGED BRAN. ACCORDING TO E-ALL-1, REVISED, WE ARE THE AIR TRANSPORTATION AND FLIGHT INSPECTION BRANCH, C-34. SOUNDS IMPRESSIVE, DOESN'T IT? TO SAVE BREATH AND PAPER, WE HAVE NICKNAMED OURSELVES AIRWAYS INSPECTION.

11-20. NOW THAT THE SWAMPS HAVE FROZEN, SALVAGE OPERATIONS FOR NC-5 ARE UNDERWAY. THE PLANE WILL SOON BE BACK HOME AFTER A SUMMER'S OUTING. FUZZ ROGERS, WHO IS FERRYING MECHANICS AND SUPPLIES IN NC-99, INSISTS THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE LANDING STRIP HE HAS DEVELOPED. OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO DODGE A FEW TREES ON THE TAKE-OFF.

11-24. WE UNDERSTAND THAT JEFFORD IS SPENDING HIS TIME BEGGING SUPPLIES FROM ALL THE AIRCRAFT FACTORIES IN TEXAS. A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT SINCE THESE FACTORIES HAVE BEEN LOCKING THEIR STOCK ROOMS WHENEVER THEY SEE JACK APPROACHING, HE IS FREQUENTLY FOUND DURING THE NIGHT SHIFTS WITH A BROOM AND DUSTPAN, SWEEPING UP SHIFTS FROM THE FLOOR.

11-27. BOB JACKSON AND MARION GRESSON OF THE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS UNIT HAVE MOVED THEIR OFFICE INTO THE OLD COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING. WE MISS THEM - ALSO THAT OTHER PHONE THAT THEY TOOK WITH THEM.

11-29. AL MORNING BROUGHT NC-5 FROM ITS DAMP PARKING PLACE ON HURST PLATEAU. THE PLANE LOOKS A BIT WEATHER-BEATEN AND PATCHED, BUT IT STILL FLIES.

12-2. JIM HURST GAVE A NEW VERSION OF THE OLD STORY OF RUNNING INTO A DOOR - SOMETHING ABOUT TRIPPING OVER A BLACK CAT AND FALLING DOWN THE BASEMENT STEPS. HE WAS SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED THIS MORNING TO FLY TO UP AND KD.

12-4. TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY. THIS TIME FUZZ ROGERS IS THE ONE WHO IS WAITING AT HOME, WONDERING WHEN HIS SPOUSE AND YOUNG SON WILL RETURN FROM SA. HE'S HOPING THAT BOAT ARRIVES BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

12-8. JIM AND FUZZ ARE OFF ON AN EXTENDED FLIGHT CHECKING EXCURSION. AL HAS GONE OUT TO THE FORT TO TALK OVER MATTERS "AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES". JACK IS STILL IN TEXAS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY DON'T WANT TO WRITE THE MUKLUK COLUMN, EITHER.

BEAN SPROUTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12)

SCATTERED POINTS OF DUTY, COFFEE IS NO LONGER RATIONED TO THE TOWNSFOLK.

FOR THOSE IN THE FIELD NOT UP TO DATE ON CAA EXPANSION (WHO-IST?), THE NINTH REGION IS A CERTAIN CELLAR DIVE IN ANCHORAGE. IT CORRESPONDS TO THE NINETEENTH HOLE ON A GOLF COURSE OR THE SIXTH DOT IN THE NUMERAL FIVE. NO GOOD COMES OF IT.

VERY TRULY YOURS.

WHAT WITH OUR CHIEF, "BIG BILL" CRAVER, BEING ASSENT FROM THE STATION AND ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNICATORS' COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS, KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRING AN EDUCATION, WE ENJOY A BURST OF ACTIVITY IN THE BOOK LARVIN' LINE ON HIS RETURN. SOME OF THE STATION PERSONNEL ARE RUMORED TO HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO STUDY IN HIS ABSENCE, INTENDING TO ASTOUND HIM WITH THEIR DEEP INSIGHT INTO THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING A PILOT WHO WISHES TO JOURNEY FROM POINT A TO POINT B WITH UNKNOWN WIND DIRECTION, DEVIATION AND VARIATION, NO GASOLINE AND A HANDOVER.

FOR SOME WEEKS CHARLIE PALMER REMAINED SO UNMAKIN IN HIS BELIEF THAT THE POWERS-THAT-BE WERE GOING TO DISPATCH HIS TRAVEL ORDERS TO RETURN TO UNCLE SUGAR ASSAP THAT HE WAS PURCHASING ONLY SUFFICIENT PROVERDER FOR ONE DAY AT A TIME FROM MESSING'S NAWMOTH MERCHANDISE MART. AT LAST, HOWEVER, PRESUMABLY IN A FIT OF DEPRESSION, HE PURCHASED A PAIR OF SHOE PADS (WITH LOTS OF ROOM FOR SOCKS) AND ENOUGH COOKS TO FILL THEM, AND REGIONED HIMSELF TO THE WORST. AH WELL, ST. LOUIS' LOSS IS OUR GAIN. (P. S. CHARLIE LEFT TODAY FOR UNCLE SUGAR.)

AND OF COURSE YOU'VE HEARD HOW, WHEN THE SHORTAGE OF MEAT BECAME ACUTE, OUR AGAC, W. (DAN'L BOOIE) BOOLEZ, GRATED HIS LTING, DONNED HIS SHOOTIN' IRONS AND VENTURED FORTH WITH THE AVOWED INTENTION OF BRINGING HOME THE BACON. BUT - "THE BEST LARD PLANS OF MICE AND MEN" - GAVE HIM SCORCHE, IT WAS GETTING DARK, AND HE WAS TIRED OF HUNTING ANYWAY! SO, NOT WAITING TO COME HOME WITH NOTHING TO SHOW FOR HIS EFFORTS, HE VERY NEATLY PLACED A BULLET (38 CALIBER) JUST BELOW HIS KNEE. RESULT - A FAST TRIP TO VALDEZ AND A COUPLE OF EASY WEEKS ON SICK LEAVE (THE LUCKY STUFF). OF COURSE HE CLAIMS IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE SEITZ'S FROM THE TRAINING CENTER HAS AT LAST MADE THAT LONG DREAMED OF LUXURY, THE DAY-OFF, A REALITY.

HANK'S HANBY DELICATESSEN, RMS MESSING, PROP., IS MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION ON THE CORNER OF UTILITY AVENUE AND QUARTERS ALLEY. OPENING DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

OUR SON, IRE JENSEN, IS SO PLEASED WITH HIS NEW HEATED GARAGE THAT HE CAN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND HOW HE CONSIDERED LIFE WORTH WHILE BEFORE ITS COMPLETION. A BIG PICNIC WAS HELD IN THE NEW GARAGE AS A DEDICATION CEREMONY, WITH THE CAA'ERS AND THE AIR CORPS IN ATTENDANCE. THE MENU? WHY, HOT DOGS AND BEANS, POTATO SALAD, COOKIES, COFFEE AND CAKE, OF COURSE! EVEN A DOG STANDING BY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

BIG CHIEF CRAVER IS IN TOWN GETTIN' SOME BOOK LARVIN', BUT - COOKIE BAKING BY WIFE HELEN GOES ON JUST THE SAME IN THE CRAVER HOUSEHOLD, WITH THE USUAL LINES A BLOCK LONG AT THE FRONT AND REAR DOORS (MESSING AT THE KITCHEN WINDOW, BUT HE'S TALLER).

RESIDENT ENGINEER TEX MATTOX AND WIFE VIRGINIA PITCHED A SNELL SUPPER AT THE CORNER CENTER LODGE FOR EVERYONE AS A FAREWELL FETTER BEFORE THEIR TRANSFER TO TONGA FOR THE WINTER. INCIDENTALLY, TEX AND VIRGINIA ARE THE CHIEFS OF THE LOCAL SKI CLUB.

CONSTRUCTION UNIT (55)

ART REPASTEE

PRE (PROBLEMS RELIGIOUSLY ENDS) VOLKEMERER IS ON THE VERGE OF BEING EXILED FROM THE CHOW TABLE BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LIDVILLE KASHIMA. AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF GRUB, THE PRE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ON THE REQUISITIONS ADDING, SUBTRACTING, MULTIPLYING, DIVIDING (HE NEARLY CAUGHT COLD WITH HIS HANDS OFF).....AND FINALLY BOILED THE FIGURES DOWN TO THIRTY FOUR CENTS SHORT. NOW AT THE CHOW TABLE, THE PRE PASSES A DISH, SAYING, "HAVE SOME VIRGINIA SAUSAGES. EAT ALL YOU WANT. WE STILL HAVE 37 CANS AT 33 CENTS PER CAN".... PR....."THIS WAS AIN'T BAD, EVEN AT FIFTY EIGHT CENTS PER POUND"....."SHALL WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE TWENTY CENT A CAN PEAS TONIGHT?" BEING INUNDATED WITH PAPER WORK (WHAT PRE ISN'T? - SO THEY SAY) AND IN SEARCH FOR THAT ELUSIVE THIRTY FOUR CENTS, IT SEEMS THAT OUR WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE OF "MINDY FIVE" FOUND IT NECESSARY TO COMMANDER THE PARLOR DESK AND HIDE UP IN HIS BUNKER. WONDER IF HE SETS THE ALARM WHEN HE SWEATS OVER THOSE HOT REQUISITIONS. VOLKEMERER HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH HIS PANTS, OR SHOULD WE SAY SHORTS. THEY WERE WOOL PANTS BEFORE HE PUT THEM IN THE VERY HOT WATER IN THE WASHING MACHINE. AFTER THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR HE HAD SHORTS. AS ED SAYS, "STRICTLY FROM ZOOT!!"

WE HAVE ONE ON BIG CHIEF KUMLER, NOW VACATIONING IN ANCHORAGE WITH THE OTHER BIG CHIEFS (SITTING BULL, SHOOTING BULL, SHOOTING CRAPS). KUMLER, WHO ONCE BITTEN THE BUG AT HOWDIE GEORGE, HAS BEEN TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE BOC OPERATION OF THAT STATION BY ANSWERING AIRCRAFT USING "THIS IS MOSES POINT", BUT MOSES IS ALSO ANSWERING THOSE AIRCRAFT WITH MUCH BETTER RESULTS. A CHUCKLE BEHIND DRINGS HIM BACK TO UNALASKLEET.

ON STROLLING BACK TO THE QUARTERS AFTER A MID WATCH, ONE OF THE OPERATORS, THINKING HE WOULD CRACK WISE WHEN HE NOTED ONE OF THE LADIES OF LIDVILLE HANGING UP A COUPLE OF SUITS OF WINTER LONGIES, PIPED UP WITH "NICE LOOKING INSIDE PARKS YOU HAVE THERE, LADY". THE LADY GUESSED SHE'D BETTER GET THEM READY FOR THE COMING WINTER WEATHER. THE OPERATOR, KNOWING WHEN TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT, ADDED, "WOULD YOU EVER CHASE THE OLE MAN OUT OF THEM LONG ENOUGH TO GET 'EM WASHED?" (IT LATER DEVELOPED THAT THE WINTER UNDERWEAR BELONGED TO THE LADY HERSELF)

RELIEF OPERATOR BILLIE CHANDLER ARRIVED TO FILL IN WHILE THE CHIEF FILLS OUT...THAT STUDY OUTLINE. BILLIE HAS TAKEN OVER THE DUTIES OF THE MID WATCH LIKE A VETERAN, SO BEWARE OF DISTURBING HER IRE, YOU MID-LIDS, OR YOU'RE IN FOR A ROUGH EVENING. BILLIE SAYS,

"THEY SENT ME OUT TO UNALASKLEET. BOY! WHAT A PLACE! IT CAN'T BE BEAT. WHAT WITH PROBBITTEN LEGS AND PRINKSTERS AND SUCH, I AIN'T GOT JUST CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT..... NOT MUCH."

THE ARRIVAL OF THE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF GRUB (IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING) BRIGHTENED THE WAN FACES OF THE LIDVILLE CITIZENS. NOW THE LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN LOOK AT THE RECIPE BOOK TO SEE WHAT THEY WANT FOR A MEAL, INSTEAD OF LOOKING IN THE CUPBOARD TO SEE WHAT THERE WAS TO EAT.

NOT ONLY IS MERLE H. YOUNG, DEPOT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSY WITH PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING, BUT HIS OFFICE PERSONNEL IS CAUSING HIM MUCH CONCERN WITH THEIR TROUBLES OF THE USUAL HOUSE HUNTING, ANXIETY OVER THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE BOAT TRAIN, AND OTHER TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

MRS. GLADYS NEWELL IS LEAVING SOON WITH HER HUSBAND FOR SUREY CALIFORNIA. WE ARE SORRY TO LOSE HER, BUT GLAD THAT SHE CAN BE WITH HER LITTLE DAUGHTER. MRS. RUBY PIERCE FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND IS TAKING HER PLACE. MRS. NEWELL AND MRS. PIERCE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THEIR HOMES IN CALIFORNIA ARE IN THE SAME LOCALITY, AND THAT THEY ATTENDED THE SAME UNIVERSITY.

MARY CROSSON EXPECTS TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN SEATTLE WITH RELATIVES. HER HUSBAND, ALSO A CAA EMPLOYEE, IS NOW IN MASSACHUSETTS.

MRS. PEGGY MORGAN HAS ACTUALLY FOUND A HOUSE TO LIVE IN, WHICH IS MUCH BETTER THAN BEING IN A BOAL BIN, SHE SAYS.

AT LEAST ONE CAA WIFE HAS REASON TO BE DUBIOUS ABOUT HER LONESOME HUSBAND WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR HER ARRIVAL FROM OUTSIDE. ONE NIGHT RECENTLY, WHEN MRS. M. F. FORNICHARI AND SMALL DAUGHTER ARRIVED, THEY MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE HOUSE WHERE MR. F. LIVED, BUT WERE UNABLE TO FIND HIM IN OR TO ROUSE HIM. THEY FINALLY GAVE UP AND SPENT THE NIGHT IN A HOTEL LOBBY. WE HEAR THAT BILL CONVINCED HIS WIFE THAT HE WAS AT THE THEATER IN THE EARLY PART OF THE EVENING, THEN WENT DIRECTLY HOME AND SLEPT SOUNDLY. THAT WILL DO TO TELL! HE IS STILL FUSSING ABOUT THE TAXI FARE.

AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS PLEASE NOTE! THE AIRWAYS DEPOT IS SWAMPED WITH WORK, AND DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET YOUR RED AND GREEN PENCILS TO YOU PROMPTLY. HOWEVER, WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE PLACE IS TAKING ON THE APPEARANCE OF A MENAGERIE, WITH EVERYONE BUYING FUR PARKAS, JACKETS, MUKLUKS AND BONNETS. GETTING SO A HUNTER HAS TO SHOUT "FRIEND OR ANIMAL?" BEFORE PLUGGING AWAY AT A FURRY MOVEMENT. ROBINSON AND VOLKEMERER HAVE SQUIRREL PARKAS, AND THEY'RE REALLY THE NUTS. THE KUMLERS AND GEORGE HAVE THE EPIDERMIS OF THE REINDEER TO KEEP THEM WARM.

THE UNALASKLEET TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SYSTEM SUFFERED A LOSS OF OPERATION FOR A SHORT TIME. THE LOCAL TESTBOARD AND REPAIR DEPARTMENT (ANYONE SUCKER ENOUGH TO GET OUT IN THE... CENSORED...WEATHER AND FIX THE BREAK) NOW ADVISES RESTORATION OF SERVICE (FINGERS-CROSSED TYPE). NO CHANGE HAS BEEN REPORTED FOR THE DIRECTORY. VOLKEMERER'S VIRTUAL VAULT HAS REPLENISHED ITS ENTIRE STOCK, AND THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSARY ADVISES A SALE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF EVERY MONTH.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.....73'S

THE SOURDOUGH SOURPUSS SCRIBE

CONGRATULATIONS, MR. AND MRS. JAMES MACDONALD, UPON THE ARRIVAL OF "JUE ANN", A SEVEN POUND SIX OUNCE BABY GIRL BORN AT THE PROVINCENCE HOSPITAL ON NOVEMBER 23RD. CIGARS AND CHOCOLATES WERE PASSED AROUND IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION, AND ALTHOUGH WE'VE HEARD BOASTING FROM PROUD FATHERS BEFORE, "MAC" SURE TAKES THE CAKE. HE INSISTS SHE'S THE PICK OF THE LOT, A LITTLE BLONDE, BLUE EYED BEAUTY, AND EVEN GOES SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT WHEN HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL TO SEE HER, TWENTY OR THIRTY PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE CROWDING THE CORRIDORS, JUST CLAMORING TO TAKE HER PICTURE. HE THINKS SHE SHOULD BE IN JUNIOR HIGH BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR.

"BUCK" CULVER, CHIEF OF OUR UNIT, LEFT FOR THE STATES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CAA. WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF HIS ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CLEVELAND, FLORIDA AND BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA AND BY THIS TIME HE SHOULD BE BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE MRS. CULVER, WHO LEFT ANCHORAGE THE LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER, WILL JOIN HIM. DURING "BUCK'S" ABSENCE, "TIL" HOWELL IS ACTING CHIEF. WE MIGHT ADD THAT BEFORE LEAVING ALASKA, "BUCK" TOOK HIS WRITTEN PRIVATE PILOT'S TEST AND NOW HAS HIS LICENSE TO PROVE THAT HE IS A FULL FLEDGED FLIER.

GUOMUND PAULIE, WHO WAS ONE OF OUR RESIDENT ENGINEERS AT MERRILL FIELD, IS NOW ON A NEW ASSIGNMENT AT ILIAMA.

WE ALL WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY TO MARY HOLEVAS, WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED NEWS OF THE DEATH OF A SISTER IN SEATTLE.

ANOTHER FLIGHT TEST CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS UNIT. AFTER WAITING SEVERAL DAYS FOR SUITABLE WEATHER IN WHICH TO "STRUT HIS STUFF", "TIL" HOWELL IS AT LAST THE PROUD POSSESSOR OF THIS CERTIFICATE. GOOD WORK, "TIL".

MARY LEE STERLING SPENT A FEW DAYS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IN FAIRBANKS AND REPORTS A VERY HAPPY TIME. (WHAT'S THIS WE HEARD ABOUT MARY LEE'S SITTING ON HER SUITCASE ALL SUNDAY MORNING IN THE LYTLE-GREEN OFFICE, EVEN REFUSING TO GO OUT AFTER ANY LUNCH FOR FEAR SHE'D MISS THE PLANE?)

CONGRATULATIONS, MR. AND MRS. HAROLD MILLER, UPON THE BIRTH OF A SON. MR. MILLER IS RESIDENT ENGINEER AT ANNETTE ISLAND. THANKS FOR THE CHOCOLATES, HAROLD. THE GIRLS CERTAINLY ENJOYED THEM, BUT DON'T THINK WE COULD KEEP THESE MEN AROUND HERE FROM SAMPLING THEM ALSO.

11/22 - THE BIG MOVE! AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS (NEE AIR TRANSPORT), EXCLUSIVE IN ITS ALMOST ALL-GLASS BUILDING, WISHES TO THANK THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ITS FURNISHING, ESPECIALLY HURST, WHO INSISTED THAT WE TAKE HIS TELEPHONE, AND HORNING FOR THE HANDY LITTLE GADGETS HE NEVER USED ANYWAY. WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR FUZZ TO COME ACROSS. BUT SPEAKING OF CONTRIBUTIONS, WE THANK DOROTHY FOR THE \$2.00 WHICH SHE IS ABOUT TO DONATE TO JACKSON MOST ANY DAY NOW.

11/25 - CHIGOSH, ARE WE EXPOSED! WHO WAS THAT MAN-----? BUT THE VIEW CAN'T BE BEAT. IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO ENDERG, CALL US FIRST AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW IF HE'S IN.

12/5 - KITTY AND MARION ARE STILL EATING RY-KRISP AND RATIONS. IF A BOX OF RATIONS WILL FEED FOUR MEN THREE MEALS FOR THREE DAYS OR THREE MEN THREE MEALS FOR FOUR DAYS, HOW LONG WILL IT LAST A COUPLE OF CALORY-COUNTING FEMALES? ANSWER BY HORNING NEXT ISSUE.

12/8 - COME ONE, COME ALL. EVERYONE'S WELCOME - BUT BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!

AC CERTIFICATES
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WASHINGTON, CERTIFICATION WILL BE BASED ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: (1) AIR NAVIGATION AND PILOTS' RADIO, (2) METEOROLOGY, (3) AIR TRAFFIC RULES, AND (4) COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES. THIS LAST ELEMENT APPARENTLY REPRESENTS AN ADDITION TO WASHINGTON'S ORIGINAL TRAINING PLAN AND IS INTERPRETED AS HAVING BEEN ADDED TO INSURE AN ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANUALS OF OPERATION. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF STATION PERSONNEL WHO MUST REPORT TO HOME-STUDY, EXAMINATIONS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED BY SUBJECTS. NAVIGATION, FOR EXAMPLE, MAY BE STUDIED AND THE EXAMINATION FOR THAT ELEMENT TAKEN PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK ON ANOTHER PHASE. A SCORE OF AT LEAST 75% IN EACH ELEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED, AND REEXAMINATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF FAILURE IN A GIVEN ELEMENT. AT SUCH TIME AS A COMMUNICATOR COMPLETES ALL ELEMENTS, A CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED OR A LETTER OF ATTAINMENT ISSUED PENDING AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFICATES.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS SUBJECT MAY BE EXPECTED AT THE TIME OF DISTRIBUTION OF EXAMINATION MATERIAL, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.