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TELEGRAPH

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS WERE EFFECTED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER: OSWALD D. GRAVES ACAC YO TO AC HQ; ALEXANDER DUFFRENE ACAC WD TO CAC IJ; WILLIAM YOUNG CAC KZ TO CAC SK; JAMES N. TOY CAC OF TO CAC FX; ARNOLD R. HERGE AC JW TO AC HQ; FLOYD R. HORTON AC JQ TO AC JE; QUENTIN W. KEUTHER AC UO TO AC JE; FRED H. MERTEN AC NG TO ACAC NG; BERNARD F. MAYER CAC JQ TO CAC CF; WILFRED J. OSIER TO AC HQ; VELTON D. GOODRICH ACAC WK TO AC YO AND PATRICIA GOODRICH AC WK TO AC YO.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER REGIONS IN UNCLE SUGAR: EDGAR H. BROADHURST JB TO 3RD; T. S. COX FX TO 3RD; CHARLES M. PALMER XV TO 5TH; PHILIP S. JOHNSON KG TO 3RD; MORRIS W. SPATKOFORD PH TO 3RD; E. D. EFFERSON JD TO 3RD; R. G. MAYER JD TO 3RD; KAURICE J. STEWART YO TO 5TH; JOHN M. STORM HQ TO 7TH; VIRGIL W. MORGAN HQ TO 3RD; DONALD W. NELSON HQ TO 3RD; KURT HALL HQ TO 3RD; JOHN H. SNYDER HQ TO 1ST; N. C. BIRKHOLZ JE TO 3RD AND JESSE L. WIXON JE TO 3RD.

THE FOLLOWING TRAINEES OF THE ANCHORAGE TRAINING CENTER ARE ON DUTY AT THE HQ STATION: WARD L. THOMPSON AND RICHARD BRYAN. TRAINEES ON DUTY AT THE HQ STATION AWAITING TRANSFER TO THEIR POINTS OF ASSIGNMENT ARE: SCHILLER A. BUSK AND LAURETTA S. BUSK TO KA; ELWIN B. DELL AND BETTY B. DELL TO VY; JAMES N. TEALE TO FX.

TRAINEES FROM THE SEATTLE TRAINING CENTER WHO HAVE ENTERED ON DUTY IN THE 8TH REGION ARE AS FOLLOWS: JAMES M. SHAW AND GRACE N. SHAW HQ; ROBERT W. EDDY AND MARGARET L. EDDY UB; LYLE E. LERETTES AND MARGARET P. LERETTES SK; WILLIAM D. McDONALD AND HAZEL V. McDONALD FX; WILBUR E. CROSSMAN AND THEODORA E. CROSSMAN FX; F. ROBERT ELLISON AND M. ALBERTA ELLISON JW; HERMAN J. EICKHOFFS AND LAURA L. EICKHOFFS JE; EDWIN E. MCORDE AND DELPHINE G. MCORDE JS; RALPH M. SCHUYLER JS; VERN F. DOMOGOLLA AND ANN M. DOMOGOLLA WH; RUSSELL W. FULGHAM NG; MARCUS D. MASON NM; JOSEPH J. DALE AND ANNA R. DALE YO; WILLIAM R. WUORINEN AND ANN L. WUORINEN JD; FRANK E. SMITH AND HAZEL A. SMITH JD; MAX E. EARLY KZ; PATRICK COLE KZ; CARL F. GULLEY AND MARGARET E. GULLEY CF; KENNETH W. JORDAN AND NORMA W. JORDAN VY.

NEW CHIEF FOR CONTRACT AND SERVICE BRANCH

JUDE M. FOWLER IS HIS NAME. CHIEF OF CONTRACT AND SERVICE BRANCH IS HIS TITLE. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH IS HIS BIRTHPLACE AND HOME (AND NOT, CONTRARY TO GENERAL SUPPOSITION, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - SAYS HE DOESN'T LIKE MISSOURI ANYWAY). MR. FOWLER REPLACES AND ASSUMES THE DUTIES HERETOFORE HANDLED BY MRS. KATHERINE J. HASLER, WHO WAS ACTING CHIEF AFTER MR. J. J. PRUDERER'S DEPARTURE.

MR. FOWLER'S ACTIVITIES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE SINCE 1929 GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS: IN 1929 HE STARTED WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, AIRWAYS DIVISION IN SALT LAKE; FROM 1933 TO 1938 HE WAS AT THE GRAND CANYON WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. IN 1939 THE CAA SECURED HIS SERVICES IN THE 5TH REGIONAL OFFICE AT KANSAS CITY, IN THE SIGNALS BRANCH; THE NEXT YEAR HE WENT TO CHEYENNE, WYOMING, STILL WITH CAA, SIGNALS BRANCH; THEN BACK TO KANSAS CITY FROM 1941 TO 1943, WHERE HE HAS BEEN UNTIL HE WAS SELECTED TO FILL THE JOB HERE IN ANCHORAGE.

PRIOR TO HIS COMING TO ANCHORAGE, HE WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR TWO WEEKS IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH PRIORITIES AND THE CONTROLLED MATERIALS SITUATION. ON HIS WAY TO THE WEST COAST HE STOPPED

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GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM JESSE H. JONES, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE:

"DEAR MR. HOPPING: ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OF MYSELF, I WISH TO EXTEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU, YOUR OFFICE ASSOCIATES AND YOUR FAMILIES. I APPRECIATE THE GOOD SERVICE YOU HAVE RENDERED THE DEPARTMENT AND LOOK FORWARD HOPEFULLY TO THE TIME WHEN WE CAN EXCHANGE GREETING UNDER HAPPIER CIRCUMSTANCES.

SINCERELY,"

/s/ JESSE H. JONES

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DO YOU HAVE TEN DOLLARS IN YOUR POCKET? YOU HAVE PAID YOUR RENT AND YOUR UTILITY BILLS - YOU ARE "ADEQUATELY CLOTHED" - BUT THAT EXTRA TEN DOLLARS - WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT? WELL, THERE'S ONE LITTLE YOU CAN DO WITH TEN DOLLARS THESE DAYS. WHY? INFLATION IS HERE! SALARIES, ON THE WHOLE, ARE HIGH - AND PEOPLE BUY AND BUY AND BUY. THE MORE WE BUY, AND PAY THE HIGH PRICES ASKED, THE MORE WE BOOST INFLATION. DAY BY DAY WE ARE TAKING FIGURATIVE CUTS IN SALARY, LIMITING OUR CHANCES FOR A SECURE FINANCIAL FUTURE AND LENGTHENING THE DURATION OF THE WAR SIMPLY BY USING SOME OF THAT SURPLUS MONEY FOR PURCHASING SOMETHING WE COULD JUST AS WELL DO WITHOUT.

INFLATION IS NOT STATIC. IT IS A CONDITION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND CONCERTED ACTION OF PEOPLE - AND IT CAN BE CONTROLLED AND REDUCED BY THE SAME MEANS. YOU ARE ONLY ONE PERSON AMONG MILLIONS. YOU CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT ANYTHING DONE BY THE LITTLE "MOLECULE" THAT IS YOU HAS VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON THE WHOLE PICTURE. BUT IT DOES - IF EVERYONE FELT UNIMPORTANT AND INEFFECTUAL IN THE LARGER SCHEME - WE WOULD STOP FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO PURCHASE THE BARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE WITH OUR NOW FAIRLY ADEQUATE SALARIES - WE WOULD LOSE THE WAR - AND CHAOS BEYOND IMAGINATION WOULD RESULT.

EACH OF US - AND ALL OF US - HAVE A PERSONAL OBLIGATION TO OUR FUTURE AND TO THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS INVIGORATING TO KNOW THAT NO ACTION ON OUR PART - NO MATTER HOW SMALL AND APPARENTLY INSIGNIFICANT - BUT HAS ITS DEFINITE EFFECT ON PRESENT CONDITIONS.

THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALWAYS WITH US - BUT SOMETIMES IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. IT IS NOT EASY TO HOLD SUSTAINED ENTHUSIASM OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME - BUT WE MUST NOT LET DOWN.

THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE IS IMMINENT. WE ARE ASKED TO INVEST 35% OF OUR SALARIES IN WAR BONDS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 15, 1944. IF YOU ARE ALREADY ALLOTING, FOR INSTANCE, 15% OF YOUR SALARY FOR PURCHASE OF BONDS, THEN AN ADDITIONAL 20% ONLY IS EXPECTED. OUR QUOTA IS \$75,508.11 FOR THE EIGHTH REGION. IT IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH GOAL TO REACH. THERE IS ONE WAY ONLY TO DO IT. WHEN YOU GET YOUR NEXT PAY CHECK SET ASIDE 35% OF IT AND BUY BONDS. IT MAY PINCH - PERHAPS THERE ARE THINGS YOU FEEL YOU REALLY NEED - BUT DO WITHOUT THEM AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE DRIVE. YOU CAN ALWAYS GET ALONG SOMEHOW - AND IT IS ONLY THROUGH SACRIFICE THAT WE CAN EVENTUALLY BRING ABOUT THAT STATE FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL STRIVING.

MANY OF US ARE SACRIFICING - BUT THE CARELESS ACTIONS OF THE THOUGHTLESS OR SELFISH ARE MAKING IT TOUGH FOR THOSE WHO ARE GIVING IT ALL THEY'VE GOT.

WE EXCEEDED OUR QUOTA FOR THE THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE - BUT PART OF THE SUCCESS OF THAT DRIVE WAS DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNTS INVESTED BY COMPARATIVELY FEW OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL. IF EACH OF US INVESTS SOMETHING WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL - NOT ONLY THE GOAL OF MAKING OUR QUOTA IN THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE, BUT THE LARGER AND BROADER GOAL OF BRINGING AGAIN INTO OUR LIVES THE PEACE, SECURITY, AND DEMOCRACY WHICH IS OUR RIGHT.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

NEWS IN THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT IS RATHER SCARCED AT THIS TIME, BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE ENJOYED THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SEASON AND ALSO TO HAVE SURVIVED IT VERY WELL.

THE CAA PARTY HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS - PLENTY OF FOOD AND FUNCH - AND FROM THE LOOKS AND ACTIONS OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED, IT WAS MUCH MORE FUN THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY THAN IT WAS TO BE WORKING THE MORNING AFTER.

WE WISH TO WELCOME ELSIE RICH TO THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT. ELSIE JOINED US THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND IS TAKING OVER THE JOB VACATED BY JAE BULLOCK, WHO RECENTLY LEFT US TO ACCEPT A TEACHING POSITION.

OUR PROJECT ENGINEERS' OFFICE BOASTS A FULL HOUSE THESE DAYS. WITH SO MANY ENGINEERS IN FROM THEIR FIELD ASSIGNMENTS, THERE SEEMS TO BE A LACK OF STANDING ROOM, TO SAY NOTHING OF SEATING SPACE. OH WELL, WE'RE ALL VERY HAPPY, AND THE MEN ARE JUST DELIGHTED TO BE IN THE OFFICE WORKING ON "COST ACCOUNTING".

ENGINEERING DATA "DATA"

ON DECEMBER 22ND ANOTHER SECTION 54 "MISS" BECAME A "MRS.". WHEN GRACE HUTCHINSON AND MAJOR FRANKLIN V. LANUN WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE BY THE REV. R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE BRIDE WORE A BLUE DRESS WITH BROWN ACCESSORIES. HER CORSAGE WAS WHITE AND YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

WITNESSES TO THE CEREMONY WERE MISS MARGARET MONAIR AND MAJOR HAROLD ROCHE.

A WEDDING SUPPER AT THE LIDO FOLLOWED THE MARRIAGE RITES.

BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER ARE IN ORDER FOR GRACE AND "JAKE".

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WERE RECEIVED IN SECTION 54 FROM ALL THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CLAN WHO ARE NOW SCATTERED HITHER AND YON IN THE GREAT OUTSIDE - FROM SALLIE ANDERSON IN LOS ANGELES, EN ROUTE TO GREENFIELD, ILLINOIS; FROM MARJORIE HANEY IN DEL RIO, TEXAS; AND FROM OUR LATEST "ESCAPEE", LOUISE SLUSSER, IN RICHVALE, CALIFORNIA. WISH THEY COULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO ENJOY OUR MINIATURE CHRISTMAS TREE AND TO SHARE IN THE PILE OF GAILY DECORATED PACKAGES WHICH ACCUMULATED THEREUNDER.

IF YOU ARE STARTLED THESE DAYS BY THE SIGHT OF A HORSE WINKING AN ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED EYE AT YOU IN THE SEMI-DARKNESS OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING HALLS, DON'T RUSH TO TAKE THE PLEDGE. IT'S JUST JANIE HAPLING'S LATEST NOVELTY PIN. SHE AND "CHARLEY HORSE" WILL BE GLAD TO DEMONSTRATE UPON REQUEST.

THE GRIMY HALLS AND WALLS OF OUR NOW FAMOUS DIRTIEST UTILITY BUILDING IN THE REGION BECAME TEMPORARILY CHRISTMAS EVE. CAN YOU STAND IT? 'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS WHEN JAKE RUS HOLZENBERG, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS SANTA'S CHIEF HELPER, CORALLED ALL HANDS (EVEN THE WIVES!), FURNISHED RAGS, WATER AND SOAP AND GAVE THE WORD TO GET BUSY. THRU F* CAUSED BY HOT WATER AND FREQUENT OPENING OF THE FRONT DOOR, CERTAIN PANELS OF WALL WERE SOON NONSPICUOUSLY WHITE. SEEMS THAT UNCLE SAM'S NAVY TEACHES ITS LESSONS WELL, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNING THE BEST METHODS OF SCRUBBING. (LESSONS BY FANNING AND JAKE FREE TO ALL HOUSEWIVES.) VI AND JOHN MENDLER AND HELEN HOLZENBERG TACKLED THE FLOOR AND FINALLY GOT EVERYONE SCRUBBED OUT INTO THE UTILITIES ROOM PROPER, ONLY TO DISCOVER A LONE PAIL IN THE DEAD CENTER OF THE ROOM. AFTER RETRIEVING IT, THEY SCRUBBED THEIR WAY BACK OUT. NOW THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THERE IS SUCH A VERY CONSPICUOUSLY CLEAN STREAK ON THE FLOOR!

AND NOW WE COME TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLEANING ORGY. (YOU DIDN'T THINK WE DID IT JUST FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE, DID YOU?) CHRISTMAS EVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY ARRIVED EN MASSE, WHILE THE BUILDING SHOOK WITH GOOD CHEER - LIQUID AND VERTICAL. JIM GRAHAM AIDED HIDDEN TALENTS AS BARTENDER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MAMA GRAHAM. AFTER THE FIRST BATCH PAPA GRAHAM DECIDED JIM WAS REALLY HITTING HIS STRIDE AND LET HIM RUN WILD FROM THERE ON OUT. THANKS TO JIM, THE MOST BACKWARD AND THOSE WHO "NEVER DANCE, THANK YOU" WERE SOON CUTTING THE RUS.

INSPECTOR CARROLL ARRIVED CHRISTMAS DAY WITH PARKS OF ATC AT FX. HAVING ONCE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SEE OUR INDIAN VILLAGE, PARKS WAS STRAPPED INTO SNOWSHOES, HELEN HOLZENBERG DONNED ANOTHER PAIR, AND CARROLL AND FANNING TACKLED SKIS. HELE* PERSISTED IN PUTTING ONE SNOWSHOE ON TOP OF THE OTHER AND THEN TRYING TO REMOVE THE ONE ON BOTTOM TO EXECUTE A TURN. RESULT: HELEN REMOVED HERSELF SUDDENLY AND VIOLENTLY FROM BOTH FEET. THE SKIERS HAD BETTER SUCCESS FOR A WHILE. JOHN FANNING IS NOW A VETERAN OF THREE ATTEMPTS. ALL WENT WELL UNTIL JAKE PICKED UP THE HEAVY PARTY WITH THE TRUCK. MR. CARROLL WANTED TO TRY A TOW JOB. WANTING TO ALL WHO WANT TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS: ICY ROADS ARE NOT FOR SKIERS. LAST REPORT WAS THAT, THANKS TO SEVERAL LAYERS OF CLOTHES, THE NINE ICE-BREAKING FALLS WERE FELT ONLY MOMENTARILY. AND HE WANTS TO TRY IT AGAIN!

THE WEATHER BUREAU AT NORTHWAY NOW HAS COMPETITION WHEN IT COMES TO FAKING TEMPERATURES. ONE OF FANNING'S LATEST JOBS IS TO FEEL THE PULSE AND TAKE THE TEMPERATURE OF THE UNDERPARRAGE OF THE HOUSES. -HE WALKS AROUND WITH A THERMOMETER IN EVERY POCKET. WHAT'S MORE, THE TRAP DOORS ARE KINDA SMALL FOR ONE OF HIS BUILD. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS JUST PICKING UP THE HOUSE AND MOVING IT BIRGYBACK TO A NEW LOCATION. WHEN RESIDENTS ARE DISTURBED BY AN EARTHQUAKE OF SOME FIVE MINUTES DURATION, IT'S JUST FANNING STRUGGLING THROUGH THE DOOR. WHAT'S MORE, HE GOES IN TURTLE FASHION. IT'S THOSE BROAD SHOULDERS THAT HE HAS TROUBLE WITH.

A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, JANUARY 10, 1948.

THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL BRING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO THE EIGHTH REGION. THIS PERSONNEL, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF BOTH GRADUATES OF THE SEATTLE TRAINING CENTER AND VOLUNTEERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE USED TO AUGMENT PRESENT STATION COMPLEMENTS AND TO IMPLEMENT THE CIRCUIT EXPANSION PROGRAM. FOR THE MAJORITY OF THESE COMMUNICATORS, ALASKA WILL BE A NEW EXPERIENCE; ALSO, THE GREATER PART OF THEM ARE EMBARKING UPON A NEW CAREER, AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE COUNTRY AND BECOME ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THEIR WORK, WILL DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE IMPRESSION THEY GAIN FROM THEIR ASSOCIATIONS WITH YOU - THEIR FELLOW WORKERS.

PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE GRADUATES OF THE SEATTLE TRAINING CENTER BEING ASSIGNED TO ALASKA ARE MAN AND WIFE TEAMS AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE CHILDREN. DURING VISITS TO VARIOUS STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE MERITS OF A PARTICULAR STATION OVER ANOTHER STATION. THE QUESTION INVARIABLY WAS ASKED BY WIVES OF COMMUNICATORS, "WHY DOESN'T THE OFFICE ASSIGN MORE MARRIED COUPLES TO OUR STATION SO WE WOULD HAVE SOMEONE TO VISIT WITH?" THEREFORE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW PERSONNEL WILL ANSWER A TWO-FOLD PURPOSE.

IT IS REALIZED THAT "ON THE JOB TRAINING" OF NEW AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL IS A TREMENDOUS TASK AND ONE THAT REQUIRES THE EXPENDITURE OF CONSIDERABLE TIME AND PATIENCE BY OTHER STATION PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, IT IS FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT IT IS TIME WELL SPENT. WITH YOU RESTS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WHETHER OR NOT THE NEW EMPLOYEE TURNS OUT TO BE AN EFFICIENT COMMUNICATOR AND A CREDIT TO YOU, HIS INSTRUCTOR, AND OUR ORGANIZATION, OR JUST ANOTHER "FAIR COMMUNICATOR."

IT IS REGRETTED THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON REGARDING THE RECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM, AS YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED. THE PROGRAM RECEIVED DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL AND ALL THAT IS HOLDING UP THE PROGRAM IS THE APPROPRIATION OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS. THIS OFFICE WILL EXERT ALL EFFORTS POSSIBLE TO EFFECT AN EARLY ENACTMENT OF THIS PROJECT.

G. A. WHITTAKER
Acting Chief, Communications Branch

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO AIRMEN

H. B. STEWART, ACAC, ILIAMNA, IS A ONE-TWO MAN IN PERFORMING EFFICIENT WORK WHEN CONFRONTED WITH MISHAPS TO AIRCRAFT.

ON NOVEMBER 27TH NC711Y RAN OUT OF GAS AND LANDED NEAR IGUIGIG AT THE LOWER END OF ILIAMNA LAKE. TEN MINUTES LATER STEWART HAD ANOTHER AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS AT ILIAMNA LOADING UP WITH GAS FOR THE STRANDED PLANE. AS THIS PLANE WAS TAXIING OUT FOR TAKEOFF, NC711Y ADVISED GAS COULD BE OBTAINED NEARBY. STEWART HIT THE MIKE AND RECALLED THE SUPPLY PLANE BEFORE IT LEFT THE GROUND. LATER, WEATHER INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED NC711Y AND IT PROCEEDED TO NAKNEK.

ON DECEMBER 18TH, NC451N WAS FORCED DOWN ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ILIAMNA LAKE AND THE AIRCRAFT BADLY DAMAGED. FORTUNATELY THE

RADIO EQUIPMENT REMAINED OPERATIVE AND THE PILOT CONTACTED ILIAMNA RADIO. STEWART WENT INTO HIGH GEAR AND NOT ONLY ARRANGED DISPATCH OF A RESCUE PLANE FROM NAKNEK, BUT ALSO CONTACTED PASSING AIRCRAFT AND ACTED AS LIAISON BETWEEN SAID AIRCRAFT, THE DISABLED PLANE, AND NAKNEK RADIO TO SUCH GOOD PURPOSE THAT THE POSITION OF NC451N WAS QUICKLY LOCATED AND RESCUING AIRCRAFT PICKED UP THE PILOT AND PASSENGER. THIS WITHIN 5 HOURS OF THE TIME OF THE CRASH.

THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THE REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN PLEASED TO ISSUE OFFICIAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATION TO ACAC STEWART, AND QUOTING THEREFROM: "SERVICE OF THIS NATURE WELL EXEMPLIFIES THE AIM OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO AIRMEN."

ANCHORAGE AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER

KOTZEBUE KAPERS

THE ANCHORAGE AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER WAS PLACED IN OPERATION DECEMBER 3, 1943, AND ALREADY WE ARE ENJOYING OUR SECOND YEAR OF 1944. THE OPENING DATE WAS SOMEWHAT DELAYED BY THE NECESSITY OF HAVING TO MOVE AFTER THE INITIAL INSTALLATION WAS ALMOST COMPLETE. THE MOVE WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT TOO MUCH HARSHSHIP OTHER THAN LUGGING 300 POUND PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AROUND ON OUR BACKS - ONE FELLOW IS STILL COMPLAINING OF "STRAINING MY POSTACHUTA" (DOES NOT REFER TO ANYTHING LIVING OR DEAD).

THE OPENING WAS A GALA EVENT, WITH BAD WEATHER AND ABOUT ONE SHIP TO CONTROL. THE PILOT IS STILL WONDERING WHY HE RECEIVED SO DARN MANY CLEARANCES, BUT WE ALL HAD TO HAVE OUR FIRST WORDS AND SO TOO BAD FOR THAT PILOT. THE CHAMPAGNE WAS ALL IN A "BOTTLENECK" AND COMPLETELY RUINED BY ONLY ONE GUY HOLDING THE CORKSCREW.

SO FAR WE HAVE DONE PRETTY WELL AND HAVE ONLY A FEW REGRETS. ONE PILOT JOKINGLY REFERRED TO US AS "AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONFUSION", AND WE THINK THERE WAS A BIT OF SUBTLE HUMOR DOWN IN HIS TUMMY SOMEPLACE. WE ARE SLOWLY COLLECTING EQUIPMENT OF A COMMUNICATION NATURE; NOW PROUDLY POSSESS 3 TELETYPE AND 2 RECEIVERS; ARE SERIOUSLY THINKING OF COMPETING WITH CEMO. (YOU CAN HAVE THE MIDS.)

CFX, WITH THEIR "BLONDE BOMBER", IS STILL OUR ENVY. ALL WE CAN BOAST IS ONE NEXT DOOR AND A HOLE IN THE WALL.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARMED FORCES IS GOOD, AND WE ANTICIPATE IT WILL BE CLOSER SOME DAY, WITH SOME FELLOWS WAITING FOR A "IA".

WE HAVE THREE INSPECTORS AROUND THE REGION, NAMELY: "GI" (YELL IT LOUD) SMITH; "IP" GREGORY, WHO WILL SOON DON CAP AND ROBE AS A PROFESSOR; AND LLOYD SUSSDORF, WHO EXPECTS TO BECOME A HUSBAND SHORTLY. WE UNDERSTAND HE IS WEARING OUT SHOE LEATHER HUNTING A HONEYMOON COTTAGE WITH A BRIDAL SUITE OF AT LEAST ONE ROOM WITH AT LEAST SEMI-PRIVACY. ANYONE LOCATING SUCH A MANSION PLEASE DROP HIM A LINE.

CHQ PERSONNEL: ED BROWN, GRIFF CONNELL, JOHN GARRISON, KENT TILLINGHAST, MAYNARD MONTGOMERY, BILL ZAUCHE, HOMER LOTIER AND JOHN MUNDOS. ALSO HAVE ONE "HONEST JOHN" WHO IS RUNNING FOR SENATOR FROM THE 8TH REGION. A GOOD PLATFORM IS HARD TO MAKE, DUE TO SHORTAGE OF WOOD, BUT HE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. NO MORE BOTTLES OF BEER
2. NO MORE 25% BUT:
1. A KEG OF BEER
2. 50%

HOW MANY VOTES?

DEFINITION OF A SEAMSTRESS: "A GAL WITH GOOD BOBBINS."

AS WE GAZE UPON THE CALENDAR A-HANGING UPON THE WALL, WE FIND IT TIME TO BAWL AND SQUALL BECAUSE WE HAIN'T GOT THIS READY FOR THE MAIL PLANE. WELL, ANYWAY, HELLO TO ALL YOU MALES AND LADIES. I CANNOT USE THE OTHER WORD IN PLACE OF "LADIES" ACCOUNT I ONCE PROMISED ONE I WOULDN'T USE THAT WORD ANYMORE.

AFFAIRS, BOTH SOCIAL AND ORDINARY WORK, HAVE BEEN COMING TO THE FRONT THIS MONTH. HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT KING PETER HAVE BEEN THUS:

DECEMBER 21. TWO PLAYS BY THE YOUNGER SET AT KP. ALL HANDS WERE EXCEEDINGLY PLEASED. ADMISSION FREE.

DECEMBER 25. DINNERS AT BOTH CHURCHES. TURKEY AND REINDEER AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS. ADMISSION FREE.

DECEMBER 26. SMALL DANCE AT THE INN. DECEMBER 27. DANCE AT THE INN. VERY LIVELY, CACTERS TAKING IN THE GRAND SPECTACLE OF THE ESKIMO MOTION DANCES.

DECEMBER 29. SHOWING OF MOVIE FILM BY THE HONORABLE TEX NOEY. SEVERAL CAA MEN UPHOLDING THE HONOR OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BY INDULGING IN THE SIMPLER DANCES.

DECEMBER 30. CARNIVAL AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE. AFTER THE CARNIVAL ANOTHER DANCE WAS HELD.

DECEMBER 31. THAT IS TODAY. WE KNOW THERE WILL BE A DANCE, AND IT IS ALSO NEW YEAR'S EVE. GUESS WE'LL SHAG A MEAN HOOF IN ONE OF THE ESKIMO DANCES AGAIN.

ALL THE ABOVE AFFAIRS WERE WELL ATTENDED, THE COCONUT GROVE AND THE RITZ BEING PASSED UP ON ALL THE NIGHTS.

IT SEEMS THAT WE READ, IN THE COLUMN BY THE NORTHWAY GEEZERS, AN ANECDOTE WHICH BROUGHT UP KOTZEBUE. YEP, WE LOST THAT PHOTOGRAPHER TO YOU FELLOWS, BUT THAT ISN'T ALL YOU'RE GOING TO GET. WHAT KIND OF WELCOME DO YOU GIVE TO WACKS (NOT WAC, EITHER)? DE SEEING YOU.

BOY, I'M TELLING YAH, THIS PECKING AT A MILL WITH NOTHING ONYER SKULL IS DEMORALIZING. OH, BY THE WAY, WE HAVE A BONE TO PICK WITH THE EDITORS OF THE MUKLUK. HOW COME YAH SEND ONLY ONE COPY OF DE MUKLUK TO KP, AND AT THAT IT IS TO THE RESIDENT ENGINEER. IT'S JUST OUT OF THE KINDNESS OF HIS HEART THAT HE LETS US READ IT. THERE IS MUCH OF INTEREST IN YE LITTLE MAG, SO IF THE PAPER SHORTAGE IS NOT TOO ACUTE, WILL YOU PLEASE SEND A FEW MORE COPIES TO DIS STATION? (EDITOR'S NOTE: PATIENCE, KP. WE SENT OUT ADDITIONAL COPIES. MAYBE THEY MISSED THE PLANE AT THIS END. LET US KNOW IF THEY STILL HAVEN'T SHOWN UP.)

WELL, THAT IS ALL FOR THIS TIME. HOPE THIS GETS ON THE PLANE (BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY. 'TWOULD BE BETTER BY FAR IF THIS WOULD GET LOST). SO LONG, ALL YOU CHARLIE ABLE BELISTS. OH, AND AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, THANKS FROM US ALL, MR. FLYNN.

BASKING IN THE SIAMMA SUN,
DON'T YOU WISH YOU HENET?

WELL, YOU ALL, WE'VE HAD NEW BABIES, PARTIES, NEW GDS, AND THE BOSS MAN CAME BACK RECENTLY, SO I SUPPOSE WE OUGHT TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.

FIRST THE BABY, BORN DECEMBER 8TH. THE FRODO PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. CORTIS JONES. LILA TRIED TO PUSH THINGS BY TAKING A COUPLE OF NASTY SPILLS ON THE ICE, BUT THE YOUNG LADY, RAELETH CHERYL, HAD HER OWN IDEAS, AND ALL GOES WELL NOW.

THE NEW ARRIVALS (OPERATORS; NO MORE BABIES!) ARE MRS. AND MR. J. J. DALE, THE LONG-WAITED CHECKMANS FROM THE STATES. JOE IS AN OLD OP AND HAS BEEN WORKING AT THE SEATTLE STATION WHILE ANNA RAE WENT TO SCHOOL THERE. THEY ARE A MURMUR ADDITION TO OUR MID-WATCH, AND WE HOPE THEY LIKE US.

WE FINALLY GOT THE GROCERIES OUT OF OUR UTILITY ROOM, SO TO CELEBRATE, M. INTENDANCE AND PROPAGATION BROKE OUT THE BUREL AND THE PHONOGRAPH, AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. IT WAS DECIDED WE SHOULD GET TOGETHER ON CHRISTMAS FOR A COMMUNITY DINNER, AND CHRISTMAS TREE, ALSO TO GET TOGETHER MORE OFTEN. SOUNDS LIKE A MARBLE CAMPAIGN ON THE HOME FRONT AND A LOT OF FUN.

WELL, HQ, HOW DO YOU LIKE HIM? THERE WASN'T MUCH OF HIM, BUT WE SURE MISS THE BUREL, SO WHEN YOU GET TIRED OF OL' GROVES, JUST THROW HIM AROUND A PLANE, AND HE WILL WELCOME HIM BACK. WE GET ONE BREAK OUT OF THE DEEL THOUGH! WE CAN LISTEN TO HIM ON THE CIRCUIT, AND LO AND BEHOLD! HQ ANSWERS YO.

OH, JOUCE MC, MR. SCHMIDT. DIDN'T MEAN TO OVERLOOK YOU. WAKES A NAILING THOSE NEW ARRIVALS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU ON EVERY PLANE FOR SO LONG YOU ARE JUST LIKE ONE OF THE FAMILY. YEA, FOLKS, TOO, OUR NEW ACAC, IS HERE FROM HQ NOW. HE ARE MAKING HIM RAY FOR THOSE JOE DISAPPEARANCES THAT CAME UP HERE, OH, SO FREN, SIGNED WITH HIS H-NOLE.

WE WONDER WHAT HAS KEPT DON LOWREY, OUR RIG, IN HQ SO LONG. HOPE THEY ARE TALKING HIM INTO STAYING UP IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS, AS WE HAVE HEARD HUMORS LATELY ABOUT HIS GOING BACK TO A CERTAIN TURNED LASSIE IN IOWA. BRING HER UP HERE, DON, AND STAY AWHILE. WE WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.

JACK JEFFORD'S DAD FINALLY GOT THE HOUSE WE TRIED TO BURN UP IN GOOD SHAPE, AND ALL IT NEEDS IS SOME FURNITURE TO MAKE IT LIVABLE. WE HAD TO PROMISE HIM NOT TO DO IT AGAIN, AS HE DOESN'T LIKE HAVING HIS THROATGIVING DINNER AWAY FROM HQ. HE ALSO SAYS HE DOESN'T LIKE AIRPLANES. WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT MAKES JACK SO ALLERGIC TO THEM.

TED ALLENBROUGH, CHIEF ELECTRICIAN, AND FAMILY JUST GOT BACK FROM TWO WEEKS IN THE ALASKA THROATGIVING, AND WE UNDERSTAND NOME BECAME NEARER TO HIS HEART EACH DAY HE WAS THERE. (NOTE TO ALL CAC'S WHO ATTENDED THE FIRST CONFERENCE: DO WE BLAME HIM?) TED'S NEW PARKA MAKES HIM LOOK LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN HAIRLESS JOE AND MAMMOTH IN DEN. OUR CHIEF THINKS HE WAS FEELING TO HAVE IT CLEANED TO GET RID OF THE WOLF SMELL, AS ED SNYDER AND JACKSON FROM

FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT TO EAT OURSELVES ON THE BACK FOR CREATING THOSE CLEVER MURALS AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. MARIAN BUSBY AND VIVIAN CHEVILLON DID ALL THE WORK ON THEM, BUT THE REST OF US MANAGED TO GET IN THE WAY. THE "MORALS" MANAGED TO SPREAD A BIT OF XMAS CHEER, TWO; THEY WERE USED AT THREE OTHER PARTIES DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

THE NICEST CHRISTMAS SURPRISE OF THE OFFICE WAS THE ENGAGEMENT OF VIOLET JENNINGS TO SERGEANT BOB JACKSON. BEST WISHES TO A SWELL COUPLE.

ONE MAY OATHER THAT WE HAVE A CONSTANT PERSONNEL CHANGE IN THE DRAFTING ROOM, BUT WE'RE PROUD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE ONE DRAFTSMAN - AND WE MEAN DRAFTSMAN - WHO HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE CAA ONE YEAR. DECEMBER TWENTY-NINTH, OUR WORTHY DRAFTSMAN IS ALEX CRAWFORD.

WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND GREETINGS TO MRS. C. J. HOLMES, WHO IS OUR NEW SECRETARY. HANDLING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL NEW AND REVISED DRAWINGS AND MAPS. "SHE'LL NEVER KNOW JUST HOW MUCH" TROUBLE WE WENT THROUGH TO FIND, BRUCE AND LIGHTING FOR HER DESK. WE MANAGED TO BRING A DESK, BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT IT. (YOU KNOW HOW NARROW THE DRAFTING ROOM IS.) AFTER MUCH ARRANGING AND REARRANGING OF DESKS, TABLES AND DRAFTING TABLES, WE HIT A COZY SOLUTION. THEN THE FLUORESCENT LAMPS WHICH HANG FROM THE CEILING WERE NO LONGER OVER ANYONE'S HEAD. INCONVENIENCE CAME INTO THE PICTURE AGAIN, AND THE LAMPS WERE CHANGED SATISFACTORILY. BUT AS FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE WORKING - WELL, RUDE GOLDBERG IS A SHISY COMPARED TO US.

WE HAVE MISSED RALPH WALKER'S PRESENCE IN THE DRAFTING ROOM A GREAT DEAL. RALPH WENT THROUGH A GOOD DRILL FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, BUT THEN MANAGED TO LEAVE JUST BEFORE THE XMAS PARTY (WITH MARIAN AND ALL). I THINK THAT RALPH'S AT DUTCH HARBOR BY NOW. AT LEAST WE HOPE SO, BECAUSE THE GIRLS IN THE DRAFTING ROOM SENT HIM A CHAIN LETTER.

CHARLEY KERNKE, ONE OF OUR EARLIEST AND BEST KNOWN DRAFTSMEN, IS NOW DOING FIELD WORK AT YAKUTAT, SO NOW YOU KNOW - ALL YOU FELLOW WHO HAVE COME IN AND ASKED, "WHERE'S CHARLEY?"

US NEVER COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

WELL, UU, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? SEND THE BUREL, COPPER, ETC. THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH STROTAGE, PROPAGAND, ETC. ABOUT THE YO CHIEF PRINTED IN THE MUKLUK. FOR INSTANCE, A CERTAIN PERSON (HIS INITIALS ARE SNYDER) PHONED THAT A CERTAIN CAC CAME INTO HQ IN JULY AND TRIED TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS DRUNK FOR 17 DAYS. THE YO CHIEF HEREBY REFUTES THIS MALICIOUS MALIGNING AND ADVISED SNYDER TO GET HIS STORY STRAIGHT. IT WAS ONLY 15 DAYS. DO YOU KNOW, I SAT ALONE IN THE SOUTH GARS FOR A WHILE EVENING, THINKING SNYDER WAS WITH ME, UNTIL I HAPPENED TO NOTICE IT WAS THE PRINTING ON THE LEFT HAND WALL. WOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED IT THEN IF I HADN'T ASKED SO WHAT HE WAS USING TO MAKE HIS HAIR GROW OUT SO LONG. WELL, BELTLEMEN AND RADICOMEN, BEARS THIS IS THE ANSWER, AS I MUST GET BUSY ON NOT PUTTING IN FOR A TRAVELER TO HQ WITH SNYDER.

SINCERELY,
COSUK-PUK

THIS BRANCH IS CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTING MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF ENGAGEMENTS, AS WITNESS ---- COULD THE SPARKLE IN VICKY SIMON'S EYES BE PARTLY FROM THAT BEAUTIFUL TWO AND A HALF CARAT, EMERALD CUT DIAMOND SHE'S BEEN WEARING SINCE RIGHT AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY, OR COULD IT ALL BE BECAUSE OF THE MAN THAT IS RESPONSIBLE - SOME OF BOTH, EH? WELL, WHICHEVER IT IS - BEST WISHES TO A MIGHTY SWELL GAL AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN WILLIAMS, THE MAN IN THE CASE, FOR CONVINCING SAID GAL THAT SHE SHOULD BE MRS. WILLIAMS.

CHRISTMAS TREE, EXCHANGE OF GIFTS, AND PUNCH - AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS EVE, ROOM 203 - MORE FUN! AND, OH YES - PICTURES A LA "GRIF" GRIF-FIN, AND GOOD, TOO. WE HAVE PROOF; COME IN SOMETIME AND SEE.

THE CHIEF OF THE CONTRACTS AND LEASE UNIT, MISS KATHERINE J. HASSLER, HAS RETURNED TO HER DESK IN ROOM 203. UNTIL THE ADVENT OF MR. J. M. FOWLER, KITTY HAD BEEN ACTING CHIEF OF THE BRANCH. (WHAT'S THIS BUSINESS ABOUT A BASEBALL TEAM OF "RED SOX", AND FERGOSHAKES, KITTY, WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THAT CANDY?)

MRS. MARJORIE J. PORCH IS A NEW ADDITION TO THE CONTRACT AND LEASE UNIT, TAKING OVER WHERE MARJORIE ROBINETTE LEFT OFF WHEN M. R. TRANSFERRED TO COMMUNICATIONS. MRS. PORCH COMES DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., BUT ORIGINALLY FROM FLORIDA. SHE'S A PLEASANT ADDITION TO OUR FORCE, TOO. WELCOME!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: ALBERTA POLLARD HAS THE MENSLER! YES, SIR, AND WE THOUGHT SHE WAS TOO BIG A GIRL FOR SUCH CHILDISH THINGS, BUT THEY'VE "LAD HER LOW", AND SHE HAS BEEN AT HOME FOR A WEEK OR MORE.

NAME: WILMA SHELFORD ("MISS", IN CASE SOMEONE IS INTERESTED). POSITION: SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR. FORMER HOME: HOMER. REPLACING: BETTY ROTHMAN, WHO PULLED STONES AND TOOK A BOAT - ON SECOND THOUGHT, GUESS IT TOOK HER - TO SEATTLE AND MATRIMONY. MISS SHELFORD AND MRS. HARRY JATSON NOW COMPRISE OUR SWITCHBOARD STAFF, WITH RENE SMITH "PINCH-HITTING" OCCASIONALLY.

EARL MORRIS YELLING FOR HELP ON THE MUKLUK NEWS AND GENERALLY "NEWS SNOOPING" - CAROL PARSONS WANTING TO GO ICE-SKATING AND WATCHING FOR THE "PARKIE WITH THE TEETH" - DORIS MAE BROWN EXHIBITING HER NEW BLUE WINDBREKER PARKA IN WHICH TO DO A BIT OF "IMPRESSING" - BLANCHE FEREDAY COUNTING THE DAYS TILL THAT BIG EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE POST CHAPEL SOMETIME IN MARCH - ALICE HUGHES QUIET AS EVER - MRS. STRATTE TALKING ABOUT A TRANSFER - MRS. SEELEY KEEPER OF THE KEYS - AND WE MEAN! (THE HOWLS ARE REACHING HIGH HEAVEN - JUST LISTEN EVERY EVENING ABOUT 5:00, WHEN THE CAR KEYS START COMING IN - OH BOY!) - WALT "POP" WILLIAMS STILL CHECKING DAILY ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NC-14 AND WIRING MRS. W. TO HEAD FOR SEATTLE ABOUT THE 16TH (OUR FINGERS ARE CROSSED, TOO) - LILA POTTS WITH A HAPPY SMILE ON HER FACE AND HOPE IN HER HEART THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO STAY AFTER ALL, AND REPORTING DAILY TO JILDRED ADAMS ON THE PROGRESS OF "MISSY", THE KITTEN M. A. WILL HAVE AFTER IT IS BIG ENOUGH TO LEAVE ITS MOTHER, "SUSIE", LILA'S BEAUTIFUL

ACCOUNTS HAS NOT REPORTED ITS ACTIONS FOR SOME TIME; NO ONE COULD BE FORCED TO PEN A SINGLE LINE. BUT THINGS HAVE HAPPENED THERE MUCH AS IN THE PAST; PEOPLE COMING AND GOING - HELP THAT NEVER LASTS. BUD THINKS HE HAS IT SETTLED NOW AND EACH ONE IN THEIR PLACE, AND ALL HE HAS TO DO IS REMEMBER EACH AND EVERY FACE. PEOPLE COMING IN STAND OPEN-MOUTHED AND STARE - THE LAST TIME THEY HAD BUSINESS HERE - A DIFFERENT GIRL WAS THERE! IN SPITE OF ALL THIS SHIFTING, ACCOUNTS HAS SOMEONE TO THANK FOR LEAVING THE OLD TYPERS - BUD AND MAX AND HANK! AFTER WATCHING ACCOUNTS, BUDGET UNIT SEEMS SO TIME, FOR EACH OF THE TWO THERE, KNOWS THE OTHER'S NAME!

DEPOT DISPATCHES

PILE DRIVING FOR THE NEW DEPOT BUILDING HAS BEGUN JANUARY 6TH BY KEN HINCHAY, SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR HARRISON-KNUDSEN. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY BEFORE MAY. CAA ENGINEER F. J. "GLIM" GILES HAS SET UP HIS TEMPORARY OFFICE IN THE HALLWAY OF THE PRESENT BUILDING.

TWO NEW TYPISTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE DEPOT PERSONNEL - DOROTHY COOPER OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON AND LOIS LAWRENCE OF BURBANK, CALIFORNIA. PHIL PETERSON OF THE CHIEFING DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE SOON TO REPORT TO HIS DRAFT BOARD IN SEATTLE. WE HAVE A SUSPICION THAT HE IS ALSO PLANNING TO REPORT TO MISS ELAINE GUST FROD OF THE APD OFFICE.

IF MUTTERINGS OF "HOW MANY OF THOSE ----, ----, THINGS HAVE WE IN STOCK?", WHO SENT A RUSH REQUISITION AT A TIME LIKE THIS? ETC. ARE HEARD REVERBERATING THROUGH THE HALLS, IT CAN BE CONCLUDED THAT EARLY INVENTORY IS UNDER WAY. WE HOPE TO BE CALLED DOWN AND BACK TO ROUTINE WORK BY THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY.

CAT - SUE CROBERVA WINNING ARGUMENTS ON "WOMAN SUFFRAGE" OVER MR. FOWLER. WELL, MAYBE HE WAS IN THE MINORITY.

SPEAKING OF THE NEW RULING CONCERNING CAA VEHICLES - AS WHO WAS? - IT HAS ITS BRIGHT SIDE, TOO. A LOT OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOW BEEN REDUCED TO THE MEAN LEVEL OF USING THEIR PEDAL EXTREMITIES FOR LOCOMOTION SAY THE "EARLY MORNING EXERCISE DOES THEM GOOD AND THEY 'HAVEN'T FELT SO WELL IN MANY A MOON". SO MAYBE THEIR GROINS AND MOINS WHEN TURNING IN CAR KEYS WILL SLOWLY DIMINISH WITH THE ACQUISITION OF ROBY CHEEKS AND NEWLY DEVELOPED LEG MUSCLES.

THE "DEADLINE" IS APPROACHING; WE BETTER GETTA GOIN'. BESIDES, ALL THIS "MUTTERING" SHOULD BE HALTED, ANYWAY. 'SLONG TILL NEXT MUKLUK TIME.

-- THE MUTTERER --

REACHING INTO THE GRAB-BAG SET ASIDE FOR MUKLUK CONTRIBUTIONS, HE PULL OUT A JUICY MORSSEL. TUNE YOURSELF TO HIS MOES AND LET'S SEE WHERE WE MIND UP.

YOU HEAR IT ALL THE TIME: YOU HEAR IT EVERYWHERE. GIVE, GIVE, GIVE. IF IT ISN'T YOUR GIRL OR MORGENTHAU, IT'S MUKTEL. HOW-EVER DUBIOUS THE VALUES DERIVED FROM GIVING TO THE FIRST, THOSE FROM THE LAST ARE REAL THOUGH TRIFLING, AND THANKS ARE DUE THOSE WHO DUTIFULLY SET PEN TO PAPER AND MIND TO WANDER.

OUR CHIEFIE, ALARMED AT THE BIG SPLASHES MADE IN MUKTEL BY SUCH LITTLE STATIONS AS FAIRBANKS AND ANCHORAGE, BOUGHT TO PROD THE MUSE AMONG HIS SLAVES AND THE FOLLOWING IS THE RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS:

CAK: CHIEFIE, I'VE GOT AN IDEA EXPRESSED IN VERSE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHETHER I'VE MADE MY THOUGHT CLEAR.

CAC: GOOD. LET'S HAVE IT.

CAK: I WANT TO GO BACK TO UNCLE SUGAR
TO UNCLE SUGAR I WANT TO GO BACK
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TO UNCLE SUGAR I WANT TO GO BACK.

CAC: THAT GRAMS, AND THAT'S THE WAY YOU'LL GET BACK. COME ON; SOMETHING ORIGINAL.

BFT: CHIEFIE, I HAVE SOMETHING ORIGINAL, SOMETHING THAT SPRING FROM MY DAILY WORK.

"THERE WAS AN AC ON AN ISLE
EVERYDAY WENT TO WORK WITH A SMILE
THEN ONE DAY WORKED HQ
NOW THE END IS IN VIEW
AND HIS FACE SHOWS AN EXCESS OF BILE."

CAC: THAT SMELLS. COME ON, PLEASE. SOMETHING THAT WILL BOWL THEM OVER.

ARI: MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB
ITS NAME WAS HALITOSIS
AND EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT
PEOPLE HELD THEIR NOSES.

CAC: THAT STINKS. I GIVE UP.

RADIO STATION HOMLS:

CNJ: (HOLDING DOWN HLJ AND THE GRAVEYARD SHIT) EVERY MEAL IS A RE-REFEST.

WCI: (ACAC BACK FROM A PURCHASING TRIP TO THE CITY) OH, AM I SICK! I CAN TELL IT EVERY TIME. I KNOW I'M GOING TO - AM I SICK, PERIOD!

CAK: (AFTER RECEIVING ONLY SIX LETTERS IN TEN DAYS) OH, WHY DID I EVER LEAVE FT. LUGER. MOTHER NEVER TOLD ME.....

AND THEN IN THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE MAJOR DOMO BROWN, WHO BEARS HIS INNUMERABLE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH A RAMROD BACK AND PLEASANT SMILING FACE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WHEN THE SUPPLY OF STRATEGIC METALS IS ASSURED, THAT A BRILLIANT AND APPROPRIATE MEDAL BE STRUCK FOR ALL R/S'S TO PIN UPON THEIR VALIANT CHESTS.

OR TAKE TELETYPE CONBOY PIERSON. HE KNOWS THE VERY INNERMOST SECRETS OF A TELETYPE. IT IS HE WHO CONDEMNED ONE OF OUR NEWEST TELE-

12-16. NO 16 MADE ITS FIRST TRIP TO GAMBELL IN MANY MOONS TO BRING AC VELTON G. GOODRICH TO THE HOSPITAL IN NOME. GOODRICH IS SUFFERING FROM A DANGEROUS ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS.

12-24. ALL HANDS ENJOYED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HANGAR. MANY THANKS, WIA.

12-25. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

12-27. EVERYONE SHOWED UP AFTER A TWO-DAY HOLIDAY - AND PRACTICALLY ON TIME, TOO!

1-1. HAPPY NEW YEAR! EVERYONE SHOWED UP AFTER A ONE NIGHT HOLIDAY - NOT QUITE ON TIME.

1-6. JEFFORD REPORTS THAT HE EXPECTS TO RETURN TO HQ THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY, BUT FAILS TO MENTION WHAT YEAR. HE WILL BRING A NEW MEMBER OF OUR BRANCH, HARRY O. GRAY, FORMERLY OF THE STAFF OF THE INSTRUMENT SCHOOL AT THE CAA STANDARDIZATION CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS. ANYONE WHO IS ANXIOUS TO RENT A HOUSE OR AN APARTMENT TO MR. AND MRS. GRAY AND THEIR SMALL DAUGHTER IS INVITED TO CONTACT THE AIRWAYS INSPECTION BRANCH IMMEDIATELY.

1-7. AL HORNING TEST HOPPED NO 12 TODAY. THE CESSNA HAD BEEN LAID UP FOR SOME TIME GETTING NEW TAIL FEATHERS.

1-8. JIM HURST AND DUTCH SHAWKS ARE READY TO BELIEVE ANY STORIES YOU MAY WISH TO TELL THEM ABOUT RAINY PASS. IT SEEMS THAT THE WIND REALLY BLOWS THERE.

1-10. HORNING AND NO 12 WENT TO MCGRATH TO BRING MRS. BIRD, WHO HAS A BADLY FRACTURED ANKLE, TO HQ. MRS. BIRD IS THE WIFE OF THE R/S AT WH. A SNOW STORM CAME ALONG TO KEEP AL'S INSTRUMENT FLYING POLISHED UP.

TYPES THE OTHER DAY JUST BECAUSE IT MISSED A PERIOD OR TWO.

THEN THERE'S PRE HOLDEN, A TOO RECENT ARRIVAL TO MABEL AS GOOD OR BAD, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT WHEN IT COMES TO POKER, IT ISN'T GOOD.

OR TAKE THE JENKINSES - WALT STILL COMES TO WORK AT NIGHT WITH HIS EYELIDS PROPPED OPEN WITH TOOTH-PICKS.

AND THEN WE HAVE MORLEY, THE BABY OF THE STATION, WHO BOGS FROM WA AND IS LEARNING THE MAINTENANCE GANE FROM CUTTING GRASS TO DUSTING OUT RECEIVERS. THOUGH YOUNG IN YEARS, MORLEY IS MORE MATURE THAN MANY. THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME AWAY FROM HOME, YET HE HAS TO MAKE HIS FIRST COMPLAINT OF THE CLIMATE OR THE LIVING CONDITIONS. HE LIKES ALASKA, LIKES HIS WORK, AND ENJOYS HIS FELLOW WORKERS AND FRIENDS. THIS CRYSTAL GAZER SEES A BRIGHT AND PLEASANT FUTURE FOR YOUNG MORLEY.

THAT TAKES CARE OF MOST OF THE OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE GINGS. THEN WE HAVE RESIDENT ENGINEER KEITH ROBERTS. CREWS MAY COME AND CREWS MAY GO, BUT KEITH ROBERTS GOES ON FOREVER.

WHICH TAKES CARE OF WOODY ISLAND FOR THIS TRIP.

A BOUQUET TO THE ARMY AIR CORPS: A TALKETNA TRAPPER TWO WEEKS OVERDUE AND SOMEWHERE IN THE HILLS WITH SEVEN DOGS. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN ON THE TRAIL - SNOW SLIDES, DEEP CREVASSES, WOLVES OR ANY NUMBER OF SITUATIONS IN BAD WEATHER.

AN ARMY SHIP HOLED UP ON THE FIELD WAITING A BREAK IN WEATHER. AT DAWN ONE MORNING THE SUN PEEPS THRU AND THE VISIBILITY PICKS UP, SO THE NORTHBOUND PILOT DECIDES TO BE AWAY. HE HAS PLENTY OF DAYLIGHT TO MAKE UFX, SO HE TALK HIM INTO A LITTLE SCOUTING TRIP OVER THE TRAPPER'S TRAIL TO HIS CABIN. FINE DOPE; BE GLAD TO DO IT. SO HE GET A COUPLE OF THE OLD TIMERS HEREABOUTS, AND THEY LAY OUT THE TRAIL ON HIS CHART, TOGETHER WITH THE LOCATION OF THE CABIN. AT TEN AM HE TAKES OFF.

THE RECEIVER SET ON 4455 IS THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION; OVER THIS COMES THE GOOD WORD OR THE BAD. WE KNOW THE WEATHER HAS BEEN TOUGH. WE KNOW ALSO THAT OLD TIME TRAPPERS DON'T GIVE UP. THE RECEIVER COMES TO LIFE; WE GET A CALL. "I SEE A MAN ON SNOWSHOES. HE'S BREAKING TRAIL FOR A DOG-TEAM. STAND BY!" THE PILOT DIVES OVER THE TEAM. "THERE ARE SEVEN DOGS; THE FIRST THREE ARE BLACK, THE FOURTH IS LIGHT COLORED AND THE LAST THREE BLACK. IS THIS THE MISSING MAN AND TEAM? OVER." FROM TALKETNA, "THAT IS THE MAN AND TEAM. THANK YOU!"

TWO OTHER DOG MUSHERS GO HOME AND HITCH UP THEIR TEAMS. THEY WILL BREAK A TRAIL OUT TO LONG SHORTY. THEY PICK UP A BOTTLE ON THE WAY BECAUSE SHORTY IS PLAYED OUT AND WET. HE'S TOBBLE-SINGING NOW, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THEY'LL OUT TO HELP HIM, BUT COULD HE EVER USE A OD STIFF DRINK!

WELL, IT ALL TOOK ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES. IT WILL TAKE A DAY FOR THE FRESH DOGS TO GET TO THE PLAYED OUT DRIVER AND TEAM. THEY SPENT THAT NIGHT UNDER A SPRUCE TREE. THE NEXT DAY THEY MADE TOWN.

SUPPOSING THE PILOT FOUND A BARE TRAIL AND NO DOGS TIED AROUND THE CABIN. SUPPOSING LONG-SHORTY HAD BROKEN HIS LEG AND WAS HOLED UP UNDER WASHED-OUT COTTONWOOD. THIS HAS HAPPENED. THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THIS ARMY PILOT AND TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES OF HIS TIME, THE SITUATION IS CLEARED UP FOR ALL CONCERNED.

THE MOLE OBCE MEATERY IS IN OPERATION, WITH ONE IN AND TWO TO GO. WEATHER HAS BEEN NOT SO HOT, BUT THERE'LL COME A DAY. HEAT IN THIS VICINITY IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, BUT THE ICE ON THE RIVER IS UNRELIABLE AND THEREFORE CUTS DOWN THE RADIUS OF ACTION.

DOING PRETTY WELL WITH A FEW TRAPS, AND QUITE A FEW GOOD BLACK MARTEN ARE HANGING AROUND THE CREEKS. LITTLE, EARLY FOR BEAVER, BUT WE'VE GOT THE LIMIT SPOTTED.

CAPT. AND MRS. DEROSE ARE SPENDING THEIR HONEYMOON WITH THE MUSKOVES. HE IS SCOUTING THE EDGES OF THE MUSKEG FOR AN OLD BLIND BULL.

EVERYBODY HERE IS ALL FOULED UP IN THE RHUMB LINE, CORIOLIS FORCE AND PSEUDO-ROTATION - INCLUDING THE OIC, WHO IS A GRADUATE (30 DAY COURSE, \$800).

J. C. IRETON MISSED ALL THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES HEREABOUTS AND AROUND BY LEAVING FOR SEATTLE ON DECEMBER 5TH. AND WILL BE PROFITING BY HIS ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

AFTER WAITING SO LONG FOR THE FAMOUS JOSEPH P. MOONEY TO ARRIVE, HE NO MORE THAN GETS HERE WHEN HE TRADES HIS PARKA FOR A PARACHUTE, ANCHORAGE FOR DENISON, TEXAS, HIS ENGINEERING JOB FOR A COURSE IN FLIGHT TRAINING, AND DEPARTS. IT WAS GOOD WHILE IT LASTED THOUGH. THE VERY BEST OF LUCK, JOE.

MR. GAY'S CAMPAIGN FOR MORE BLONDES IN THE ENGINEERING UNIT SO FAR HAS RESULTED IN NOTHING BUT THE PAPER DOLL SPECIES. MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE LEFT FOR SEATTLE LAST WEEK.

MARTIN MOSIER HAS DONE A PRETTY GOOD CAMOUFLAGE JOB WITH THAT FOLIAGE ON HIS UPPER LIP.

ADD A COUPLE OF MORE STEP-CHILDREN TO THE ENGINEERING UNIT: JOSEPH L. BRUNS - TRANSFERRED FROM THE SIGNAL CORPS, A. C. S., WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS AN ENGINEER ON THE ALCON HIGHWAY, AND VLADIMIR BARNUTA - TRANSFERRED FROM THE U. S. E. D., ANCHORAGE. MORE COMPETITION FOR THE DARKROOM BOYS, WE HEAR. DO YOU RECALL MR. BARNUTA'S PICTURE OF ST. MCKINLEY ON THE COVER OF THE ALASKAN SPORTSMAN A FEW MONTHS BACK?

ED FISHER HAS FORSAKEN THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT FOR THE ENGINEERING. WELCONE, ED.

GAMBELL COMMUNICATOR ILL

JIM HURST LITERALLY FLEW TO THE RESCUE OF VELTON G. GOODRICH, GAMBELL COMMUNICATOR WHO WAS STRICKEN WITH AN ACUTE ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS. GOODRICH WAS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO THE NOME HOSPITAL, AND HIS CONDITION REMAINED SERIOUS FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THE REGIONAL OFFICE STOOD BY, READY TO BRING ASSISTANCE IN WHATEVER FORM WAS NECESSARY.

DOC'S FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT HE IS DOING VERY NICELY AND WITH MRS. GOODRICH WILL BE ON THE JOB SOON AT NOME.

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OVER IN SALT LAKE CITY FOR A FEW DAYS, THEN WENT ON TO SEATTLE, WHERE HE SPENT THREE WEEKS BECOMING ACQUAINTED IN THE ALASKA PROJECTS DEPOT AND LEARNING 8TH REGIONAL PROCEDURES. PLAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS BROUGHT HIM TO ANCHORAGE. HE ARRIVED THE 22ND OF DECEMBER, JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIS FELLOW CREWMEN AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY THE 23RD.

MR. FOWLER IS A GENTLE, FRIENDLY PERSON AND DEFINITELY A PLEASANT ADDITION TO OUR STAFF. GLAD TO HAVE YOU, MR. FOWLER. WE HOPE YOU'LL LIKE THE COUNTRY AND REALLY WANT TO STAY A WHILE. OF COURSE WE WILLIZE MRS. FOWLER'S ARRIVAL - SOON, WE TRUST - WILL ADD GREATLY TO YOUR SATISFACTION WITH THINGS UP HERE.

WARNING, MEN!

IT JUST AIN'T SAFE. FIRST STEBBINS WENT OUT SINGLE AND BACK A WIFE. NOW IT'S DAVE. HER NAME IS MARGE. SHE WORKED FOR THE 31 IN SEATTLE. FERNANDS THIS TRAINING WILL LET HIM GET INSTEAD IN THEIR SEARCH FOR A HOUSE IN ANCHORAGE.

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO STANLEY JOFFERT. AT FX ON HIS PROMOTION TO CHIEF RADIO ELECTRICIAN.

GOLDBEYE:

AT KQ TO CHARLES MARCHANT, WHO WILL BE RMS AT KQ.

AT WQ TO FRED STURFF, WHO WILL REPLACE MARCHANT AT KQ.

AT JE TO GEORGE NEWELL. HE LO AT KQ.

AT HQ TO LEE DUNLAP, WHO IS LEAVING FOR JE.
AT YQ TO DON LOWREY, WHO IS WAITING HIS TRAVEL ORDER TO GO OUTSIDE.

HELLO!

AT JZ TO GEORGE BECKETT FROM HQ.

AT IJ TO FRED SORRELL, WHO RELIEVED RAY DEFENBACH.

AT HJ TO WALTER PETERSON, WHO WILL BECOME RELIEF ELECTRICIAN AT THE END OF HIS LEAVE.

AT VY TO FRANCIS KILLIAN AND HIS FAMILY.
AT SF TO WILLIAM PEQUES, IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE.

HELLO IN ANCHORAGE:

TO MRS. BRUCE LAHR FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. VIA LAR MID, ANCHORAGE. HURRY HOME TO BRUCE.

TO MRS. DUTCH HANSEN AND INFANT SON. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO DUTCH FOR NOT HAVING A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN WHILE WAITING HER TRAIN.

CROCHIDS:

TO CHIEF PUZZLE-SOLVER, DICK STRYKER, WHO SOLVED THE PUZZLE AT 9:10 P. M.
RAZIBERRIES:

TO JOHN ANDERSON, WHO MADE THE PUZZLE UNSOLVABLE.

CURSES:

TO MIKE PETERSON FOR BRINGING US THE PUZZLE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

SAFETY PINS:

TO NANCY LOU ARLIN. PROBABLY FATHER ARLIN WOULD APPRECIATE THEM THE MOST.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY LANDINGS:

TO ADMIRAL "SWIFTWATER" FRANK TURNER, WHO WILL SOON MAKE HIS ANNUAL TRIP BY CAT FROM SALLMON RIVER TO FAREWELL.

STAR:

TO MILOROD MORIARTY, NOW THAT BOB HAS LOVED THE CD.

73's TO ALL FOR ANOTHER MONTH.

CAA HOUSING MANAGER NOW AT PROJECT

MISS THORA MAGELSEN, CAA HOUSING MANAGER, HAS MOVED AND IS WELL ESTABLISHED IN HER NEW OFFICE, RECENTLY COMPLETED AT THE PROJECT. THE NEW OFFICE WILL OFFER GREATER ADVANTAGES FOR THE MANAGER AND THE TENANTS, AMONG THESE ADVANTAGES BEING THE CLOSER CONTACT AT ALL TIMES BETWEEN MISS MAGELSEN AND THOSE LIVING

STATION MOTTO: HERE TODAY; GUATEMALA.

YOU ALL KNOW F. OSWALD PETERSON - ONE OF THE EFFICIENT MEN IN THE HOT SEAT AT ANCHORAGE (THE WATCH SUPERINTENDENT) - AND HOW HE IS USUALLY ONE OF THE MOST UNPERTURBED CHARACTERS IN THE NORTH COUNTRY. WELL, HE LOST HIS IMPERTURBABILITY THE OTHER NIGHT AND IS STILL IN A DAZE. IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS:

IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. AL HULEN WAS HOME LISTENING TO MURRAY CLEAVER'S PROGRAM ON THE RADIO. NOW, MURRAY'S CONDUCT A LITTLE GAME ON THEIR PROGRAM WHEREIN THE RADIO ANNOUNCER ON DUTY CALLS A PHONE NUMBER, SELECTED AT RANDOM WHILE THE PROGRAM IS IN PROGRESS, AND THE RECIPIENT OF THE CALL GETS \$5 WORTH OF FREE CLEANING, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THE CATCH BEING THAT HE MUST ANSWER THE ANNOUNCER BY GIVING THE PASSWORD WHICH IS ANNOUNCED OVER THE RADIO, OR HE DOESN'T WIN. THIS PARTICULAR NIGHT THE PASSWORD WAS "MERRY CHRISTMAS". JUST AT THE CRUCIAL MOMENT THAT THE RADIO ANNOUNCER PICKED UP THE PHONE TO CALL SOME LUCKY PERSON AT RANDOM, OUR PETE ALSO CALLED, BUT NOT AT RANDOM. HE HAD AN EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR AL HULEN. THE CONVERSATION WENT LIKE THIS:

TELEPHONE OPERATOR: MURRAY PLEASE?

PETE: AL HULEN'S, PLEASE.

AL HULEN: MERRY CHRISTMAS! MY NAME IS AL HULEN. I WILL BE DOWN IN THE MORNING WITH A STACK OF DUDS FOR FREE CLEANING. THANK YOU. (CLICK)

PETE: WHAT THE HELL? OH, WELL, (STARTS HUMMING "LOVE IN BLOOM") I'LL CALL ANOTHER INSPECTOR IF AL FEELS LIKE THAT ABOUT IT.

PETE CALLS (CONCERNED). BEFORE HE CAN SAY ANYTHING, THIS JOVIAL INSPECTOR, WHO FELT LIKE IMPARTING GOOD CHEER TO ALL HANDS (HE WAS, IT TURNED OUT LATER, EXPECTING A CALL FROM HIS FRAUD, WHO WAS DOWNTOWN), BOOMED OUT WITH "MERRY TROTS! GO, BUT YOUR EYES SHINE TONIGHT. YOUR TEETH ARE LIKE PEARLS. I'LL MEET YOU IN TEN MINUTES AND WE'LL GO TO THE LIDO FOR A CRACK AT FIVE DUCKS PER CRACK."

SUGGESTED STATION MOTTO FOR WILLIE THE WINE'S SALT MINE: "LIPS THAT TOUCH LIQUOR ARE USUALLY MINE."

DID YOU EVER HEAR ABOUT THE LITTLE NEGRO WHO SAVED ALL THE MONEY HE WOULD HAVE SPENT ON BEER AND SPENT IT ON BEER?

TOOK A BOTTLE OF BEER TO BED WITH HIM SO HE COULD SLEEP TIGHT?

TOOK THE STRATTO R HOME, BUT HIS MOTHER MADE HIM TAKE IT BACK?

MOVED TO THE CITY BECAUSE HE HEARD THE COUNTRY WAS AT WAR?

IN THE CAA UNITS.

A TELEPHONE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE OFFICE, GREATLY FACILITATING COMMUNICATION WITH THE MANAGER. THE NUMBER IS MAIN 435. WHEN IN TOWN SHE CAN BE REACHED ON EXTENSION 21, ROOM 2205.

TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNIT BRIEFS

SECOND TRAINING CLASS COMPLETED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH, MARKED THE CLOSING DATE OF THE SECOND CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING CLASS AT THE ANCHORAGE CENTER. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF MEN WHOM WE WERE UNABLE TO INCLUDE FOR REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL, ALL OF OUR EIGHTH REGION C.A.C.'S HAVE NOW COMPLETED CENTER TRAINING IN NAVIGATION, METEOROLOGY, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FUNDAMENTALS, AND OTHER SUBJECTS WHOSE MASTERY IS NECESSARY PRIOR TO AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR CERTIFICATION. THE SECOND CLASS, BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 9TH, INCLUDED A TOTAL OF 32 COMMUNICATORS, 12 OF WHOM WERE C.A.C.'S AND THE REMAINING 20 PERSONNEL FROM THE ANCHORAGE STATION. THESE PEOPLE ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS - ALEXANDER DUFRESNE, J.C. LAWTON, FRANK MOLHARDY, EUGENE B. LOWMAN, A. P. MCNIGHT, ROBERT A. MILLER, R.L. MISNER, WALTER J. NORDWALK, R.W. SLOPE, KAREL R. ZEMAN, LAURENCE BAHLS, JOHN P. LORODA.

ANCHORAGE STATION PERSONNEL - MR. AND MRS. EUGENE N. SCRATO, MR. AND MRS. WARD THOMPSON, MR. AND MRS. NOBLE F. LAESCH, MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD ANDERSON, RICHARD BRYAN, ROBERT H. FINEGOLD, BENNIE F. JAMES, S. H. KENDALL, VIRGIL J. LAMB, A.E. MOORHEAD, JR., JOSEPH SKORIK, TIMO E. SMITH, F. E. STONE, J. N. TEALE, P. C. PETERSON, EUGENE L. MARS.

FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE PATTERN WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE FIRST CLASS, A C.A.C. CONFERENCE WAS HELD BEFORE THE RETURN OF THESE MEN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELD STATIONS.

STUDY MATERIAL ISSUED

TO ASSIST STATION PERSONNEL IN COMPLETING CERTIFICATION STUDIES, ADDITIONAL TEXT BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS ARE BEING SUPPLIED TO FIELD STATIONS AS FAST AS THEY CAN BE ASSEMBLED AND MAILED. THIS WILL INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY REFERENCE MATERIAL AS WELL AS PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE USED TO ADVANTAGE FOR SELF-INSTRUCTION OR ON-STATION CLASSES. AN INFORMATIVE CIRCULAR WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY BY THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CONTAINING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM. CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO BE ADMINISTERED ON THE STATION BY C.A.C.'S.

COMPUTERS SUPPLIED

WASHINGTON ADVISES THAT ORDERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PLACED FOR A QUANTITY OF COMMERCIAL TYPE COMPUTERS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF STANTON NAVIGATORS. THE NAVIGATOR IS A PROTRACTOR-RULER COMBINATION, PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN COURSE PLOTTING. THESE ITEMS WILL BE SUPPLIED TO FIELD STATIONS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE.

NONE - THE HATHOUSE OF THE NORTH

AND A MOTLEY CROWD WAS THERE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HOME, DECEMBER 25, 1947:

MR. AND MRS. ALLENBAUGH, JIMMIE NO TREDE
MR. AND MRS. WINEBRENNER
MR. AND MRS. DALE
MR. AND MRS. CLIFT
MR. AND MRS. JONES, "TWAIN"
S/Sgt. BOB ANDERSON
S/Sgt. CAROL VOLMER
BOB SCHMIDT
CAROL NORDAARD
JIMMY CURRY
A. E. "MIKE" PETERSON (CHIEF FEATHER PURCHASER AT LARGE)
CHAS. F. PETERSON (NO RELATION)
BRUCE LAHR (5TH FEET IN THE AIR)
PAT GOODRICH
MILTON GING
ALLEN ROSENTHAL
MAURICE STEWART
WILLIE CHANDLER
DON LOWREY (THE KOMMISSARY KID)

A VERY QUIET EVENING ENDED. THE PARTY LASTED ONLY TWELVE HOURS. THE 8 WERE ALL SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR AS WOULD BE EXPECTED IN DANCING THE "SHODDISH" OR IN JITTERBOPPING, NOR WAS THERE ANY LOUD OR DISTURBING MUSIC OR SINGING. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO DRINKING OF WINES, BEERS, COGNAC OR BOURBON. ONLY TEA AND A VERY MILD FORM OF LEMONADE WERE SERVED. THERE WAS NO FRANTIC DIGGING INTO "HOT OR HOT STORES", LODGE SOUTHERN AND OTHER HIDING PLACES IN AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE A SLIGHTLY DIMINISHING NON-EXISTENT SUPPLY OF "LIVORN". THERE WAS NO EFFORT ON THE PART OF TWO VERY ILLUSTRIOUS GENTLEMEN TO MOVE ONE EACH WALLACE HOTEL RIGHT OFF INTO THE BERING SEA. (NATURALLY NO NAMES ARE MENTIONED, AS THE INDIVIDUALS NOT RELATED HEREWITH ARE PURELY FICTITIOUS - ONLY RESEMBLANCE TO PERSONS EITHER LIVING OR DEAD, ETC.) THIS PAPER HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THAT BEAUTIFUL BUNCH OF BUSH-BOATING FOLLOWS EMANATED FROM A "RELIABLE SOURCE" BEHIND SOME ONE HUNDRED TEN DEGREES TIME AND SIX SECONDS MY DOG TOWN HENCE, ENTITLED "THREE BARREL L.A.W." OR "THE DEATH OF A DIPLOMAT". IT WON'T HURT, BOY.

WE ALL HOPE FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF "DICK" GOODRICH, AT THE WAITING ENCOURAGED WITH THE CONFINES OF THE HOME HOSPITAL. DICK HAS A VERY NARROW ESCAPE WHEN HE DEVELOPED A NEW METHOD AT GAMBELL. THANKS TO SLEPER, DICK IS NOW UNVALENTINGLY SATISFACTORILY.

SOME ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT A RECCURENCE OF A RECENT INCIDENT. CRITICAL CING TOOK A HANDFUL OF CHANGE INTO A LOCAL BANK TO CERN TO PURCHASE A BOTTLE OF HAIR AND HAIR "COUGH SYRUP" FOR TWO APPROPRIATELY NAMED, AND NEARLY STARTED A RIOT BY ASKING FOR SALT.

THAT'S ALL FROM THE "POLITICIAN'S P.O. BOX" AT THIS TIME.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN! PUNCTUALITY NOT BEING ONE OF OUR STRONG POINTS, OUR APPEARANCE SURPRISES US, DURING THE PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS OF OUR ATTACK, THE BLANK SHEET OF PAPER IN OUR TYPEWRITER LOOKED AS LARGE AS A QUARTER SECTION OF EASTERN WASHINGTON, SAGE LAND - AND JUST AS DESOLATE. BUT -

WE SCRATCH THE SOIL AND SOW SOME SEED
AND SPRINKLE ON SOME WATER.
AND WHAT SPROUTS UP WE FEED TO YOU
LIVE RIGGS THAT'S LED TO SLAUGHTER.

ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF UNIFORMS, AT LEAST FOR COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL, IS SCHEDULED TO REAPPEAR. IT SHOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT BECAUSE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY, UNIFORMS WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A SPECIFIC IDENTITY. ALSO, IN RELATION WITH THE MILITARY, THEY WOULD PROVIDE OUR MALE PERSONNEL WITH CLUES TO AN EVEN CHANCE IN THE SENTIMENTAL PART OF WHAT IS FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR.

WE DRINK A TOAST AND WELCOME TO OUR FRATERNITY KYNN, AIRWAY COMMUNICATION STATION, DENANA, BOXING INTO THE PICTURE ON CIRCUIT 303. YOUR IDENTIFICATION, "NG", IS ORDINARILY TAKEN TO MEAN SOMETHING NOT OF THE BEST QUALITY, BUT WE FEEL SOME THAT IN THIS CASE SUCH MEANING IS A MINORITY. OUR FRATERNITY ALWAYS WELCOMES A MEMBER IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT OF PROVIDING US WITH ONE MORE STATION TO PICK ON. BUT, LEST YOU MISTAKE US TO BE COMPLETELY DEVOID OF COMPASSION, WE TENDER THE FOLLOWING GOOD WISHES IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE, HAVING NEEDED, ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, GOOD WISHES OURSELVES: THAT DURING THE WINTER YOUR LAUNDRY WESN'T FREEZE, SO STIFF TO THE UTILITY BUILDING'S CLOTHESLINE THAT YOU HAVE TO CHOP IT OFF WITH AN AXE; THAT THE WATER PIPES DON'T BURST; AND THAT THE SNOW DURING THE SEASONAL SALES DOES NOT CREEP IN THROUGH CRACKS IN THE WALLS AND LAY ITSELF ON YOUR BED PILLOW. THAT DURING THE SUMMER, THE YUKON MOSQUITOS, FIRST CROUING TO THE PYTHONS, GET COMESOME FOR AILY RELATIONSHIP AND NIGHTMARE IT FOR THE MILY RELATION IN THE JUNGLES OF BRAZIL; THAT YOU ENCOUNTER A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF COLLABORATION AMONG THE TOWNSFOLK IN KEEPING OTHER PEOPLE'S BOGS OUT OF YOUR GARDEN; AND THAT YOUR SCOURGEOUS HOTCHONS TASTE LIKE DOUGH AND NOT LIKE SOAP. IT TOOK YOU A LONG TIME TO JOIN UP, BUT BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. SORRY WE CAN'T HOLD A RECEPTION.

IN FACT -

THE CAA HELD A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, ANCHORAGE, DECEMBER 23RD. THAT LEFT TWO DAYS TO REST UP FOR CHRISTMAS ... WE WON'T REPORT WHO HAD A CRUSH ON WHOM BECAUSE OUR SPACE IS LIMITED ... MR. HOPPIN ASSISTED IN PREPARING THE PUUNCH. IN FACT, HE ASSISTED VERY WELL. IN FACT, WE THINK MR. HOPPIN IS A DANDY REGIONAL MANAGER ... ONE MATRON UNTHINKINGLY PREPARING TO OFFICIAL STATUS ASKED US, OUR CAPACITY. WE MISSED THE POINT ENTIRELY AND TOLD HER THE EVENING WAS YOUNG YET AND WE WOULD LET HER KNOW LATER ... IN FACT, OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX APPROACHED FAILURE ALL EVENING. WE ARE NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE GIRL WHOM WE THOUGHT SAID SHE WAS STUCK ON US BUT ACTUALLY HAD SAID SHE WAS STUCK WITH US;

AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT A PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WILL ENSUE ... TOWARDS THE CLOSING HOURS OF THE AFFAIR WE WERE ABOUT TO TAKE OUR LEAVE WHEN PROFITOUSLY DETAINED BY THE HON. JOHN LIVINGSTON. EXPRESSING OUR SATISFACTION WITH A PLEASANT EVENING, MR. LIVINGSTON, FEELING IN FINE FETTER, GRACIOUSLY INFORMED US THAT "YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET!" SUBSEQUENTLY WATCHING HIM IN HIS INTERPRETATION OF THE DANCE, WE REMEMBERED WE HADN'T. AND WE DON'T BELIEVE MASTER LIVINGSTON REMEMBERED MUCH EITHER ... IN EVIDENCE - TULLINGHOAST AND HIS GAL IN RED, FRANK CERVENKA AND HIS GAL IN BLUE, AND CHUCK FRANCIS AND HIS GALLON JUG ... THE WORD GETS AROUND THAT OUR FEMALE POPULATION IS VEXED AT SO MANY MALES STAGGING IT TO CAA PARTIES. PERHAPS WHAT WE NEED IS A DATE BUREAU...A GROUP OF DISHEARTED GALS GO TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO ARRANGE A PLEASANT TIME FOR THE REST OF US. IT IS YUL OVER IN A FEW HOURS AND FORGOTTEN. WE WISH TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FOOD AND THE DRINK, THE DECORATIONS AND THE ATTRACTIVE MURALS. IN FACT, THERE'S AN ARTIST IN THE CROWD.

WE UNDERSTAND A SELECT GROUP HELD A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CAA HALL. NOT EXPENDING THE FACT, OF COURSE. THIS NATION HAS WITHSTOOD MANY CATASTROPHES LIKE THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD AND THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD. HELL'S BELLS! WHAT'S ANOTHER FLOOD?

AS ADVERTISED IN THE DECEMBER MUKLUK, THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1943 PORTRAIT STUDY IS NOW AVAILABLE. ALWAYS BEING INTERESTED IN NEW PHENOMENA WE FEEL THAT A FEW WORDS OF SPOL, CALM AND COLLECTED ANALYSIS WILL NOT BE OUT OF PLACE. TO BEGIN WITH, SUCH A SCAMPEL ASSORTMENT WILL PROBABLY NEVER ASSEMBLE AGAIN, WHICH WILL DOUBTLESS PLEASE THE CONNOISSEURS OF THE MALE PHYSIOLOGY. NAYER, BAKER, CHASE AND RIEDER - BEING THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE CROWD - MADE THE FRONT ROW. HOW TRUDEAU GOT UP THERE WE DO NOT KNOW. BEING AN OLD SEA-HORSE, HE STUCK UP FROM UNDERNEATH. THE REMINDER OF THE HERD HAD TO BE CONTENT WITH PARTIAL OBSERVATION, INCLUDING THE BIG SHOTS, WHO AMONGST LEFT AT THE STABLES. WE MISSED THE FEMININE LOVELY WHO FLUTTERED BY DURING SHUTTER-CLICKING TIME. BUT WE SAW GRAY PRINGLE CAUGHT HER WITH HIS EYES OFF. STEVE HINEBRENNER APPEARS NONPLUSSED FOR ONCE. FUTURE RAY LOOKS PATHETIC OR WE DON'T KNOW. PHIL BAKER WITH HIS BEARD LOOKS LIKE A WISE HAWKSHAW; PARSONS LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WHO TO HOLD HIM UP; AND PHIL LOCKER IS WHO WE'VE BEEN HOLD UP TOO LONG. NEWBORN LOOKS LIKE A PREACHER, AND SNYDER JUST LOOKS LIKE NAYER. RECENTLY UTTERED BLAST MISSED RECORDING AVOIDING BERTOLTO'S GOWN. CAN'T BE WIRE FOR SOUND. WHAT A MESS! AND CONSIDERING THE GROTESQUENESS OF THE AFFAIR, WE CAN'T FATHOM THE HAPPY GRIN ON MR. LUSSELL. OR IS IT GLAD-HAPPY? SMALL MATTER. SHE LOSE FORGOT TO REMOVE THE "FEDERAL BUILDING EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE" SIGN, SO THEY ALL LOOK LIKE THE STAFF OF JANITORS, ANYWAY. FROM THE REALLY PERSONAL YOLD, THERE IS JUST ONE THING WE REGRET - WHEN TONTO SNAPPED THE SHUTTER, HE FORGOT TO CLICK. ANALYSIS COMPLETED. DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T TELL YOU!

VERY TRULY YOURS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR - AND DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ IN THE MUKLUK,

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TELEGRAPH

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS TRANSFERRED

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS WERE EFFECTED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY: JOHN R. LUGGARD AD HQ TO CAC WK AND ROBERT A. MILLER CAC WK TO CAC VY.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER REGIONS IN UNCLE SUGAR: A. L. KERRING FX TO 3RD; RUSSELL L. MILLER FX TO 7TH; LUDON TOPHAM FX TO 5TH; DAVID E. YOUNGBERG KA TO 7TH; WALLACE E. MCGOLDEN LU TO 5TH; ROBERT B. WALLEN UW TO 5TH; ROBERT P. BROWNE ZZ TO 5TH; RUSSELL M. SEXTON YO TO 5TH; C. M. NORWARD YO TO 3RD; BENJIE F. JAMES HQ TO 5TH; VICTOR I. STEIN HQ TO 3RD; AUGUST L. SPODIE PM TO 7TH; GUY M. SPRINGHETTI PM TO 5TH; ROBERT L. THOMAS ZZ TO 5TH AND JAMES N. ELDER WH TO 2ND.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE REPORTED FOR DUTY IN THIS REGION FROM UNCLE SUGAR: JERRY S. BAIN OF FROM 8TH; HERMAN DASSINGER TM FROM 6TH; ROBERT H. CRAIG AD FROM 1ST; JOHN H. CROFFORD OF FROM 3RD; ADRIAN G. GARDNER OF FROM 3RD; GEORGE GREENS CF FROM 1ST; HAROLD E. GROW FX FROM 6TH; ROBERT HUBBARD OF FROM 3RD; NORMAN C. KRUEK KZ FROM 3RD; EDMUND J. KOZESKI YO FROM 1ST; MILO T. NOVOTNY OF FROM 3RD; PHILLIP H. PEACOCK CF FROM 6TH; SINFORD PETERSON CF FROM 3RD; HENRY D. SCHROYER OF FROM 3RD; KEITH SCOTT OF FROM 3RD; HAROLD J. SHERMAN FX FROM 8TH; AUGUST P. VALENTINIC OF FROM 3RD; FRANK WEINRAUCH OF FROM 3RD; WILLARD C. WRIGHT OF FROM 3RD AND PETER M. VALOFF FX FROM 5TH.

MCCREE VISITS EIGHTH REGION

MR. R. D. MCCREE, THE EIGHTH REGION'S SPECIAL FRIEND IN WASHINGTON, D. C., IS PAYING US HIS FIRST VISIT SINCE LAST SUMMER. "MAO", WHOSE OFFICIAL TITLE IS ALASKA LIAISON OFFICER, IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP US OUT IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, WHETHER BY PUSHING A DOCUMENT THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF WASHINGTON OFFICES OR BY HELPING FLY NO 14 BACK HOME. WHENEVER MR. MCCREE HELDS FOR ALASKA, WE PUT THE FRINGE ON THE YELLOW MAT.

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE!!! OR (ALL MALES - BEWARE!!!)

FOR C. A. A. PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES ONLY, WE'LL MATCH YOUR DANCY MAE OUTFIT - 'CAUSE THIS IS A SADIE HAWKINS DANCE!!!

SINCE THIS IS A LEAP YEAR DANCE, NO MALE MAY ASK A GIRL TO THIS PARTY. GIRLS, IT'S UP TO YOU!! YOU MAY FEEL FREE TO ASK ANY MALE IN THE C. A. A. TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THIS CLAM BAKE, YOU MAY COME UNATTACHED AND GRAB A MALE AT DISCRETION!!!

IT'S A CHANCE FOUND ONLY ONCE EVERY FEW YEARS, GIRLS - SO GET TO WORK ON THESE HESITANT MALES, PRONTO!!

MAKE SURE THAT HE WEARS HIS OLD CLOTHES, & HE'LL MATCH YOUR DANCY MAE OUTFIT - 'CAUSE THIS IS A SADIE HAWKINS DANCE!!!

GIRLS WHO ARE ENGAGED TO MEN OUTSIDE THE ORGANIZATION AND WISH TO BRING THEM TO THE DANCE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO RUTH ZIEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE TICKET COMMITTEE, NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28TH, IN ORDER TO BE ADMITTED. (YOU MAY FIND RUTH IN ROOM NUMBER 240.)

FOLLOWING IS THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

DATE - FEBRUARY 29, 1944
TIME - 9:00 PM ON!
PLACE - COMMUNITY HALL

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ARE:

ERNEST E. MESCHENFELDER	- GENERAL CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS HAYER	- PUUNCH
JOAN ANDERSON AND DON JULIUS	- ENTERTAINMENT
MARION RUSEY AND VIVIAN CHEVILLON	- POSTERS AND DECORATIONS
DISK STRYKER	- LIGHTING
CHARLOTTE ALDRIDGE	- ADVERTISING
RUTH ZIEL	- TICKET SALES
GEORGE PERINA	- TICKET TAKERS
JUDD FOWLER	- TRANSPORTATION