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AIRMAN'S ENGINEERING NEWS

WE ARE ALL HAPPY TO WELCOME "BUCK" CULVER SAFELY BACK FROM HIS SOJOURN IN THE STATES. IT SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES TO HEAR HIS DEEP MELLODIOUS VOICE AROUND THE OFFICE. "BUCK" HAS VERY CAPABLY TAKEN OVER AS OUR NEW ASSISTANT BRANCH CHIEF.

IT'S MIGHTY HEARTENING TO SEE OUR ENGINEERS RETURNING FROM THE STATES, AND TO KNOW THAT ALASKA STILL HAS ITS ALLURE. H. L. GAY SEEMED RATHER HAPPY TO BE BACK AFTER SPENDING A MONTH IN SEATTLE, WHERE HE HELPED WITH THE APD INVENTORY. IT SEEMS THAT ONE CAN'T GET OUT OF SEATTLE THESE DAYS VIA AIRY WITHOUT A SHOT IN THE ARM - TO BE CONTINUED. HERE AT HQ, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOO BAD, SINCE MR. GAY TALKED ENGINEERS BRANS, WILDER, RUSSELL, NOBILIER, AND KISSDORF INTO ACCOMPANYING HIM TO THE POST. IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THE EFFECT, AFTER THEIR RETURN - RED, WHITE AND GREEN FACES ALL OVER THE OFFICE. IT'LL BE JUST TOO BAD NOW IF THERE'S ANY SMALLPOX, TYPHOID AND SUCH AROUND HERE.

A FEW MORE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES TO REPORT - JOHN FANNING FROM NORTHWAY, AND ED BLAIR FROM SUMMIT AND POINTS NORTH. BLAIR HAS TAKEN OFF AGAIN FOR THE FIELDS. ARE WE THAT BAD, ED?

WHAT'S THIS WE HEAR ABOUT UNSOLA STRICKER LEAVING UNSOLA SOMETHING ELSE? WELL, UNSOLET'S ALSO DESERTING US FOR YE OLD PORTLAND AND JIMMY CALIFORNIA BEFORE VERY LONG, DARN IT!

JULIUS HAD QUITE A COLLECTION OF LEFT-OVERS FROM THE CAA PARTY - HATS, SHIRTS, AND EVEN--- WELL, THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. WE'RE WONDERING WHOSE BACK YARD IS NOW ADORNED WITH DAVE JISHAW'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DECORATIONS FOR THE CAA SADIE HAWKINS DANCE.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE OUR JOVIAL MOSE MILLER BACK IN THE HARNES AGAIN AFTER A THREE WEEKS STAY "OUTSIDE". MOSE WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TO GET BACK TO HIS WIFE THAT HE LEFT THE GOAT IN JIMMY TO FLY TO HQ, AND FINALLY ARRIVED, TWO DAYS AFTER THE BOAT DID. TOUGH LUCK!

THE BOYS AROUND THE OFFICE ARE ALL WONDERING WHO THE SWEET LITTLE VOICE BELONGS, THE ONE WHO CALLS UP THREE OR FOUR TIMES DAILY TO ASK MR. KAYNARD "ROBERT" TAYLOR.

ANCHORAGE ALASKA

SIGNALS BRANCH

GREETINGS TO JACK REICH, FRANK CERVENKA, THADEUS BRYAN, JIMMY LIFSCOMB, BOB PIERLIN AND OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND. HELLO! HELLO! HELLO!

FRANK HAS RETURNED TO US FROM NONE AFTER A CHILLY VISIT AND A TUSSEL WITH CERVY. WELCOME HOME!

JIMMY IS OUR "WANDERING BRY" WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING AROUND THE STATES FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS. WE ARE WONDERING WHETHER JIMMY MISSES ALASKA OR MESSES ALASKA. HAVE YOU SEEN THAT SLING?

BECAUSE IT ISN'T EVERY DAY ONE HAS THE HONOR OF FLYING WITH SO DISTINGUISHED A PERSON AS SCREEN STAR OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND. WE THINK IT WORTHY OF NOTE THAT BOB PIERLIN AND JIMMY DE HAVILLAND WERE PASSENGERS ON THE SAME PLANE ENROUTE FROM SEATTLE TO ANCHORAGE RECENTLY.

THOSE KNEES JOAN ANDERSON WORE TO THE S. H. PARTY ON FEBRUARY 25TH WEREN'T MAKE-BELIEVE. AN ICE SNOW BANK IN BACK OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING HELPED GIVE AUTHENTICITY. JOAN GOES FOR REALISM IN A BIG WAY.

SPEAKING OF REALISM, SECTION 99 HAS PRODUCED A FIRE HAZARD IN THE FORM OF "WHEWEL" ALORRIDGE'S WASTE BASKET. ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, LAST WEEK, FLAMES AROSE FROM THE DEEPS AS MR. AL WAS SEEN DASHING FRANTICALLY AROUND TRYING TO Douse THE FIRE WITH ICE WATER. IN AN INSTANT THE DANGER HAD GONE - THE FIRE WAS OUT. CONGRATULATIONS!

ANOTHER NOTE CONCERNING THE SUCCESSFUL SADIE HAWKINS DANCE - HAD THERE BEEN ANY PAIRS AWARDED FOR THE CHOICEST COSTUME, IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT NA. STONE WOULD HAVE WALKED OFF WITH SAME. EVEN HIS INTIMATE FRIENDS FAILED TO RECOGNIZE HIM UNTIL THE BETTER PART OF THE EVENING HAD PASSES.

ARNOLD FRANCIS AND FAMILY HAVE ARRIVED AT WOODY ISLAND, WHERE NA. FRANCIS WILL TAKE OVER THE DUTIES OF RMS. 99 IS GOING TO MISS HIS FRIENDLY CONTEINANCE.

MESSERS. BOLICK AND COLLINS, TW AND JP STOPS RESPECTIVELY, ARE NOW ENROUTE BACK TO THE STATES TO RESUME THEIR FORMER POSITIONS.

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RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE

THE ANNUAL WAR FUND DRIVE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS NOW UNDER WAY. AS WE GO INTO THE THIRD YEAR OF THE GREATEST CONFLICT IN HISTORY, WORLD WAR II IS MAKING UNPRECEDENTED DEMANDS UPON THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH RECEIVES ITS ENTIRE SUPPORT FROM THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

DUE TO THE VASTLY INCREASED AND CONSTANTLY INCREASING DEMANDS FOR ITS SERVICES ON A WORLD-WIDE SCALE, THE RED CROSS IS ASKING ALL TO CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR. WE CANNOT URGE YOU TOO STRONGLY TO GIVE MORE GENEROUSLY THAN EVER BEFORE TO THIS ORGANIZATION WHOSE WORK WITH AND FOR OUR ARMED FORCES DOES SO MUCH IN ALLEVIATING HUMAN MISERY IN THIS WAR-TORN WORLD. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO FIGHT. DON'T MISS IT.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

RAIDON NOTES ON A TRIP TO BARSON

R. D. MCCREE

MONDAY: OFF TO AN EARLY START FROM HQ..... SMOOTH SAILING TO YO, BUT AFTER TAKING ON CAPTAIN CITY LOAD FOR WALES, THE LEFT ENGINE RUNS ROUGH SO TWO OF US OFFLOAD.....WAITING AT YO CONTROL WHEN NC 14 REPORTS RETURNING ON ONE ENGINE..... AT THE FIELD CRASH CREW AND OPERATIONS OFFICERS WATCH THE APPROACH, COMMENTING "HE'S COMING IN TOO HIGH", "HE'S TOO LOW!" AND THEN IN CHORUS, "GOSH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LANDING!".....

TUESDAY: FOR A WHOLE DAY HAP HOBAN (FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA), JOHN BROOKLISS (DOUGLAS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE) AND OUR CREW WORK ON ENGINE OUTDOORS IN 15 BELOW WEATHER. FOR MY BOOK THAT'S AN ALL TIME HIGH IN COOPERATION..... THE NEW TYPE AIRCRAFT HEATERS ARE THE BERRIES..

WEDNESDAY: ON TEST HOP EVERYTHING SEEMS O.K., SO WE LOAD ON 2 TONS OF FOOD FOR WEATHER CUBAN PERSONNEL AND TAKE OFF FOR BARROW.....WE SEE KOTZELVE FROM 10,000.....OVER THE 3000X5 ENGINE THE ENGINE STARTS TO BLOOP, BLOOP, BUT JOCKEY IT QUIT (SUSPECT THAT NOSE OF 14 BE SCUFFED WITH THUMB AND FOUR FINGERS SO ENGINES WON'T WORK ANYMORE PASSING OUT RAZZBERRIES)... AS WE NEAR BARROW, THEY FIRE UP AN OLD TRAMP--MATTER FOR US TO DO ON, AND WHEN WE BREAK OUT OF THE CIRCUMCAST AT 800, THERE IS BARROW RIGHT IN THE JOSE.....WE USE ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE 3000 FEET MARKED OFF BY OIL DRUMS INTERSPERSED WITH FETTER'S.....THE ENTIRE POPULATION, INCLUDING 5000S, ARE OUT TO MEET US. LATER WE LEARN THAT

OLD KING ASLE SPEAKS

HAVING PERUSED THE CHEERFUL GLEANINGS FROM HIS LITTLE KINGDOM, OLD KING ASLE THINKS IT ABOUT TIME TO SPEAK A FEW WORDS OF WISDOM. SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WE READ AND REREAD THE HINTS TO ASPIRING CONTRIBUTORS IN THE LAST MUKLUK, AND ALTHOUGH FEELING A BIT SHY AT OUR FIRST TEMPT, THINK WE CAN BRIGHTEN UP OUR COZY CORNER, ANYWAY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE CENO HAS TAKEN THE MONITORING DUTIES OFF OUR HANDS AND WE NO LONGER HAVE TO SLINK AROUND LOOKING FOR THOSE LITTLE REMINDERS TO ENTER ON FORM 223. BOYS AND GIRLS, WHAT A RELIEF!

HOW ABOUT AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR GANG? PARSONS AND GILMORE, OUR CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RESPECTIVELY, TAKE A BOW! THEN THERE'S PAPA MONTICLO, WHOSE CLAIM TO FAME IS FOUND IN BABY SON DAVID, THE NEAREST ADDITION TO THE CAA COMMUNITY AT KA, MEET THE YOUNGSTERS, PATTY AND HERB GRAYZIL, AND ERNIE HURD, WHO'S HEARD PRETTY REGULARLY, BY THE WAY. WE WON'T FORGET CARBON, HE, ALL-AROUND. (AND WE MEAN ALL AROUND) CAA DOG. THAT'S THE GANG, FOLKS, ALTHOUGH WE HEAR WE ARE TO EXPECT A NEW COUPLE. SO WELCOME! WILL THEY BE THAT EVERY TIME WE GET A PX ON NC 18 THE WELCOME COMMITTEE RUNS HOME AND DONS CLEEN SHIRTS AND NECKTIES AND BEATS IT BACK TO THE AIRPORT IN NO TIME FLAT? WELL, SO FAR ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE TRAINEES BUT WE "AIN'T SEEN NONE".

NOW LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. WE'VE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE TO ALL YOU BOYS AND GIRLS ON 302 THAT NO LONGER CAN THE OPERATOR ON DUTY BE MADE TO SQUIRM IN HIS SEAT AND TEAR HIS HAIR IN AGONY WHEN HALF THE CIRCUIT BEGINS YELLING "OPEN" AT HIM IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS LONG BROADCAST. THANKS TO OUR PRE, MEL LUNDQUIST, THE BROADCAST POSITION HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED WITH THE SCHEDULE B POSITION, AND NOW THE OPERATOR ON CIRCUIT 02 CAN GET IN AN EXTRA LICK WHILE SOME OF THE 03 OF YOU ARE BROADCASTING. NO MORE OF THIS USING TO HOLLER BACK "BDC" SIX OR MORE TIMES DURING THE 18 MINUTE SCHEDULE WHILE SOMEONE DOWN THE LINE CHUCKLES DIT-DIT-DIT-DIT-DIT-DIT.

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF GRIEFS, THE WEATHER BOYS HERE HAVE THEIR UPS AND DOWNS. THEY WONDER IF SOME ENTERPRISING PERSON WON'T INVENT A RAIN GAUGE CALIBRATED TO MEASURE THE RAIN GAUGE OVERFLOW WHICH OCCURS BETWEEN OBSERVATIONS. AND WE'D ADVISE ANY OPERATORS WHO BID ON KA IN THE FUTURE TO BRUSH UP ON THEIR FANCY STROKES, CAUSE NO TELLING WHEN THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SWIM TO WORK. HONESTLY, FOLKS, THINGS LOOKED BETTER AND A FEW WEEKS BACK WHEN PRECIPITATION KEPT OUR FIELD IN A ZERO-ZERO STATUS SO LONG THAT AN AIRCRAFT BECAME A PAPER SLIGHT, AND WE LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW ONE DAY TO SEE A GOVOTE WALKING NONHURRILLY DOWN THE CENTER OF THE RUNWAY. GILMORE GAVE HIM THE RED LIGHT, THOUGH, AND HE OBEDIENTLY LOPED OFF INTO THE WOODS. MUST HAVE BEEN STUDYING UP ON HIS AIRPORT CONTROL RULES, EH, MOTT?

LIFE IS NOT WITHOUT ITS HUMOR, THOUGH, EVEN AT KA. WE KNOW A YOUNG HISS WHO WORE A RED FACE ON DUTY FOR QUITE SOME TIME AFTER A CHEERFUL PILOT HAD TERMINATED HIS CONTACT WITH THE BRIGHT "ROGER-DOESN'T". AND THEN THERE WAS THE TIME MR. MACDONALD OF CONSTRUCTION UNIT FELL

DEAR OFFICE:

FOR MANY MONTHS AND YEARS, WHILE IN THE CAA, WE HAVE BOMED UP MILLINERY UNDER HANDSHEDES, SUCH AS SLEEPING ON MATTRESS SPRINGS, SITTING ON BORROWED CARNegie STEEL BOXES AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR CHAIRS, MOPPING THE FLOOR WITH FANS, ON HANDS AND KNEES, INSTEAD OF A HOP, MOST OF THE EVILS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED BUT OTHERS HAVE ARISEN. THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK IS ABOUT TO BE PLACED ON OURS.

DURING MOST OF THIS TIME WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THE STATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO A PLEASANT EVENING COPYING SC, SR ETC., TO TYPEWRITER AND COUPLING ON FATIGUE FROM OTHER POU-TIME DUTIES AND SITUATIONS WITHOUT THE SC AND SR TO HELP US RECOVERATE, OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION WOULD BE SORRY INDEED, AND AM NOT FORGETTING WE ARE ON A 55 HOUR WEEK.

WE ARE MESSIMISTIC AND SEE SORROWFUL DAYS AND ACHING ARMS AHEAD, AS THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH MILLS BUT PLENTY OF STICKS. A SPECIFIC OF COM-PLEMENT BREAKDOWN IS IN THE MAKING. OUR THERE SONG IS MORE MILLS FOR THE JACKS AND JILLS.

IT ALL ADDS TO THE FACT THAT THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE OPERATORS IS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IF A TYPEWRITER FOR CATERING C/ AND OTHER USES IS AVAILABLE. IT IS URGENTLY REQUESTED YOUR OFFICE SEND ADDITIONAL TYPEWRITERS ASAP.

YOURS TRULY,
JIG QUEEN

FOR THE STATION IN A BIG WAY. PLUNKING HIMSELF DOWN COMFORTABLY (HE THOUGHT) IN THE CHIEF'S SWIVEL CHAIR, THE NEXT INSTANT HE FOUND HIMSELF SPRAWLED DISGRACEFULLY ON THE FLOOR. AND IT DIDN'T SOOTHE HIS WOUNDED ----- ER, PRIDE, WHEN THE OPERATOR ON WATCH GROUNDED, "WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR THAT."

BEFORE WE DRING OUR FIRST EPISTLE TO ITS FINISH WE WANT TO PUT IN A TALL WORD FOR SOME OF OUR LITTLE NEIGHBORS WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, DON'T GET A MAIL BOX OFTEN ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS. ROSES TO OUR FRIENDS AT NORTH DUTCH ISLAND, WHO REALLY "BOI" IT UP RECENTLY WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING THEIR HOURLY REPORTS RELAY, AND ON TIME. AND ROSES (AND FRESH MEAT IF WE COULD GET IT TO YOU) TO "DUFFY" DUFFNESS AT MIDDLETON ISLAND, THAT OBESING BOY WHO DROPT MOST OF OUR TRAFFIC A COUPLE OF DAYS WHEN WE WERE LAYD UP WITH AN AILING POWER LINE. WE'RE GLAD TO GREET THE NEW BOYS AT YUKATAN -- AND GIRLS, IF ANY. LET US KNOW HOW YOU GET ALONG WITH THE BIG BROW BEARS DOWN THERE --- OH, DIDN'T YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

WELL, LOS AND LUSIES, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF PAPER, TIME AND IDEAS. 73 FROM OLD KING ASLE TIL NEXT TIME!

EDITOR'S NOTE: THANK YOU FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE DO WANT MORE WATER -- EVERY MONTH, IN FACT.

A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, MARCH 7, 1944

FOR SOME TIME THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OFFICE HAS BEEN IN THE THROES OF A REORGANIZATION. THIS REORGANIZATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED UNITS WITHIN THE BRANCH, IS NOW COMPLETE AND FUNCTIONING. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE PHYSICAL SET UP OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS IT WILL HAVE A DECIDED BEARING ON YOUR PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.

THE NEW UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ARE LISTED BELOW, TOGETHER WITH A BRIEF RESUME OF THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH UNIT:

LAND LINES COMMUNICATIONS AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC UNIT

COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ALL PHASES OF OPERATION DEALING WITH LANDLINE COMMUNICATIONS AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SERVICES AS REQUIRED. (THE FORMER CRYPTO UNIT HAS BEEN ABOLISHED AS SUCH AND CONSOLIDATED WITH THE LAND LINES UNIT.)

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ALL PHASES OF OPERATIONS DEALING WITH RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH BROADCAST AND POINT-TO-POINT FACILITIES.

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON OFFICER

ASSISTS IN COORDINATING CAA COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR CARRIERS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNIT

COORDINATION, SUPERVISION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL IN THE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE UPGRADING OF ALL FIELD COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL WITHIN THE REGION.

MONITORING UNIT

SUPERVISES AND CONTROLS THE ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF CERO (CENTRAL MONITORING) AND SUB-MONITORING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

WAR MEASURES PROCEDURES UNIT

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPILATION OF ALL STATISTICAL DATA REQUIRED BY THE BRANCH. ASSEMBLES THE INFORMATION, EDITS AND DISTRIBUTES THE WEEKLY NOTICE TO AIRMEN.

CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTOR

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTOR PERSONNEL IN THE REGION WITH RELATION TO THE INSPECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL.

THE LAND LINES, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNITS ARE COMMON TO ALL REGIONS. THE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON OFFICER POSITION IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO REGIONS HAVING INTERCONTINENTAL COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION WILL ENABLE THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONING IN AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDIENT MANNER DURING THIS EMERGENCY AND ALSO WILL PERMIT PREPARATIONS FOR ANTICIPATED POST-WAR NEEDS.

G. A. WHITTAKER

ACTING CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AT A RECENT BUSINESS MEETING THE CENTER AGREED THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE ATC WOULD BE KNOWN AS "ALASKA IOM CATS". ANY DISSENTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNLESS FROM THE OPPOSITE SEX. PERIOD.

BUSINESS CONTINUES AS USUAL, AND WITH SPRING APPROACHING ALL THE CUBS ARE BEGINNING TO SHED THEIR SKINS AND TAKE WINGS. LOOKS LIKE A BUSY SEASON AHEAD. GUESS WE WILL HAVE TO GET OUT THE SKY BROOM AND SWEEP THE AIRWAYS CLEAN, AND PATCH UP THE RUNWAYS, THEN SETTLE DOWN TO THE OLD ROUTINE. WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE OUR MOTTO TO "KEEP 'EM FLYING; THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER BOAT".

ED BROWN IS RECOVERING FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL. HE HAD SOME PAINS IN HIS RIGHT SIDE, BUT IS NOW BRAGGING ABOUT "SAY, YOU WANT TO SEE MY SCAR?" TOO BAD, ED, BUT THOSE JOES JUST DON'T GROW HERE IN THE WINTER. HIS FINEST SONGS IN THE HOSPITAL WERE "NURSIE, COME HOLD MY HAND" AND "DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANY MORE".

MONTY MONTGOMERY IS SLATED FOR A PROMOTION AND TRANSFER TO SALT LAKE CITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WAS HANKERING FOR HIS OLD STOMPING GROUND AT BURBANK, BUT THEN YOU JUST CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING YOUR WAY, MONTY. AFTER ALL, JUST IMAGINE ALL THOSE GALS DOWN THERE. TOO BAD FOR THE LOCAL 8TH RD MAIL ROOM.

WE FIND ONE HOMER LOTTER MAKING FREQUENT VISITS TO THE ICE RINK. HE STATES IT'S GOOD EXERCISE, AND BESIDES, IT'S MAKING A MAN OF HIM. WE WONDER WHAT HE FINDS TO KEEP WARM, OTHER THAN EXERCISE.

SO FAR WE HAVE HAD ONLY ONE GRIPE ABOUT THE RECENT SADIE HAWKINS DANCE. ONE FELLOW VERY RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED THE ONLY REASON HE DIDN'T GO WAS THE FACT THAT NO GAL INVITED HIM. NOW HE IS DEMANDING THEY REVERSE THE PROCESS AND GIVE HIM A LEGITIMATE REASON FOR CHASING THE GIRLS. (HE'S BEEN AT IT FOR 37 YEARS.)

THE SUSBORFS ARE HAPPILY SETTLED DOWN TO THE ART OF LIVING AND SEEM QUITE CONTENT. WE LIKE HIS WIFE BUT, AFTER ALL, "SO DO I", SAYS LLOYD.

HEARD RUMORS OF "JOHN MUNDOS" BEING IN TOWN. WHY NOT DROP IN TO SEE US, OLD MAN, AND GIVE US A PICTURE OF "OUT WEST"?

PETITE SAYS HE IS GROWING A MUSTACHE. HAVE YOU SEEN IT? QUOTED FROM OFFICIAL SOURCE, E. G., WEBSTER'S: "MUSTACHE. 1. THE HAIR GROWN ON A MAN'S UPPER LIP. 2. HAIR, OR BRISTLES, GROWING NEAR THE MOUTH OF AN ANIMAL."

GREGORY IS UP FAIRBANKS WAY TO ADMINISTER SOME 1. Q. (OR SUMPIN) TO THE BOYS. WHAT WE WANT NOW IS A TEST TO TEST THE TESTERS. TEST THE TESTEE WITH.

WE HAVE TWO NEW MEN UP FROM THE STATES ASSIGNED TO THE MERRILL TOWER. THEY HAVE BEEN ON FAMILIARIZATION AT THE CENTER AND FROM WHAT WE HEAR THEY ARE DOING OK IN TOWN. KELLY FROM GREAT FALLS AND WARD FROM BILLINGS. GREETINGS TO YOU.

THE FOLLOWING WAS NOTED IN A LETTER OF RECENT DATE.

"JUST A FEW LINES TO SAY HELLO TO YOU AND THE OLD GANG BACK IN THE STATES AND TO GIVE YOU SOME STRAIGHT DOPE ON ALASKA. NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG, AS I REALLY LIVE IT UP HERE AND WOULDN'T GO BACK FOR ANYTHING.

"HAVE HAD RATHER A MILD WINTER THIS YEAR, WITH THE TEMPERATURE ONLY DOWN TO 70 BELOW (ZERO). THE WIND IS NOT SO BAD AND OCCASIONALLY GOES DOWN BELOW 75, BUT THEN YOU DON'T MIND SO BAD. JUST PUT ON THREE SUITS OF UNDERWEAR AND HALF A DOZEN PAIR OF SOCKS ALONG WITH PINK AND FEW LIGHT PIECES. NO NEED TO TAKE A BATH UNTIL SPRING. MIGHT HELP, THO, IF YOU HAVE A JOB.

"THE TERRAIN IS QUITE FLAT, WITH ONLY A FEW HILLS ABOUT TEN THOUSAND FEET. A FEW MOUNTAINS UP TO TWENTY TWO THOUSAND. MOST OF THE TIME THE PLANES CAN FLY AROUND THEM, BUT ONCE IN A WHILE SOME GUY TAKES OFF AND JUST FLIES UNTIL YOU NEVER HEAR OF HIM AGAIN.

"IT'S NICE AND QUIET, TOP OF THE WORLD, BUT ONLY A FEW OF US AROUND. NOT MANY GALS OUT HERE IN THE WILD, AND WE USUALLY SPEAK TO EACH OTHER ONCE A WEEK UNLESS WE'RE MAD. THE GIRLS HAVE SOME TROUBLE WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, MOSTLY WOLVES.

"ONE THING WE REALLY ARE LUCKY IN, AND THAT IS THE FOOD PROBLEM. NO RATION POINTS TO BOTHER WITH; DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITH THEM, ANYWAY. ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR YOU ORDER FOOD FROM THE COMMISSARY, AND ALL THEY DO IS TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF YOUR PAY. VERY SIMPLE. THEN THEY TAKE OUT FOR RETIREMENT, TAXES, BONDS AND A FEW OTHER THINGS, SO YOU NEVER WORRY ABOUT GETTING THE CHECK, AS THERE ISN'T ANY LEFT.

"AS FOR MAIL, WELL, WE HAVE QUITE A SYSTEM HERE. WE GET IT REGULAR LIKE ONCE A MONTH DURING THE SUMMER, AND THE OTHER TEN MONTHS WE JUST WAIT.

"COULD GO ON AND ON TELLING YOU ABOUT THE PLACE, BUT THINK YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA HOW WELL WE LIKE IT UP HERE. WILL WRITE MORE LATER. REGARDS TO YOU AND THE GANG.

"JOE DOE

"P. S. IF YOU SEE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SWAP, PLEASE DROP ME A LINE AND I'LL PAY EXPENSES."

WHAT IS A DOUBLE PETUNIA?

WELL, A PETUNIA IS A FLOWER LIKE A BEGONIA;

A BEGONIA IS A MEAT LIKE A SAUSAGE;

A SAUSAGE AND BATTERY IS A CRIME;

MONKEYS CRIME TREES;

TREES A CROWD;

A ROOSTER CROWD IN THE MORNING AND MADE A NOISE

A NOISE IS ON YOUR FACE LIKE YOUR EYES;

THE EYES IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE NAYS;

A HORSE NAYS AND HIS A COLT;

YOU GET A COLT AND GO TO BED

AND WAKE UP IN THE MORNING WITH

DOUBLE PETUNIA!!!

THE MONITOR ALMOST WENT BANKRUPT WHILE TOM, DICK AND HARRYETTA WERE GIVING THEIR LEFTS AND RIGHTS TO THE PSEUDO-ADAPTIVE RATES THAT HAD SEVERAL RELAPSES PRIOR TO REACHING THE POINT OF SATURATION. GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE, SO IN CASE YOU OR YOU ARE INTERESTED, THE COURSE IS APPROXIMATELY \$190. MISSED TAXI ONE MORNING. HOW'S THAT FOR SAYING, MESSLEPUSS?

EMERGENCY REQUISITION: THREE STRAIT JACK-ETS; LARGE, MEDIUM AND SMALL.

FRESH FOODS? U-GET WE GET 'EM, THANKS TO JACK JEFFORD AND FUZZ ROGERS, WHO THINKS OF EVERYTHING. BUT ABSENT-MINDED FRED WONDERED WHO INVENTED THE SOCIETY DISH THAT SERVED SLID ON THE MARKIN. THE MARKIN TURNED OUT TO BE LEFT.

FOR SALE: ONE FISH BURGER, NINE-DOG-POWER, AND 431 POUNDS OF FUEL FRESH FROM THE KUSKOKWIM. GOOD BUY AT ANY PRICE. CUSTOMERS

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AS HEAD OF THE DIVISION OF PROVISION FOR REVISION WAS A MAN OF PROMPT DECISION - MERTON QUIRK, PH. D. IN CALISTHENICS, P. D. Q. IN PATHOGENICS, HE HAD JUST THE PROPER BACKGROUND FOR THE WORK.

FROM THE PASTORAL AROMA OF ALOMA, OKLAHOMA, WITH A PITTANCE AS A SALARY IN HAND HIS ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN METTED, EVEN AIDED AND ABETTED, BY EMPLOYMENT THAT NETTED SOME FIVE GRAND.

SO, WITH ENERGY ECSTATIC, THIS FANATIC LEFT HIS ATTIC AND HASTENED ON TO WASHINGTON, D. C. WHERE WITH VERVE AND VIGOR HE WENT HUNTING FOR THE NIGGER IN THE MOOPLE OF THE C. A. B.

AFTER MONTHS OF PATIENT PROCESS, MERTON'S SPECULAR PROBOGOSIS HAD UNCOVERED A REPERENSBLE HIATUS, IN REPLY BY BLAIR AND BLAIR TO HIS THIRTEENTH QUESTIONNAIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVENTORY STATUS

THEY HAD WAITED, "YOUR DIRECTIVE WHEN EFFECTIVE WAS DEFECTIVE IN ITS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE, AND WHAT'S MORE, NEOLITHIC HIEROGLYPHIC IS TO US MUCH MORE SPECIFIC THAN THE ORNATE YOU KEEP DUMPING AT OUR DOOR."

THIS SCHEDULE DISCOVERED, MERTON FAINTED - BUT RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO WRITE, "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SHORTAGE IS CONFOUNDED BEHIND PERVERTED PENPLAGE -- EXPECT ME ON THE 22ND INST."

BUT FIRST HE SENT A CHECKER, AND THEN A CHECKER'S CHECKER; STILL NOTHING WAS DISCLOSED AS BEING WRONG, SO A CHECKER'S CHECKER'S CHECKER CAME TO CHECK THE CHECKER'S CHECKER, AND THE PROCESS WAS LABORIOUS AND LONG.

THEN FOLLOWED A PROCESSION OF THE FOLLOW-UP PROFESSION, THROUGH THE RECORDS OF THE FIRM OF BLAIR AND BLAIR, FROM BREAKFAST UNTIL SUPPER, SOME NEW SURE-IF-FOLLOW-UP-OPER TONE HIS HAIR BECAUSE OF MERTON'S QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE PRODUCE OF OUR GARDEN THIS MONTH IS SMALL. IT'S CONDUCIVE LESS TO BRAINS AND HIT AND EVEN MEAK AND SICK IN MIND WE ARE. NO NOURISHMENT TO FILL US. WE COULD NOT HELP THE SORRY FACT THAT WHAT WE WROTE IS BILLOWS.

BEING MENTALLY EXHAUSTED AND UNDER-PREDOGAL IN OUR REPORTAL OUTPUT. FOR THE WINDY MONTH OF MARCH, WE MUST INCLUDE, IN SELF-DEFENSE AND TO COMPLETE THIS ARTICLE, A BIT OF RUMOR PICKED UP AT RANDOM IN OUR SCOUTING AROUND FOR TIDDS. VALIDITY WE KNOW LESS. MAYBE WE DIDN'T EVEN HEAR IT. MAYBE WE DREAMT IT. MAYBE WE'RE JUST WINDY. AT ANY RATE, THE SUN AND SUBSTANCE RUNS LIKE THIS:

EVEN AS OF THIS DATE OUR REGIONAL DEPOT WILL COMMENCE THE ACQUISITION OF BETTER-THAN-HOT JUKE BOXES, TO BE PLACED IN STOCK AND REQUISITIONED, ONE EACH, FOR EACH AND EVERY COMMUNICATION STATION IN THE EIGHTH REGION. CHIEF AIR-CRAFT COMMUNICATORS WILL SHORTLY BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT FLOOR PLANS DESIGNED TO UTILIZE ANY EXISTING UNOCCUPIED FLOOR SPACE (IF ANY) IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTROL BUILDINGS. AT THOSE LOCATIONS WHERE THERE JUST ISN'T ANY UNOCCUPIED FLOOR SPACE LEFT, AND COMMUNICATIONS EITHER HAVE TO CRAWL IN ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES OR MANIPULATE LIKE APES FROM THE CHANDELIER IN ORDER TO REACH THEIR POSITIONS, THE MUSIC BOXES WILL BE HUNG FROM THE CEILING. IN THESE INSTANCES, CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS WILL SUBMIT CELLING PLANS INSTEAD.

IN FACT, IT MAY COME TO THE SORRY PASS OF ALL CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS SUBMITTING CELLING PLANS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF UTILIZING THE NOW WASTED SPACE ABOVE THE SIX FOOT LEVEL. WE SEE NO REASON WHY, WITH PROPERLY DESIGNED PARAPHRASIA, OPERATING POSITIONS COULD NOT BE ATTACHED TO THE CELLING BY SECTION CURS. TRUE ENOUGH, AN UPPER-LEVEL COMMUNICATOR IS APT TO UNWITTINGLY KICK A LOWER-LEVEL COMMUNICATOR IN THE BEETZER, BUT THAT WOULD BE A MILD AFFRONT COMPARED TO A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE OFTEN WANTED TO KICK SOME OF OUR COMMUNICATORS. THESE PROPOSED PSEUDO-JIVE MEANINGS AND RECURPATIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR BEATEN-DOWN, NERVE-WORN, CINQUOT-CONFUSED, PRO-GRATED, BRAIN-WEARY, DINGLE-DANGLED, CRANIUM-HEATED AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS. SO HELP US! UNANIMOUS STRAINS FROM RECORDS OF YOUR CHOICE SHOULD NEUTRALIZE MOST OF THE OTHER RATTLE AND DANG THAT ONE CAN HEAR AT FIVE HUNDRED YARDS AND WITHOUT THE AID OF A SONOTONE, EITHER. THE INNUMERABLE ADVANTAGES ARE SO CLEARLY DISCERNABLE, WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY SUCH A SCHEME WAS SO LONG GONE UNDISCOVERED.

A PARTIAL LIST OF TUNES APPROPRIATE FOR ALASKANS AND AVAILABLE SOON FOLLOWS:

"GARY WE BACK TO OLD VIRGINIA WHERE I CAN TALK OUT MY FROZEN BONES"
"CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME"
"REGIONAL OFFICE BLUES"
"SLEEP TIGHT AND DON'T LET THE NO-SEES IN"

MOKE WEDDING BELLS

WHO HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE MARRIAGE OF LOUISE SLOUSEN, CITIZEN RECENTLY A MEMBER OF ENGINEERING DATA UNIT, TO LT. THOMAS ARTHUR EVANS. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 28TH AT THE HOME OF LOUISE'S AUNT AND UNCLE IN RICHVALE, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A HONEY-MOON IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE EVANS ARE AT PRESENT LIVING IN RENO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE ART IS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTOR AT THE BASIC TRAINING FIELD LOCATED THERE.

OUR BEST WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO LOUISE AND ART FOR A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AGNES

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF ENGINEERING DATA UNIT, AGNES LMS, CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 8TH, AND WAS EXTENDED THE CONGRATULATIONS OF MANY FRIENDS. A BIRTHDAY PARTY, WITH ICE CREAM AND CAKE, AND PRESENTATION OF A LOVELY MUSIC BOX AND OTHER GIFTS WERE PART OF THE DAY'S CELEBRATION. MANY HAPPY RETURNS, AGNES!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO STEVE

A CAKE WITH ONE CANDLE WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY WHEN YOUNG STEVE BURLING, SON OF JAMIE AND STEVE HARLING, CELEBRATED HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 3RD. YOUNG STEVE WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A CHILDREN'S PARTY IN THE AFTERNOON, HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS. MARGE NICHOLS, AND AGAIN IN THE EVENING, WHEN HIS PARENTS ENTERTAINED. AGNES LMS PROVIDED A THICKLY FROSTED CAKE FOR YOUNG STEVE TO SLURK HIS FINGERS INTO. IN THE HONORED CUSTOM OF FIRST-BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, AND FRANCIS RIVER WAS ON HAND TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE NOCTURNOUS OCCASION. MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU, TOO, STEVE.

MORE BIRTHDAY "NEW-SINGS"

SEMI SEMI-CHI, THE FAMOUS (ON POSSIBLY UNFAMOUS) CAT WHO GRACIOUSLY SHARES HER HOME WITH THE KINGS, GAVE SLITH TO TRIPLETS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH. THE MOTHER AND THREE KITTENS ARE DOING SPENDIDLY. HELENA KING PROUDLY CELEBRATED THE OCCASION BY PASSING OUT CIGARETTES DECORATED WITH PINK AND BLUE RIBBONS.

"I MET LADDO ANNIE FROM USASHIKER AND LEARNED ABOUT WOMEN FROM HER, BY HECK!"

THE RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR WILL PLAY THE RECORDS. HE DOES EVERYTHING ELSE - WHY SHOULDN'T HE DO THAT?

VERY TRULY YOURS, WITH DEEP SUFFERANCE TO-WARDS THE MALE FIELD PERSONNEL WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT THE GRACIOUS INVITATION TO THE CAA STATE HAWKING LEAP YEAR 2 JOE IN ANCHORAGE, FROM OUR COURTESY, SUPPLEMENTARY GALS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY. THESE ARE STILL REMEMBERING MANY DAYS IN THIS LEAP YEAR, BOYS. DROP IN WHEN CONVENIENT AND WE'LL JOIN YOU ABOARD.

NOW WE THINK THAT OUGHT TO CATCH THE ATTENTION OF ALL, INCLUDING THOSE SOPHISTICATES IN THE CITIES OF FAIRBANKS AND ANCHORAGE. TO READ THE ITEMS FROM ANCHORAGE WITH ITS "CELLS" OF UNITS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, ONE WOULD NOT THINK THEY WERE PART OF US; INDEED, ONE MIGHT INFER WE WERE PART OF THEM. BUT OF WHOM DOES THE SUSTENANCE STEM - FROM MEANS OR THEM? SURE, WE MISSED THE SADIE HAWKINS DANCE, BUT THEN, WE'D GOTTEN OUR MENFOLK LONG AGO, ANYWAY. MAYBE IT WOULD DO THE ORGANIZATION A DAMNED LOT OF GOOD FOR THOSE IN THE "CENTERS" TO COME OUT TO THE WOODS TO LEARN HOW MUCH IS DEPENDENT UPON THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATION, AND PERHAPS IT WOULD ALSO DO CONSIDERABLE GOOD FOR THOSE OUT IN THE STICKS TO GET A FEW MONTHS IN THE "HEADQUARTERS" UNITS SO THAT THEY MIGHT UNDERSTAND HOW THEIR SUPPORT IS NEEDED IN THE WAY OF EFFICIENT EFFORT AND THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE DAY AFTER DAY THERE, AND HOW THE PROBLEMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL STATION AND THE INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR OR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE CHANNELLED FOR ACTION.

WELL, THESE NATURAL LAWS SOMETIMES DO NOT COINCIDE COMPLETELY IN PRACTICE. HAVEN'T YOU FOUND IT SO? KOTZEBUE, IS A LOSS ALWAYS SOMEONE'S GAIN? OF COURSE, THERE WERE TWO FROM KP TRANSFERRED TO PM, BUT THERE IS THE INVOICE? WE HAVE THE PACKAGE AND THE PACKING SLIP, BUT ALL ELSE WAS LEFT BEHIND.

MR. PASTRO ARRIVED, AND BEGAN TO EXPAND HIS CHEST. WE THOUGHT HE WAS THINKING ONLY OF LEAP YEAR, BUT WITH ALL THESE STURDY, GOOD LOOKING YOUNG WOMEN ABOUT, BUT IT DEVELOPED THAT HE HAD, FOR THESE MANY MONTHS WHILE AT NOME AND KOTZEBUE, MISSED THE FORM OF LIFE REFERRED TO BY JOYCE KILMER AS "TREES". YEP, HE WAS INHALING THE PINE-LIKE SWEETNESS THAT PERVADES THIS AREA WITH ITS ABUNDANCE OF TALL, NEEDED TREES, JUST NOW SILVERED WITH A NEW CROWN OF SNOW FLAKES.

ALWAYS HAD ENJOYED "SLOP" FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH", BUT PASSING THROUGH FROM KP AND SPOTS, INCLUDING THE FX STATION, WE WONDER WHETHER THE SOURCE OF THE INSPIRATION. SURELY, NOT IN THAT LITTLE CUBBYHOLE?

GENIAL JOHNNY FANNING HAS DEPARTED FROM THE ALASKAN ORIGIN FOR THE ROBBER'S ROOST, AND WE NOW HAVE IN HIS STEAD "SLIM" GILES. HE GOT THE MONICKER BECAUSE HE GOT THAT WAY WORKING, AND THAT'S NO LAY. IN THE SAME LINE OF THOUGHT YOU CAN GUESS HOW FANNING "GOT THAT WAY". WE HEAR HE'S READY TO COME BACK.

THE SINGLE LADS ARE NOT ESPECIALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LEAP YEAR, NOR THE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF STOCK COMMISSARY GROCERIES. THEY TELL OF THE STEWARD AT THE MKCB MESS LAD-ING OUT BIG STEAKS, CHICKEN, AND, THE OTHER DAY, (OF ALL THINGS) STUFFED PORK CHOPS. WHAT COULD MAKE A MAN HAPPIER? SMOKE HAWKINS?

ALONG COMES BILL PEGEE - IT AINT SPELLED THAT WAY, BUT THAT'S HOW IT SOUNDS - AND ALMOST WITH HIM COME THE GOODIES FROM ANCHORAGE, A TRUCK LOAD OF FRESH COMMISSARY SUPPLIES....."FIXIN' FISK HAS BUILT US A NEAT COMPLIMENT TO THE OPERATORS' SHELF, CHOCK FULL OF HOLES WHERE WE

1. PUMP THE DIAL KEY UP AND DOWN THREE OR FOUR TIMES. THIS WILL LINGER UP THE SWITCH AND PROBABLY PLACE THE SWITCH WIPER ON THE BANK.
2. DON'T BOTHER TO SELECT PROPER NUMBER FROM LIST. PICK ANY NUMBER FROM 01 TO 55 AND TRY IT. IF THE PROPER FUNCTION IS NOT PICKED THE FIRST TIME, FRANTICALLY DIAL ALL NUMBERS YOU CAN THINK OF. SOMETHING IS BOUND TO HAPPEN.

2A. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, IT IS ALWAYS HELPFUL TO DIAL 00 ON THE CT CONTROL PANEL. THIS WILL PUT EVERYTHING OFF AT THE CT SIT EXCEPT THE TOWER LIGHTS. NO PM WILL BE CAUSE ON THE CIRCUIT AFTER DIALING THIS FUNCTION.

3. PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE SALLY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DIALING 56 FOR BROADCAST. A NUMBER SUCH AS 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 IS PRETTY CLOSE TO 56, AND MAYBE THE ELECTRICITY WILL JUMP TO THE PROPER CONTACT. ANYWAY, STRONGER SHOULDN'T BE MADE SO CRITICAL ABOUT NUMBERS.

4. AT MRL FACILITIES, WHEN THROUGH WITH YOUR BROADCAST, TAP THE DIAL KEY VERY LIGHTLY (THEY ARE VERY DELICATE). DO NOT, ADVANCE AND DEPRESS THE DIAL KEY ALL THE WAY DOWN. AFTER THE PRECEDING, CALL THE RANGE OUT OF BED, AND WILL GET THE RANGE ON AGAIN. (N. B. THE RANGE HAS PROBABLY ALREADY HAD THREE HOURS SLEEP, A WILL THANK YOU FOR GETTING HIM UP.)

4A. AT SRA FACILITIES. SAME AS ABOVE, EXCEPT RANGE WILL BE ON AS WELL AS BROADCAST ALSO LEAVE DIAL KEY IN HORIZONTAL POSITION. PILOTS LIKE TO LISTEN TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CONTROL ROOM.

5. WHEN CALLING THE RMS AT THE RANGE STATION ON THE MONOPHONE, DIAL BUZZER OPERATIC THEN ALLOW DIAL KEY TO ASSURE HORIZONTAL POSITION INSTEAD OF PLACING IT IN THE UPPER POSITION. THIS WILL LEAVE THE LINE CONNECTED TO THE SPEECH AMPLIFIER AT THE CONTROL. YELL LOUDLY, AND THE BROADCAST MICROPHONE WILL PICK UP YOUR VOICE, AND THE PARTY AT THE OTHER END OF THE LINE MAY HEAR YOU. OF COURSE YOU WILL HEAR HIM, BUT MAYBE HE DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR ANYWAY - JUST LISTEN.

CHUCK MESSAGES AND LOGS AND STUFF AND GI WHAT WE NEED WHEN WE NEED IT.....THE LIT SHAWERS RUNNING ABOUT HERE ARE WHAT BRINGS SPARK TO PASTRO'S EYES - SAYS THEY REMIND I OF THE TIME THEY HAD GOATS IN ANCHORAGE. "THE CITY WAS JUST A PLACE AT THE BOTTOM OF HILLS.....WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LADY IS MISSED HER FAVORITE BREED RECIPES? ASK VI WIGGLE POOR DEAR. SHE SAYS JOHNNY'S GOING TO HAVE EAT COMMISSARY CRACKERS FROM NOW ON.....INT-ESTING FACT: GROUND FROZEN SOLD TO FORTY FEET BELOW THE SURFACE. HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE A V TORY GARDEN WOULD GROW HERE?.....ANOTHER INT-ESTING ITEM: LEO CONNORS, THE MAYOR OF THE MAY, ABSENT "PRO TEN", RETURNED TO MAKE RE-ATIONS FOR RETURNING, WHAT WITH OP-LING NEAR. HE RENDEED THIS DECISION BEFORE DEPART-ING BACK TO ANCHORAGE, AND WE QUOTE, "THE BE-TILITY OF THE RESIDENTS IS JUDGE, BY THE PRO-AGE THEY DRINK." THE CHIEF, OF COURSE, IF RADIO "151" SUPPORTED.....NOW, WE WILL GET.)

FIRST, WE HAD SNÄFU, THEN TARFU AND NOW FUBAR - FOULED UP BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION.

WE HAVE TWO NEW VOLUNTEERS ON THE JOB AT HQ FROM UNCLE SUGAR. THEY ARE MESSRS. BRUCE AND WATKINS. THEY ARE DOING A FINE JOB AND WE HOPE THEY STICK AROUND AWHILE.

ON MARCH SIXTH ANCHORAGE RADIO PLAYED HOST TO THE ANCHORAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO HAD COME TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTED PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF MERRILL. THE VENERABLE CITY FATHERS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND PLEASURE AT THE ELABORATE, UP-TO-DATE AND EFFICIENT TRANSCONTINENTAL AIRWAY COMMUNICATION STATION, WHICH IN FOUR YEARS FROM A TINY ACORN GREW. WE HAD THE FEELING AS THEY DEPARTED THAT MORE CIVIC ATTENTION WOULD BE CENTERED UPON THIS FAST GROWING ANCHORAGE INDUSTRY IN THE FUTURE.

YOU OP'S AT NORTHWAY CAN STAND FROM UNDER, FOR YOUR NEW CAC SHOULD SOON BE ON THE WAY IN THE PERSON OF VINCENT (THEY-LAUGHED-AT-EDISON-700) SPEER. WE SHALL BE SORRY TO LOSE VINCENT. WE WILL MISS HIS SMILING FACE AND THINKING. WE ARE SURE VINCENT WILL LIKE HIS NEW POST AND DOUBLY SURE IT WILL MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF HIS BETTER HALF, MRS. G.A.L. SPEER, WHO SHOULD BE A LITTLE BETTER NOT FRAUGHT WITH THE ELABORATE INTRICACIES OF THE MACHINE AGE (SUCH AS PNEUMATIC TUBES IN WHICH TO CATCH ONE'S ARMS).

ARE YOU A TELEGRAPHER? IF NOT, HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED WHEN TELEGRAPHERS GOT TOGETHER? IF SO, YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON THE LOCKOUT FOR THE COMING DATE OF THE FIRST ANNUAL "TELEGRAPHERS' BALL", TO BE THROWN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ANCHORAGE STATION. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO BE A TELEGRAPHER, BUT IT HELPS - AND THE SAME APPLIES TO GAINING ADMISSION TO THIS DANCE. TREASURERS BERATO AND KENDALL (KENDALL WATCHES BERATO AND VICE VERSA) REPORT THAT THE RECREATION FUND IS COMING ALONG NICELY - ABOUT SIXTY BUCKS IN CASH AND AROUND FORTY SKINS TIED UP IN MERCHANTISE. AT THIS RATE, THAT "TELEGRAPHERS' BALL" IS GOING TO BE A REAL BLOWOUT.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE WENDY WENNERLIND BACK AMONGST US WITH THE LATEST THING IN PLASTER PARIS HOSIERY. IT SEEMS THAT WENDY AND THE KIDS WERE IN DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE ROUTE TO FOLLOW, HENCE THE FRACTURED LIMB. WE WISH YOU SPEEDY RECOVERY, WENDY.

AFTER HOLDING SUITCASE DRILL FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS, CAC ED SNYDER IS MAKING A DAWNY RUN ON HONOLULU. HOWEVER, THE STATUS IS STILL "QUO", AND BETS ARE EVEN THAT HE MAY COME BOUNCING BACK ANY MINUTE WITH A SOUTHERN HEAT RUSH AND LAY ASIDE THE SWORD FOR THE MUKLUKS - ONCE AGAIN.

DITTYO DAD DEDAH

DAFFYNASHUNS

A CONFERENCE IS A GROUP OF MEN WHO INDIVIDUALLY CAN DO NOTHING, BUT WHO AS A GROUP CAN MEET AND DECIDE THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE.

ALWAYS INSPECTION STILL INSISTS "KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OWN RANGE"

RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN GIVING STATIONS ON OUR VARIOUS ROUTES A BAD TIME BY REPORTING OUR POSITION AND AIR SPEED AND ASKING FOR A MAGNETIC HEADING AND ETA. WE OFFER HEREWITH SOME COMMENTS WHICH MAY BE BENEFICIAL.

ABOVE ALL THINGS BE SURE TO GIVE THE BEARING TO THE PILOT IN MAGNETIC AZIMUTHS FROM HIS POSITION TO YOUR STATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A MAGNETIC COMPASS ROSE BE CONSTRUCTED ON YOUR AERONAUTICAL CHART, WITH LINES RADIATING FROM THE STATION AT 5 DEGREE INTERVALS AND PROJECTING FOR AT LEAST 200 MILES, WITH MAGNETIC HEADINGS BOTH TOWARD AND AWAY FROM THE STATION MARKED THEREON. CONCENTRIC CIRCLES SHOULD ALSO BE DRAWN AROUND THE STATION, WITH THE RADIUS AT TEN MILE INTERVALS, SO THAT THE ONLY COMPUTATION NECESSARY WILL BE FOR THE ETA. IF A PILOT CALLS FOR A MAGNETIC BEARING AND DISTANCE FROM HIS POSITION TO THE STATION, THE CHART MAY BE CONSULTED AND CONSIDERABLE TIME WILL BE SAVED BY THESE PRECOMPUTED LINES. IF HIS POSITION IS KNOWN TO BE BETWEEN TWO OF THE LINES, THE BEARING AND DISTANCE MAY BE ESTIMATED WITH SUFFICIENT ACCURACY FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

USUALLY WHEN A PILOT CALLS FOR INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE HE IS ALSO LOW ON FUEL, AND SPEED IS ESSENTIAL. A MINUTE TO A PILOT LOOKING AT A DIMINISHING FUEL SUPPLY SEEMS LIKE AN HOUR. I HAVE NEVER BEEN LOST WHILE FLYING IN ALASKA (THAT IS, I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT I WAS WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE TERRITORY) BUT I HAVE BEEN BEWILDERED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND WHEN A DEFINITE LANDMARK SHOWED UP IT WOULD HAVE HELPED CONSIDERABLY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CALL A STATION AND ASK FOR A BEARING AND ETA. A PILOT AS A RULE DOESN'T GET LOST ON A CLEAR DAY. A PILOT FLYING IN THICK WEATHER - AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN SMALL AIRCRAFT WITH ONLY ONE PILOT - HAS HIS HANDS FULL AND CAN USE THIS SERVICE TO A GREAT ADVANTAGE. TO LAY A COURSE WE MUST OPEN UP A CHART, WHICH FILLS THE COCKPIT OF AN AIRCRAFT. THE COURSE HE LAYS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A ROUGH ESTIMATE, AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO USE A PROTRACTOR ACCURATELY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.

I BELIEVE WE SHOULD START A CAMPAIGN FOR SELLING THIS SERVICE. YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO GET AS MANY PILOTS AS POSSIBLE TO REPORT THEIR POSITION AND GROUND SPEED WHEN FLYING IN YOUR VICINITY, SO THAT YOU MAY GIVE THEM A HEADING AND ETA. THIS WILL SERVE A TWO FOLD PURPOSE. PILOTS WILL GAIN CONFIDENCE IN THE SERVICE, AND THE STATIONS WILL GET PRACTICE, SO THAT WHEN A SODDY FIVE EMERGENCY ARISES THEY MAY ACT QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY.

OF THE STATIONS WE HAVE CONTACTED, OUR CHIEF GRIPE IS THE TIME TAKEN BEFORE GIVING US A HEADING. AS TIME GOES ON, WE WILL MAKE THE PROBLEMS MORE DIFFICULT, WITH DRIFT, ETC., TO BE COMPUTED. WE HAVE NOT YET PULLED ONE ON-ED, WHICH, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS THE NUCLEUS OF BRAINS AND MASTER-MINDS, BUT WHEN WE DO, IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE, WITH DOUBLE DRIFT, LOOP-ORIENTATION, AND ALL THE FIXINGS.

-- JACK T. JEFFORD

MUTTERS FROM CONTRACT AND SERVICE

BY THE TIME THIS IS BEING READ (?) THE BIG EVENT WILL HAVE DONE SOME AND TOOK PLACE, I.E. LAMARCHE FEBREDAY WILL BE REG. ARCHIE LAMARCHE BROWN, Sgt. BROWN IS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF IN THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT FORT RICHMOND. SORRY WE CAN'T FURNISH DETAILS OF THE WEDDING (WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE POST CHAPEL FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 8:30) AND THE RECEPTION (TO BE HELD AT THE VIRGIL STONES). THEY WILL HAVE TO BE APPEARANCE IN NEXT MONTH'S MIDLUX. BUT WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CEREMONY AND SEEING BLANCHE IN HER BEAUTIFUL BLUE WEDDING DRESS, VEIL AND ALL -- W-W-W-W-W!

IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUST ABOVE -- LILA FERNEDY POTS GAVE A BUFFET SUPPER AND SHOWER FOR MISS FERNEDY (MRS. BROWN) THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 28TH TO WHICH THE GIRLS OF THE CONTRACT AND SERVICE BRANCH WERE INVITED. AND ONLY MAY WE ASK, DID EARL MORRIS RATE AS THE ONLY MALE PRESENT -- THAT IS, UNTIL CAP. POTS ARRIVED. LATER IN THE EVENING? GUESTS WERE SERVED A DELICIOUS SUPPER, AFTER WHICH BLANCHE WAS PRESENTED WITH A LARGE CANDID AND CANTON, AND UPON OPENING IT THERE WAS FOUND A NOTE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW SHE COULD FINALLY FIND HERSELF IN POSSESSION OF HER GIFT -- A VERY NICE CHECK, WHICH WE HEAR MAY BE USED TO SOME PIECES OF THE STERLING SILVERWARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COLLECTED. (ENTERTAINMENT, INTERMITTENTLY, DURING THE EVENING WAS FURNISHED BY "THE GREAT GILDEREVE" AND "LILA'S CAT AND KITTEN," "SUSIEN" AND "THUNDER," THE LATTER BEING QUITE A HIT MAKER.)

DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE MUTTERER WASN'T DOING ANY MUTTERING IN LAST MONTH'S MIDLUX WE WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME MRS. JUD WALKER, WHOM IT WAS THE PLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF LAST NOVEMBER AT THE SMOKE HAWKINS DANCE TO MEET. SHE IS A VERY NICE PERSON AND, AS AN AIDE, QUITE PRETTY, WITHOUT RESERVATION. SHE WAS ALONG WITH JACK JEFFORD AND THE NOW FAMOUS "LILA" ON ITS SECOND AND MILDEN FLIGHT TO HIGHORAGE FROM SEATTLE AND MOST ALL POINTS WEST, ARRIVING HERE FEBRUARY 2ND.

WE FINALLY GOT THAT RIDE WITH EARL MORRIS AND HIS DOG TEAN, AND IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR ACHILLES TOO, WHICH WE FEAR WOULD'NT HAVE DONE MUCH GOOD ANYWAY. "GAYNE" THAT OLD SAYING "THERE'S A CROWD" WAS EXISTANT IN PERSON. AM FRIENDLY WERE A TRIPLE ON THE LAZY SIDE AND JUST ROSE, SITTING COMFORTABLY AND AS WARMLY AS POSSIBLE UNDER A PARKA WE CONFISCATED, EXCEPT FOR THE TIME SOME WEIGHT WAS NECESSARY ON THE TRANCE WHILE A FEW PICTURES WERE BEING SNAPPED -- CAN WELL IMAGINE HOW MUCH GOOD THAT MIGHT BE TO WOULD HAVE DONE IF WANDA AND LUCKY HAD TAKEN A MOTION TO TAKE OFF DOWN THE TRAIL WITHOUT BENEFIT OF EARL'S FAMILIAR "WALL RITCH". EARL HAD THE PERMISSION TO DO SOME "TALKING" TO THE TEAM WHEN A COUPLE IN IT WASN'T "PULLING AN OUNCE" AS HE PUT IT. THOUGHT WE MIGHT HEAR SOME NEW NEWS BUT, NO GO! SO WE CAME BACK TO THE STARTING POINT AFTER A JUMP AROUND GOOSE LAKE. A BUZZLE OF TIMES (WHERE SOME MORE PICTURES WERE TAKEN BEFORE THE SUN GOT TOO LOW). GEE WHIZ! IT GOT COLD, AND EARL WITH NO CAP OR MITTENS -- W-W-W-W-W!

CHECK PRINT FROM 71

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT WE HAVE TO GIER ABOUT THIS MONTH IS AN ENGAGEMENT. OUR BEST WISHES TO ANNE SENNEW AND LARRY ANDERSON, A BRAND COUPLE.

NEXT IN LINE, OF COURSE, IS THE PARTY, AT WHICH EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME! PERHAPS TOO GOOD A TIME, BUT ALL WERE ACCOUNTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE DECORATIONS CREATED A HILARIOUS (AND RIOTOUS) ATMOSPHERE TO WHICH CRAZY COSTUMES CONTRIBUTED ALSO. VIVIAN CHEVILLON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEVER DECORATIONS (ON THE WALL). THANKS, LILA. JIM HUGGINS DOESN'T KNOW HOW CLOSE HE CAME TO A LAW SUIT OF BUSY VERSUS HUGGINS. IS EVERYONE IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER PARTY? AELL!

THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE DRAFTING ROOM HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY SINCE RALPH WALKER RETURNED TO A DRAFTING TABLE. HOW DID WE GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM FOR TWO AND A HALF MONTHS? WELCOME BACK, CHUCK.

WE LIKE TO SAVE THE BEST FOR THE LAST. OUR CHOICEST BIT IS A NEW MEMBER TO THE WORKING FORCE. THE NEWS TRAVELED VERY FAST, JUDGING BY THE RATE THE ENGINEERS FLOODED INTO THE BLUE-CRIT ROOM. BUT REALLY, MARIE, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR UNIT. INCIDENTALLY, THE NAME IS MARIE WORTH.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS WERE EFFECTED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: BENJAMIN F. TWITCHELL AC OF TO ACAC WB, EUGENE A. PASTRO ACAC KP TO ACAC PM, ERNEST BEACH ACAC TW TO CAC SG, WALTER J. NORMAN CAC LJ TO CAC ZZ, WILLIAM H. COMPTON AC JD TO ACAC ZZ, AND JOHN E. WENNER AC KG TO ACAC KG.

THE FOLLOWING TRAINEES HAVE REPORTED FOR DUTY FROM THE SEATTLE TRAINING CENTER: CHARLES AND BETTY YOUNG TO BETTLES, BENJAMIN AND LOUISE DE GATES TO KG, HAROLD AND DONIS GENSEE TO CG, DON AND FRANCES CHURCH TO KG, DANIEL AND KATHA BURNS TO KG AND NORMAN AND ROMANIE FOTOSKY TO WB.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER REGIONS IN UNCLE SUGAR: A. EVELL FROM KG TO THIRD AND JOHN F. HAMILTON KG TO SEVENTH.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS REPORTED FOR DUTY IN THIS REGION FROM UNCLE SUGAR: TROY R. AMOS FROM FIFTH, J. A. BOLAND FROM FIFTH, LESLIE W. BURE FROM FIFTH, ROBERT J. CERRUTI FROM FIFTH, GEORGE D. FOLK FROM FIFTH, RICHARD N. ROGERS FROM FIFTH, CARL TOTTING OF FROM THIRD, JESSE B. WATKINS FROM FIFTH, AND SIDNEY F. WISNER FROM THIRD.

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 1, 1944

DEAR MURTEL:

FROM THE LAND WHERE BUSES WEAR PONTONS, PEDESTRIANS WEAR WATER VINS AND THEY BUILD DAMS TO HOLD BACK THE SWISHING, I GIVE YOU SOME FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON HOW IT SEEMS TO BE OUTSIDE AFTER FOUR YEARS IN THE NORTH COUNTRY.

LEAVING ANCHORAGE ON FEBRUARY 18 WITH JIM HURST IN THE OLD RELIABLE BOEING, WE HAD A PERFECT TRIP TO SEATTLE. I HAD GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH UNITED AIR LINES AND ARRIVED IN BAKERSFIELD THE NEXT EVENING, AND WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN LA THE 19TH, ALSO, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT WAS SNOWING (SO HELP ME) IN LA. UNITED WAS GOING TO PUT US ON A BUS FROM BAKERSFIELD TO LA, BUT THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SAID NIX -- THE RIDGE ROUTE WAS CLOSED BY SNOW. WE HELD AT BAKERSFIELD UNTIL MIDNIGHT AND THEN TOOK OFF ON WHAT IS NORMALLY A 45 MINUTE FLIGHT TO LA AND ARRIVED THERE OVER TWO HOURS LATER, AFTER SOME OF THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST BLIND FLYING THE SIDE OF THE ALUCUTAINS AT THEIR WORST. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS A NAVY FLEET SITTING NEXT TO ME WHO, WHEN THINGS LOOKED KIND OF HOMELESS, CALLED TONE UP SEVERAL ADDRESSES AND GIRLS' PICTURES SO HIS WIFE WOULDN'T KISS HIM JUST IN CASE.

WELL, I'VE BEEN DOWN IN FUNNY CALIFORNIA ALMOST 2 WEEKS NOW, AND THE SUNSHINE HAS BEEN COMING DOWN IN SHEETS EXCEPT FOR TWO DAYS WHEN IT QUOT RAINING TO LET THE WIND BLOW UNHAPPY PERIOD.

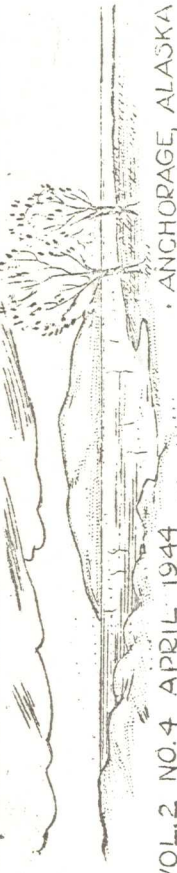
I RODE DOWN TO THE SIXTH REGIONAL OFFICE A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO (IT'S ONLY A FEW CANALS FROM WHERE I'M STAYING) AND THE FIRST PEOPLE I MET WERE EX-SOUNDING C.S. S. MOCKEN AND JOE LEE -- BOTH LOOKING HALE AND HEARTY AND TAN AS INDIANS YEP -- SUN LAMPS CAN DO WONDERS FOR A PERSON.

M.C. AND JOE AND I SWAPPED A FEW TILES AND THEY WENT SO FAR AS TO APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR USUAL "UNUSUAL" WEATHER. MAC LIVES UP THE CREEK QUITE A WAYS, BUT HE NEVER GETS LOST COMING TO WORK IN THE MORNING. HIS BOAT HAS A COLLAS BOTTOM SO HE CAN REACH THE STREET STOPS, AND HE CAN TELL WHEN HE GETS CLOSER TO TOWN BECAUSE MORE PEDESTRIANS GO FLOATING BY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TENDER MY APOLOGIES TO RESSIS, HOPPIN, HOLEN AND WHITTAKER FOR NOT TAKING TO HEART SOME OF THEIR REPORTS ON LIVING CONDITIONS OUTSIDE. EVEN IF YOU CAN FIND A HOUSE, THE RENT CEILING IS, IF YOU GET WHAT I MEAN, AND THE RATIONING IS TIGHT, EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO REDUCE ANYWAY, DOGGONIT. EVEN THE SERVICE MEN DOWN HERE ARE TOUGH AND HARD TO GET ALONG WITH. THE MARINES HERE WASH THEIR NECKS WITH SADDLESOAP.

ALL IS NOT ON THE GLOOMY SIDE, HOWEVER. THE INFORMATION OF A FRIEND OF MINE IN LA, DRAUGHT BEER IS STILL 10 CENTS A GLASS, BILL. 73, AND DON'T FORGET TO SWAP YOUR SWITERS TRUNKS FOR A RAINCOAT BEFORE HEADING THIS WAY.

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COMMUNICATE (10N) (IONS) (OR), HISTORY OF

TREADING NEARLY ALONG IN THE FOOT PRINTS LEFT IMPRINTED IN THE SANDS OF TIME IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK, WE CLEARED OUR SLUMBER-LADEN EYES TO CAST A GLANCE UPON FAR DISTANT SHORES, AND NOT UNLIKE THE SPECIES UPSIDE, WE EMIT A GROWL, SHAKE OUR SHAGGY HAIR, PARTAKE OF A SAUER, INHIBIT OF A SALERATUS, AND PROCEED FORTH AT THE VERY FIRST SIGN OF SPRING TO PLAGUE THE BIRDS, BEES, TREES, AND CHICKADEES.

AFTER OUR SLUMBERS WE BEGAN REFLECTING ON OUR PAST HISTORY AND WE STUMBLED UPON AN ERUPTION OF THE BIRTH OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, WHEREIN IS RECORDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, OR THE COMING TO LIFE OF, THE GENUS "OPERATOR", HYMNATED BY AND USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH THE WORDS "RAIDION" AND "WIRELESS"; ALSO SOMETIMES USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH "COPEL", "GENIUS", ETC. THE SPECIFICITY WE QUESTION NOT.

ANY ATTEMPT TO SET FORTH ON THE LONG AND ERROR STREWN TRAIL OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT HEAVES IN AND OUT THROUGH THE DUSTY PAGES OF HISTORY IS STRICTLY A GAMBLE. COMMUNICATIONS HISTORY HAS NOT FULFILLED ITS BASIC FUNCTION IN REGARD TO ITS OWN SELF; I. E., IT DID NOT ACCURATELY COMMUNICATE TO US HOW IT BEGAN COMMUNICATING. HISTORY HAS MANY TONGUE OR KISSING PAGES IN ITS RECORDS WHICH DEAL WITH COMMUNICATIONS, AND INASMUCH AS THE STATEMENTS EXPRESSED HEREIN BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE TRUTH OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS COINCIDENTAL OR WHICH WOULD SHOW UP IN ANY GAME OF CHANCE, THE VIEWS AND STATEMENTS SET FORTH HEREAFTER MUST BE TAKEN ON GRAND SAILS.

GENERALIZINGLY, COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE GENUS. WITH RADIO, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, SEMAPHORE, ETC., AS THE SPECIES, AND THE COMMUNICATORS THEMSELVES REJOLLY FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF THE GENIUS OF THE SPECIES GENUS.

THE FIRST RECORDED STONE CHISELINGS CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATOR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN THE MAN WHO LISTENED TO THE "BGS", THEN RAN TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT AND REPEATED THE WORDS OR GRUNTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LANGUAGE

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RESULTS OF FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

THE EIGHTH REGION BOUGHT \$12,553.69 WORTH OF WAR BONDS DURING THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE, JANUARY 15TH THRU FEBRUARY 15TH, REPORTS MRS. FRANCES KING, WAR BOND CLERK. \$30,879.91 OF THIS SUM WAS FROM PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS; THE REMAINDER REPRESENTS CASH PURCHASES.

ALPHA THIS FIGURE IS SLIGHTLY UNDER OUR QUOTA, ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN THE FIELD, REPORTED TOO LATE TO BE COUNTED IN THE DRIVE, RAISED OUR TOTAL SALES WELL PAST THE QUOTA OF 75,308.11.

IN A LETTER TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JESSE H. JONES STATES,

"REGULARLY, UNDER THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF COMMERCE ARE BUYING EACH YEAR IN EXCESS OF EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS MATURITY VALUE OF WAR BONDS. YOU HAVE EXCELLED EVERY DEMAND OF FAST DRIVES FOR THE PURCHASE OF EXTRA BONDS. YOU KNOW THAT SIMILAR DRIVES ARE TO COME. YET IN THE CAMPAIGN JUST ENDED YOU ADDED MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS CASH VALUE TO YOUR PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS.

"THESE ARE MOST WORTH WHILE RESULTS OF YOUR VOLUNTARY ACTION AND I AM PROUD OF THEM. BUT I AM PROUDER STILL OF THE SELF-IMPOSED SACRIFICES AND DETERMINED EFFORT IT HAS TAKEN AND WILL TAKE TO SUSTAIN THIS EXCELLENT RECORD."

CAA CONTRIBUTES GENEROUSLY TO RED CROSS DRIVE

WITH COLLECTIONS STILL INCOMPLETE, THE ANCHORAGE OFFICE AND FIELD STATIONS LOCATED IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION HAVE CONTRIBUTED THIS FAR TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE FOR 1944 THE SUM OF \$10,026.75, NEARLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT COLLECTED LAST YEAR. CONTRIBUTIONS WERE, IN SOME CASES, UNUSUALLY LARGE, AND YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE HAS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL RED CROSS OFFICIALS.

CHARLOTTE R. ALDRIDGE
RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE

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TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNIT BRIEFS

NINE COMMUNICATORS HAVE THIS FAR COMPLETED THE ENTIRE ADVANCED TRAINING PHASE AND HAVE BEEN AWARDED LETTERS OF ATTAINMENT AS FOLLOWS: MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD ANDERSON, RICHARD BRYAN, MR. AND MRS. NOBLE F. LAESCH, JOHN F. LAMBERT, EUGENE B. LOWMAN, ROBERT A. MILLER, AND R. L. MINNER. BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY OTHER COMMUNICATORS HAVE ONLY THE "COMMUNICATIONS" ELEMENT REMAINING TO BE FINISHED AND ARE EXPECTED TO QUALIFY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THESE LETTERS ARE BEING AWARDED PENDING FORMAL ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY BY WASHINGTON AT A LATER DATE. PRESENT INDICATIONS POINT TO THE DESIRABILITY OF COMPLETING THE ADVANCED TRAINING PHASE WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS ON TEMPORARY TOURS OF DUTY IN THIS REGION ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THEIR CERTIFICATION TRAINING AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO RETURN TO THEIR STATES. WORK THIS COMPLETED WILL BE CREDITED AND RESULTANT GRADES FORWARDED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE CONCERNED UPON COMPLETION OF ALASKAN DUTY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMUNICATORS DESIRING TO OBTAIN STATION "INVESTIGATORS" SUCH AS WERE RECENTLY FURNISHED ALL AIRWAY COMMUNICATION STATIONS, THIS ITEM MAY BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM THE MAYDAY FLIGHT COMPANY, 3257 GALLUP PLAZA, KANSAS CITY 3, MISSOURI. THE RETAIL PRICE IS \$1.50. (ED NOTE: WE THINK THE NEWLY INTRODUCED PLOTTER IS BY FAR THE BETTER AT \$2.50.) THIS SAME ORGANIZATION ALSO PUBLISHES AN UP-TO-DATE MANUAL ENTITLED "SUMMARY OF U. S. CIVIL AIR REGULATIONS", WHICH IS ONE OF THE BEST PUBLICATIONS WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT. THE MOST RECENT EDITION, ILLUSTRATED, HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO JANUARY 1, 1944, AND IS AVAILABLE AT 50 CENTS PER COPY.

WHOO ISLAND ADVISES THAT CLASSES FOR A GROUP STUDY OF CERTIFICATION SUBJECTS ARE BEING HELD AT THAT STATION THREE EVENINGS PER WEEK ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATION TRAINING NECESSARILY RESTS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE SELF-STUDY, CLASSES SUCH AS THESE WILL BE FOUND OF GREAT VALUE AND ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED WHEREVER LOCAL CONDITIONS PERMIT.

WASHINGTON CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS, IN QUANTITY, HAVE NOW BEEN MAILED TO ALL FIELD STATIONS. JUDGING FROM RETURNS ALREADY RECEIVED, THE ARRIVAL OF THESE TEST FORMS HAS BEEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITED. WE ARE MAKING A COORDINATED EFFORT TO PROVIDE EXAMINEES WITH THEIR EXAMINATION GRUBS WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY. A SPECIAL REPORT FORM HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO REPORTING SCORES ATTAINED, INDICATES OUTSTANDING WEAK POINTS ENCOUNTERED BY THE GRADUATE.

FRIDAY: BY THIS TIME ALL ARE USED TO HAVING ONE LAZY ENGINE, SO WE JUST WALK 'EM UP AND TAKE OFF FOR HQ. LIKE AN OLD HORSE HEADING FOR THE BARN, THE BARRED THING RUNS THE BEST IT HAS IN 4 DAYS; NOT MUCH POWER, BUT THE NEWER WE GET TO HOME THE BETTER IT RUNS. WE EVEN CONSIDER FEATHERING THE PROP AND COMING IN ON ONE JUST TO CONVINCE HERB WE REALLY HAD TROUBLE WITH IT. WITH A TAIL WIND WE MAKE HQ IN 3:21 AND CAVALRY...SWELL TRIP. WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA.....

-- MCCREE, A-110

AIRWAYS INSPECTION

THE "JEFFORD AIRWAYS" HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE THIS MONTH. THREE PLANNING IN THE AIR AT THE TIME IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE. WHENEVER THE AIR FORCE NEEDS AIR FREIGHT MOVES OUT FROM HQ AT ANCHORAGE, BUT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS CHIEF ON JACKSON REPORTS THAT THERE'S PLENTY MORE OF THEM THAT COME FROM.

THE CURRENT \$61 QUESTION IS HOW TO GET A 100 CHIPS. WILL IT GO THRU THE DOOR OF THE 100 CHIPS? THE HANGAR CREW AND THE DC-3'S AFTER ARE NOW ARGUING THIS POINT. AL HORNING AND HERB'S JUST AS SOON LEAVE THE PROBLEM UNDEVELOPED. TO DRIVE A JEEP IS HIS DEFINITION OF STANDSTILL. HOW ABOUT A TRUCK, WKT ONE HANGAR, OF THE DOUBLE-BREASTED CUD VARIETY, A ONE JEEP.

THE AMERICAN IDEAS OF MARCH ARE CASTING THEIR SHADOW OVER THIS SECTION. OUR OPTIMIST, MARY JENNY, AT FIRST THOUGHT MR. MORRIS THAU WOULD HAVE HIS WIFE, BUT HE MUST HAVE HAD A DECIMAL POINT IN THE WORKING PLAN, FOR NOW HE, TOO, IS BEING HELD OUT. UNLESS THEY CAN FIND SOME EXCEPTEDLY FOUR POWER PLAYERS, THE BOYS WILL SOON BE REDUCED TO MATCHING NICKELS.

THE HANGAR BOYS CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE A 99 PERCENT CHANCE OF GETTING THE 100 CHIPS. BUT WE NOTICE OUT OF THE WAY. SOUNDS LOGICAL, BUT WE NOTICE THAT "FUZZ" NEVER MOVES AROUND OUT IN THE HANGAR LATELY.

WE FEAR WE ARE WITNESSING A NEW ERUPTION OF THE OLD JEFFORD-HURST FEUD, THAT INTERMITTENT BATTLE WHICH STARTED YEARS AGO IN NEBRASKA, WHEN TWO YOUNG WOULD-BE AIRPLANE SALESMEN TRIED TO STEAL EACH OTHER'S CUSTOMERS. WE HAVE NO RECORD, BUT IT SEEMS NO MORE COINCIDENCE THAT THESE FIVE NEW CLOCKS SUDDENLY WARMED SO MUCH THAT JACK, WORKING OUT A PRACTICE PROBLEM IN DECEMBER NAVIGATION, LOST A NIGHT'S SLEEP. HAVING TO FIGURE OUT WHY HIS BACKYARD WAS 18 FEET NORTHWEST OF ATTU, AND A FEW DAYS LATER HE RETURNED FROM NONE TO FIND THAT HIS CAR HAD RUN, BUT ONLY AT GREATLY REDUCED POWER. SUCH EVIDENCE OF SABOTAGE POINTS IN ONLY ONE PRECISION - CIVIL WAR IN AIRWAYS INSPECTION!

TRIP TO BARROW (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

ABOUT 60 SNACKERS PER TON LAID DOWN AT BARROW. WE BUY A YEAR'S GROCERIES AT A TIME. JUST BETWEEN US GUYS, IN THE PLANNING YOUR VENUS A YEAR IN ADVANCE....PEOPLE TALK ABOUT SOUTHERN AFFECTION AS THE ULTIMATE, BUT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BARROW BRAND.....

TODAY: A FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN BUILT OVER THE LEFT ENGINE, AND THE CREW WORK ALL MORNING ON IT. MRS. K. HAS 5 HUNGRY GUESTS FOR LUNCH. MRS. MATHA JUNE (AGE 9 MONTHS) WATCHES FROM HER PLAY PEN AND THE REVENGE GETS SO INTERESTED IN THE FLYING TALK HE FORGETS TO EAT....WE TAKE OFF AT 0000Z FOR THE RETURN TRIP, BRINGING ALONG THE MAIL AND OUR CONSTITUTION CHEMICALS. ENGINE BLOWS AND STUTTER MOST OF THE WAY BACK TO YC, BUT THANK HEAVENS IT DOESN'T QUIT ENTIRELY. AS THE TAIL OF OUR CABIN HEAT COMES FROM THAT ONE....THE YC ENGINE TECH FUZZ AND ME "HARSHLEY FOKER", WHICH IS A MISUNDER, AS WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY WHISKEY OR LUCK EITHER.....