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TWENTY-SIX COMMUNICATORS RETURN TO STATES

VOLUNTEER AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS WHO HAVE RETURNED RECENTLY TO THEIR ORIGINAL STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR SIX-MONTH PERIOD IN ALASKA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

N. C. BIRKHOFF, JUNEAU TO JOLIET, ILL., L. D. BRANTON, NOME TO FARGO, N. D., J. W. BLIZZARD, GORDOVA TO CHADRON, NEBR., H. B. BRADFELD, BIORKA ISLAND TO PUEBLO, COLO., W. H. CHAVES, NOME TO WHITEHALL, MONT., W. R. CROOKS, ANCHORAGE TO PENDLETON, ORE., B. W. DRIPPS, ANCHORAGE TO MILWAUKEE, WIS., F. F. FLICKNER, ANCHORAGE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, L. L. GAVIN, HAINES TO ABERDEEN, S. D., J. W. GUNSOLLEY, ANNETTE ISLAND TO BILLINGS, MONT., E. B. JOHNSON, ANCHORAGE TO HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, H. A. LEONARD, NOME TO Ft. WORTH, TEXAS, J. C. McDERMOTT, BIORKA ISLAND TO SAULTE STE. MARIE, MICH., C. R. MCGOWAN, MOSES POINT TO BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, C. G. MARTELL, NOME TO BOISE, IDAHO, JACK PERIMMER, GALENA TO EASTON, WIS., F. E. REISTAD, SUMMIT TO PEORIA, ILL., L. A. ROBERTS, FAIRBANKS TO EL PASO, TEXAS, K. B. RULHE, ANCHORAGE TO COLUMBUS, OHIO, C. A. SCHWAB, BIG DELTA TO OTTO, NEW MEXICO, WM. SOURK, SUMMIT TO BILLINGS, MONT., B. V. STEVENS, LAKE MINCHUMINA TO POCATELLO, IDAHO, N. E. THURMAN, LAKE MINCHUMINA TO POCATELLO, IDAHO, F. F. WEOL, BIG DELTA TO JOLIET, ILL., W. A. WILLIAMS, GALENA TO WARTERTOWN, S. D., H. B. WICK, BIORKA ISLAND TO DUBUISE, IDAHO.

THE BALANCE OF THE FIRST VOLUNTEER GROUP RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE RELEASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

CAA UNIFORMS?

AT A STAFF MEETING IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 27, THE QUESTION OF UNIFORMS FOR CAA PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED. THE ADMINISTRATOR SUGGESTED THAT WE GET THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE FIELD BEFORE DECIDING ON THE MATTER.

WILL YOU PLEASE GET THE VOTES OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED IN YOUR OFFICE AND SEND THEM TO THE INFORMATION AND STATISTICS SERVICE, WASHINGTON? NOTE THAT ONLY 4,500 NEWSLETTERS ARE PRINTED FOR THE 8,500 CAA EMPLOYEES. PUT VOTES ON ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ONLY THOSE WHO FEEL THAT A UNIFORM WOULD BE OF VALUE TO THEM IN DOING THEIR CAA JOBS VOTE ON THE SUBJECT.

I APPROVE
I DO NOT APPROVE

CAA UNIFORMS

(SIGNED)

(POSITION)

(TAKEN FROM NOVEMBER CAA NEWSLETTER)

EIGHTH REGION LEADS CAA IN BUYING WAR BONDS

THE EIGHTH REGION LEADS THE ENTIRE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ITS PAYROLL PLEDGED FOR THE PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS. THE NOVEMBER 1942 CAA NEWSLETTER REPORTS THAT WE HAVE ALLOTTED 108.77% OF OUR QUOTA, THUS DEFINITELY SURPASSING OUR NEAREST COMPETITOR, THE FIFTH REGION, WHICH HAS REACHED THE 105.15% MARK. PERCENTAGES FOR OTHER REGIONS VARY FROM 95.14% TO 73.20%.

SINCE THE START OF THE PAY-ROLL SAVINGS PLAN IN JULY, PERSONNEL OF THE EIGHTH REGION HAVE PURCHASED MORE THAN \$75,000 IN WAR BONDS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO INDEPENDENT PURCHASES. ONE MAN SAVED HIS SALARY CHECKS FOR NEARLY A YEAR AND BOUGHT WAR BONDS WITH THE ENTIRE AMOUNT. A LASS AT HEADQUARTERS WILL SOON RECEIVE CHECKS FOR \$10.00, SINCE SHE HAS INCREASED HER ALLOTMENT TO \$75.00 EACH PAY PERIOD. HER HUSBAND BUYS THE BREAD AND BUTTER.

JIM HURST TRANSFERS TO PATROL FROM GENERAL INSPECTION

JAMES L. HURST, AN AERONAUTICAL INSPECTOR WITH THE GENERAL INSPECTION BRANCH FOR THE PAST TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS, IS NOW A SR. AIRWAYS INSPECTOR (FL) WITH THE PATROL UNIT. THE TRANSFER WAS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15.

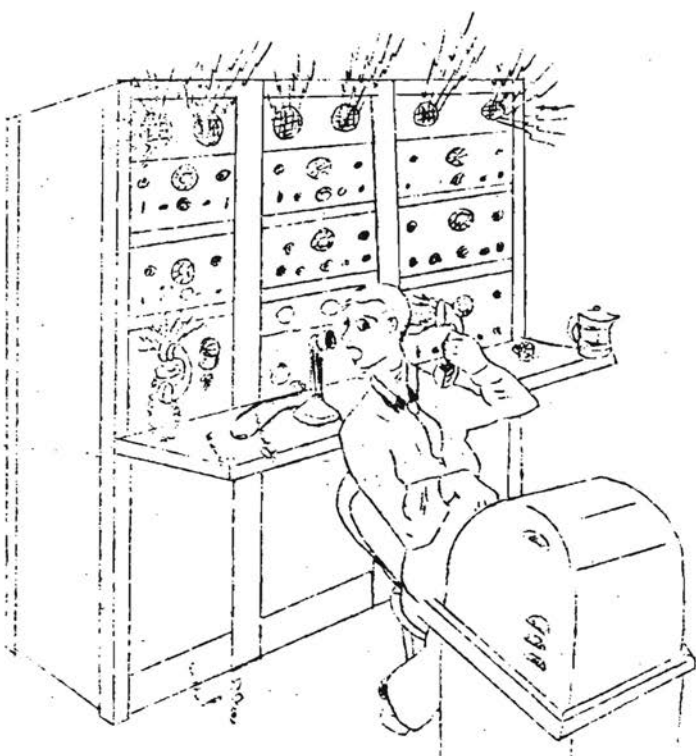
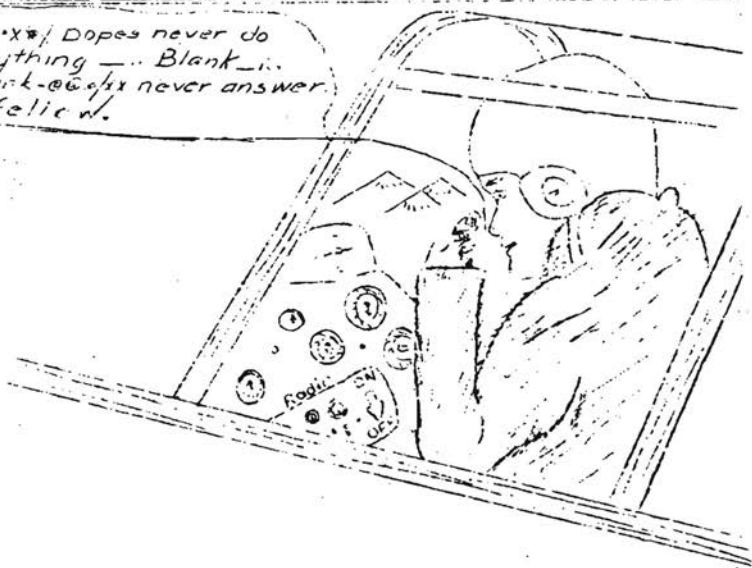
JIM HAD BEEN WITH THE EIGHTH REGION GENERAL INSPECTION BRANCH SINCE JANUARY 1942, AND HAD HAD A SIMILAR POSITION IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR A YEAR AND A HALF BEFORE COMING HERE.

THE EIGHTH REGIONAL OFFICE OF
THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
REQUESTS THE HONOR OF
THE PRESENCE OF
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL
AND THEIR FAMILIES
FOR DANCING
ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1943
AT THE PIONEER HALL
AT SIXTH AND F STREETS

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9:00 P.M.

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Herbert R. Bridges

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THE ARMED SERVICES AND THE CAA

ON THOSE GRAY DAYS WHEN NOTHING SEEMS TO GO RIGHT, AND EVENTS SEEM TO CONSPIRE AGAINST ONE'S ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING, MOST ALL OF US ARE INCLINED TO ENTERTAIN A SEED OF DOUBT AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULDN'T GET INTO THE ARMY OR NAVY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS WAR.

IT'S A NATURAL AMERICAN TRAIT TO WANT TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF ANY FIGHT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT "BY HAND".

HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT IF WE KEEP OUR WORK ROLLING THE WAY IT HAS IN THE PAST, EACH ONE OF US IS DEALING OUT MORE MISERY TO JAPS AND NAZIS THAN WE COULD INDIVIDUALLY IN THE SERVICE.

THAT THIS SAME OPINION IS SHARED BY THE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION AND THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS EVIDENCED BY THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPATIONAL BULLETIN No. 31 AND AN UNNAMED WAR DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION:

"THE CAA, AS A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES BOTH IN THE U. S. AND ABROAD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF AERIAL NAVIGATION FACILITIES, AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RAPID AND VITAL EXPANSION OF AIR TRANSPORTATION AS A NECESSARY ADJUNCT TO THE WAR PROGRAMS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY AIR SERVICES."

"THE AIRPORTS, AIR NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES MAINTAINED AND OPERATED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION (CAA) ARE AN ASSET OF INCALCULABLE VALUE BOTH TO THE ECONOMIC WELFARE AND TO THE WAR EFFORT OF THE NATION."

OUR PART OF THE FIGHT IS TO "KEEP 'EM FLYING".

-----A. E. HORNING

THE NEWS STORY REGARDING CAA UNIFORMS ON PAGE ONE WAS REPRINTED BECAUSE MANY OF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER.

IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE THAT EACH OF YOU VOTE ON THE SUBJECT, STATING WHAT TYPE UNIFORM YOU PREFER IF YOU FEEL THAT ONE WOULD BE OF VALUE IN YOUR CAA WORK.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR VOTES TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE, IN CARE OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, FOR TABULATION AND TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON.

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYROLLS FOR OVERTIME TO BE MADE UP SOON

AS EVERY EMPLOYEE KNOWS, THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERTIME BILL PASSED BY CONGRESS AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT, GRANTING OVERTIME PAY IN EXCESS OF 40 HOURS PER WEEK WHEN SUCH OVERTIME HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT. YOU ARE ALSO WELL AWARE OF RECENT INSTRUCTIONS TO WORK 8 HOURS ON ALL DAYS, INCLUDING SATURDAY, OR 48 HOURS PER WEEK.

SOME OF YOU MAY THINK THAT THIS OVERTIME IS LIKE THE WEATHER -- EVERYONE DISCUSSES IT BUT NO ONE DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WE ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE OVERTIME, AND YOU MAY EXPECT TO SEE AN INCREASE ON YOUR NEXT CHECK AND ALL CHECKS THEREAFTER.

THE OVERTIME LAW, AS IT APPLIES TO PER ANNUM EMPLOYEES, WILL RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY 21.6% INCREASE ON ALL SALARIES UP TO AND INCLUDING \$2900 PER ANNUM GROSS. NO OVERTIME WILL BE PAID FOR THAT PORTION OF YOUR SALARY WHICH EXCEEDS \$2900, AND NO OVERTIME WILL BE PAID WHICH WILL BRING THE GROSS SALARY TO MORE THAN \$5000 PER ANNUM.

FOLLOWING ARE A FEW EXAMPLES: 1) IF YOUR GRADE IS CAF-2, YOU WILL RECEIVE OVERTIME COMPENSATION ON YOUR GROSS SALARY INCLUDING DIFFERENTIAL, \$1800 PER ANNUM, AND THE OVERTIME PAYMENT WILL AMOUNT TO \$32.50 PER MONTH. 2) IF YOUR GROSS SALARY IS \$2875 PER ANNUM, YOUR OVERTIME PAY WILL AMOUNT TO \$51.91 PER MONTH. 3) THE MAXIMUM OVERTIME THAT CAN BE PAID IS \$52.36 PER MONTH; THEREFORE, ALL SALARIES BETWEEN \$2875 AND \$4350 WILL SHOW AN OVERTIME PAYMENT OF \$52.36. 4) IF YOUR GROSS SALARY IS \$4750 PER ANNUM, YOUR OVERTIME PAY WILL AMOUNT TO \$20.83 PER MONTH AND YOUR TOTAL PAY WILL THUS EQUAL \$5000 PER ANNUM.

AS SOON AS WE ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO DO SO, SUPPLEMENTAL PAY ROLLS WILL BE PREPARED AND CHECKS ISSUED FOR OVERTIME PAY FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY. DURING DECEMBER WE WERE ON A 44-HOUR WEEK; THEREFORE, THE ADDED COMPENSATION FOR THAT MONTH WILL BE APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF THE FIGURES SHOWN IN THE ABOVE EXAMPLES.

WHILE THE OVERTIME LAW IS NOT EXACTLY AS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT, IT IS AT LEAST A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT CONGRESS IS REVISING THE BILL AT THE PRESENT TIME AND IT IS HOPED THE REVISION WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL OF US.

E. P. SIMONDS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, JANUARY 26, 1943. THERE IS NO WORD OF CURRENT PROGRESS CONCERNING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR RECLASSIFICATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS BEING INITIATED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION IN WASHINGTON. TOTALLY ASIDE FROM THAT PROJECT THIS OFFICE HAS INITIATED A PROJECT UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 19, PREPARED JUSTIFICATION AND SUPPORTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS IN AN ENDEAVOR TO BRING ABOUT THE REESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR POSITIONS AT ALL EIGHTH REGION STATIONS. THE RECOMMENDATION AS SUBMITTED PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN UPGRADING OF CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR POSITIONS AT ALL EXCEPT THE CLASS "A" STATION AT ANCHORAGE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED IN THE JANUARY 1 ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT A GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART SEATTLE FOR ALASKA WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SEVERAL AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS HAVE MADE INQUIRY AS TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES TO THE TERRITORY, THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TOWARD TRANSPORTING AS MANY OF THESE PASSENGERS FROM THE STATES TO ALASKA VIA THIS AIRCRAFT AS IS POSSIBLE.

PHRASE CONTRACTIONS THAT WILL PROBABLY BE FOUND NECESSARY FOR FUTURE USE WILL APPEAR IN THIS COLUMN. (EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER). SNFU -- SITUATION NORMAL, ALL FOULED UP. DEFINITION OF PHRASES: UNDER CONSIDERATION MEANS: NEVER HEARD OF IT. UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION MEANS: WILL HAVE A SHOT AT FINDING THE FILE.

ALLEN D. HULEN, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

NO MEAT RATIONING FOR
CAA PERSONNEL IN AO

WHAT WITH 2050 POUNDS OF ASSORTED MOOSE STEAKS, MOOSE-BURGER AND MOOSE-JERKY, AN IMMEDIATE MEAT SHORTAGE IS NOT ANTICIPATED BY THE CAA PERSONNEL AT TALKEETNA.

THREE BULLS, TAKEN BY ORLAND REES, DON THOMAS AND ED MUSGROVE, DRESSED OUT A LITTLE OVER A TON. THEY SAY IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE TOO MUCH BULL AND (WITH APOLOGIES TO JORDET AND TOUSLEY) YOU THINK IT TASTES LIKE HAM, COME UP AND SEE THE CHEF.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MAJOR OPERATIONS WERE: MRS. MUSGROVE AND MRS. LAIER, FREIGHTERS (DOG TEAM) FROM BATTLE GROUND TO BUTCHER SHOP; C. E. LAIER, MOOSE-BURGER KING; D. W. THOMAS, ASSISTANT BUTCHER AND MEAT GRINDER; E. R. MUSGROVE, CHIEF BUTCHER; D. P. REES, JERKY KING AND CHIEF SKINNER.

COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS
EFFECTED DURING JANUARY

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTED DURING JANUARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. AND MRS. JACK SHROPSHIRE, JAC, MR. AND MRS. GEORGE COOK, JAC, EUGENE PASTRO, JAC, CARL WOURINEN, JAC, TO NOME, ALASKA; BENJAMIN TWITCHELL, JAC, TO WOODY ISLAND, ALASKA; MRS. NORMA ANDERSON, JAC, M. W. SAULE, JAC, TO ANCHORAGE, ALASKA; HUGH REA, JAC, TO ILLIAMNA, ALASKA; ROBERT FINEGOLD, CAC, TO GAMBELL, ALASKA; H. C. ANDERSON, CAC, TO LAKE MINCHUMINA, ALASKA; THEODORE KANGAS, CAC, TO MOSES POINT, ALASKA; E. H. WARREN, CAC, TO SUMMIT, ALASKA; B. F. NAYER, CAC, TO BIG DELTA, ALASKA

DANCE FOR ALL CAA PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, AT PIONEER HALL.

THE MID-WATCH AIRCRAFT
COMMUNICATOR'S SOLILOQUY

THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR, WHOSE LONELY VIGIL, THROUGH THE DARK HOURS OF NIGHT; THROUGH STORM'S FURY, THROUGH AN ENDLESS VALLEY OF POVERTY AND DESPAIR, MAINTAINS THE FACILITIES WHICH CAST THE STEADY INVISIBLE BEAM OUT OVER THE AIRWAYS GUIDING THE DARING BIRD-MAN WITH HIS PRECIOUS CARGO SAFELY INTO PORT. HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND HIS SACRED TRUST--THE LIVES OF BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN, INNOCENT CHILDREN; AND THE SECURITY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY---THESE HE HOLDS IN HIS HANDS--THE KEY TO THE GATEWAY BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH FOR THOSE TREASURES ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE. WHO KNOWS WHAT WEIRD REFLECTIONS, WHAT WILD IMAGININGS REEL CRAZILY THROUGH HIS DOPEY, OIL DIPPY, STATIC SHATTERED MENT-LITY. WHO CAN SAY WHAT NIGHTMARES PRANCE AND WALTZ IN THE GREAT VOID BEHIND THOSE BUILDING, HALF-CLOSED EYES, OR WHAT PERLS OF HELLISH LAUGHTER ECHO AND RE-ECHO THROUGH THE HOLLOW VAULTS AND ALCOVES OF THAT ODDLY SHAPED SKULL. AMEN.

AGENT XU

WE'VE BEEN WONDERING HOW THE LOWMANS ARE DOING DOWN AT VN. HIS READY WIT IS SURE MISSED AROUND THESE PARTS.

COMMUNICATORS RUBLE, CROOKS, JOHNSON, DRIPPS AND FLICKNER HAVE BEEN COUNTING THE DAYS, HOURS AND MINUTES WHEN THEY ONCE AGAIN CAN ASSUME THEIR PREVIOUS DUTIES IN THE STATES. WE'VE BEEN WONDERING HOW LONG THEY WILL BE OUT BEFORE THEY WANT TO COME BACK TO THE LAST FRONTIER.

NEW SIX MONTH VOLUNTARY COMMUNICATORS RECENTLY EGD THIS STATION ARE MACINTOSH, ABBOT, BOONE, HENNES, PEARSON, STAUFFER AND MARS. PEARSON HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE OF REMAINING IN ALASKA AND HAS STARTED BY RAISING A BEARD. HE MAINTAINS THAT AS LONG AS HE IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE LAST FRONTIERSMEN HE MIGHT AS WELL DO IT UP RIGHT. WE WISH HIM SUCCESS.

P. O. PETERSON: RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM OF TO TAKE OVER DUTIES OF WATCH SUPERVISOR. THE BEWILDERED STARE HE HAS BEEN REGISTERING IS SLOWLY DISAPPEARING AND PROSPECTS FOR HIS COMPLETE RECOVERY ARE ASSURED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS MRS. PHYLLIS GRIMSTAD AND MRS. LOLA BERATO PASSED THEIR HI-SPEED TESTS THIS MONTH, WHICH MAKES THEM ALL-AROUND, FULL-FLEDGED COMMUNICATORS. THEY HAVE TAKEN THEIR PROPER PLACES IN THE STATION. WE VENTURE A BOAST THAT THEY ARE THE FIRST TWO LADIES TO QUALIFY HI-SPEED AND WORK IN A CLASS A STATION IN THE CAA. THEY ARE DOING A MIGHTY FINE JOB, MUCH TO THE REGRET OF THE OLD-TIMERS.

ONE OF OUR WATCH SUPERVISORS DECIDED TO SIT IN ON OCT 302 A FEW DAYS AGO AND GET HIS BUG FINGERS LIMBERED UP A BIT. DURING A SEQUENCE THE TELETYPE WENT UP IN SMOKE. DECIDING THE CIRCUIT WAS TOO HOT FOR HIM HE SHEEPSHLY PUT HIS BUG AWAY AND ASSUMED HIS RIGHTFUL DUTIES.

PFEFFER TO LEAVE;
WITH CAA SINCE 1940

JIM PFEFFER, WHO EXPECTED TO BE CALLED FOR TRAINING AS AN AVIATION CADET IN APRIL, UNEXPECTEDLY RECEIVED ORDERS RECENTLY TO TAKE A PHYSICAL RE-CHECK PREPARATORY TO BEING TRANSFERRED TO A TRAINING CENTER IN CALIFORNIA. THE PHYSICAL HAS BEEN CLEARED, SO HE'LL BE LEAVING SOON.

JIM'S SERVICE DATES BACK TO THE TIME WHEN THE CAA IN ALASKA WAS A PUP AND EVERYONE WORKED LIKE DOGS. HE HAS BEEN IN THE CONTRACT AND SERVICE SECTION SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN JULY 1940.

WE HATE TO SEE JIM GO, BUT KNOWING HIS INTEREST IN FLYING, WE'RE GLAD TO SEE HIM GET THIS OPPORTUNITY TO "GET UP IN THE WORLD". HAPPY LANDINGS, JIM!

HOME FOR A DOG?

WHO WANTS TO GIVE A DOG A HAPPY HOME? WE'RE NOT REFERRING TO CAA EMPLOYEES WHO SEARCH IN VAIN FOR A HOUSE, AN APARTMENT OR A ROOM, BUT ARE ACTUALLY SPEAKING OF DOGS. TEN LITTLE PUPPIES WERE BORN TO PATSY, VIOLET MELLO'S DOG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22. SOME OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN AWAY, BUT VI SAYS THAT THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY. THE PUPPIES ARE BLACK AND TAN, PART HUSKY, PART THIN AND THAT, AND CUTE LITTLE RASCALS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING A HOME FOR ONE PLEASE SEE VI IN MAIL AND FILES, ROOM 212.

SIGHT OF THE WEEK - THE CLAMOROUS EFFECT THE "PERSONNEL-ITY" GIRLS ACHIEVED WITH JUST A LITTLE NAIL POLISH. TO SOME PEOPLE THE BRILLIANT ARRAY OF COLORS WAS A TRIFLE STARTLING BUT ALL-IN-ALL THE SENSATION IT CREATED WAS WORTH THE TIME AND ENERGY SPENT IN PLANNING THIS SHOW. THE OPINION WAS EXPRESSED LATER THAT AN ADMISSION CHARGE WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH IN ORDER. (GEORGE HAS HIS WRITTEN RESIGNATION ALL READY TO TURN IN UPON THE FIRST INDICATION OF A REPEAT PERFORMANCE).

ONE OF OUR OLD TIMERS, W. J. NORWALK, HAS DECIDED TO BECOME A TRAPPER AND HAS PURCHASED QUITE A NUMBER OF TRAPS IN ANTICIPATION OF HIS SOJOURN IN FAREWELL. WE WISH HIM ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD, AND SINCERELY HOPE HIS STAY THERE WILL BE A HAPPY AND FRUITFUL ONE.

THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH IS LOOKED FORWARD TO WITH RELISH AT THIS STATION, AND WE SINCERELY HOPE THE BOYS IN THE FIELD AWAIT EACH PUBLICATION AS ANXIOUSLY AS WE DO. LET'S HAVE SOME SIDE-SPLITTING EXPERIENCES FROM YOU FELLOWS OUT THERE; WE KNOW YOU ALL MUST HAVE SOME KILLERS. WE WANT EACH ISSUE TO BE BIGGER THAN THE LAST.

AGENT XX

HANGAR RAVINGS

THE AIRPLANE WING FOR NC-5 WILL SOON BE COMPLETED. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS BEING DOPED, THAT IS, THE COVERING IS BEING PROCESSED FOR DURABILITY, TIGHTNESS, ETC. THE DOPE HAS A VERY PENETRATING AND SLIGHTLY NAUSEATING OOR. TOO MUCH OF IT WILL CAUSE A WHOOZY, LIGHT-HEADED, DIZZY FEELING FOLLOWED BY A HEADACHE. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DRUNK -- THEN YOU KNOW.

FREDDY CYRE JUST COMPLETED A SUPER-DUPER DESK FOR EDNA THOMPSON, THE STOCK ROOM GIRL. THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT AS TO THE COLOR BUT EDNA WAS FINALLY CONVINCED THAT YELLOW ALWAYS WAS HER FAVORITE COLOR.

DUE TO THE PRESENT EMERGENCY AND EXISTING CONDITIONS AT THE HANGAR IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISING SECTION:

CLASSIFIED ADS	
USE JEFFORD RADIOS	
NO STATIC	NO NOISE
	NO NOTHIN !
JEFFORD RADIO COMPANY	
LOST	
WHAT - DOG	
NAME - COKE	
COLOR - BROWN	
TAIL - CURLY	
REWARD - MATCH TWO DITS-DOUBLE	
OR NOTHING. FINDER PLEASE RETURN TO HANGAR.	
FOUND	
ONE PAIR OF WOMEN'S VICTORY VOLUNTEER COVER SHIRT, SIZE 16, ON HARRY C. QUINN. THE FIT WAS TIGHT, BUT THE WORK WAS GOOD.	
WHY BE BALD?	
USE HORNINGS PATENTED PATE POLISH. GUARANTEED TO RESTORE HAIR ON HEADS, PROP SPINNERS, ETC.	
HORNINGS PATENTED PATE POLISH COMPANY	
WANTED	
TEN MORE WOMEN. MUST BE ENERGETIC, WILLING, CHEERFUL, ALERT, OBEDIENT, INTELLIGENT AND GOOD WORKERS JUST LIKE THE THREE I HAVE. NO PREFERENCE AS TO COLOR OF HAIR.	
CALL HERBERT V. ENBERG, EXT. 2	

"SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED"

LET THE CANNONS ROAR
AND THE BANNERS SOAR
A GREAT EVENT HAS OCCURRED !

LOUD WITH THE CHEERS
AND QUICK WITH THE BEERS
LET EVERYTHING ELSE BE DEFERRED !

THAT PRETTY STINK
OF PRINTER'S INK
SMELLING UP THE "RO"

PRESAGES THE BIRTH
OF WISDOM AND MIRTH
AND SCANDAL HIGH AND LOW.

SO APPRAID THE EFFORTS OF OUR FOURTH ESTATE
THE EDITORIAL STAFF,
WHOSE COLLECTIVE BRAINSTORMS PROCREATE -
"THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH !"

BEND THE ELBOW IN THE BEST TRADITION
AS YOU QUAFF THE AMBER BREW
AND TOAST THE SUCCESS OF EACH EDITION
WITH A BEAKER OF "DUNCAN DEW"...OR TWO !

ONE VERY GOOD POINT
ABOUT THIS JOINT
EIGHTH REGION PUBLICATION

IT POPS OUT ON DAYS
UNCLE SAMMY PAYS
WHAT IS KNOWN AS "REMUNERATION !"

SO SOUND THE TRUMPET
WHILE TOM-TOMS THUMP IT;
LET THE LITERARY FLOOD COMMENCE

WE'LL KEEP THE STAFF BUSY
THE NEWSBOY DIZZY
AND THE CENSORS SWEARING LAMENTS !
-----"CHAPPY" CHAPMAN, VQ

THE ABOVE LITERARY GEM WAS WRITTEN BY W. A. CHAPMAN, AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR AT VQ, WHO WILL BE IN ANCHORAGE ABOUT THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY TO AWAIT TRANSFER TO UB WHERE HE WILL TAKE OVER AS CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR. TO "CHAPPY" GOES THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST FROM THE FIELD TO CONTRIBUTE COPY FOR THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH.

IN THE NOTE WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE POEM, HE SAYS: "CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FIRST ISSUE. IT'S A GRAND IDEA. MOST OF US ARE HUNGRY FOR CNA NEWS LIKE THAT."

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHAPPY, YOU CERTAINLY MAY STOP IN AND SEE THE SET-UP, - LISTEN TO THE CLATTER OF THE LINOYPES, - WATCH THE PRESSES ROLL, - SMELL THE PRINTER'S INK. MANAGER JEFFORD, HIMSELF, HAS PROMISED TO ESCORT YOU THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT, EXPLAINING JUST HOW THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH IS MADE, - FROM THE TIME THE COPY HITS THE EDITOR'S DESK UNTIL IT'S FINALLY IN PRINT.

DON'T FORGET THE CNA DANCE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

CONSTRUCTION UNIT

RECENT ARRIVALS IN THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT FROM FIELD PROJECTS ARE JOHN BROADWELL FROM THE NOME AREA, ERNEST CLANCY AND JACK MAURER FROM MCGYATI, PHIL LOVELL AND BOB SPALDING FROM MINCHUMIC, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, C. MORGAN HOLMES FROM HOMER.

PHIL LOVELL IS NOW AN ARDENT BELIEVER IN THAT OLD CHINESE PROVERB "THE SILENT MAN IS NEVER STRANGLER BY HIS OWN TONGUE". HE BLURTED OUT TO MRS. RYAN, "WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, BE AN ENGINEER?" WHEN SHE WISHED TO BORROW BOB SPALDING'S ENGINEER SCALE. P. S. - PHIL, MRS. RYAN IS A GRADUATE ENGINEER FROM THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MINES.

TOBY TUTTLE SAYS THE CLIMATE DOESN'T AGREE WITH HER UP HERE. WE WONDER IF IT IS THE CLIMATE????????????????

THINGS ARE IN A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS WHEN GUS JOHNSON HAS TO COME TO WORK IN HIS UNDERWEAR; DON'T BE ALARMED - HE WAS MINUS JUST THE SHIRT (LAUNDRY MIXUP).

DON GEORGE, PHIL LOVELL AND QUINTON BARNES LEFT JANUARY 28 FOR THE STICKS, SOMEWHERE IN THE CENSORED COUNTRY, FOR A FEW MONTHS OF ROUGHING IT.

LOUISE GLUSSER MUST HAVE SEEN TOO MANY HORSE RACES IN CALIFORNIA; SHE IS A PHOTO-FINISHER WITH THE CLOCK.

JOHN A. BROADWELL IS THE PROUD FATHER OF A SON BORN AT HARRISBURG, Pa., ON NEW YEARS DAY. THE BABY WEIGHED EXACTLY EIGHT POUNDS AT BIRTH. HOPE YOU GET TO SEE HIM SOON, JOHN.

WE NOTE ON A RECENT 422 FOR SUPPLIES THE FOLLOWING ITEM: "NOTEBOOKS (FOR DEARY) #50772, GREEN. TUT, TUT, DISHAW.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

IN SPITE OF WHAT SHE HAS LEARNED ABOUT ENGINEERS, JEANNETTE DE DESROCHERS, CHAN GRIGGS' GIRL FRIDAY, HAS ANNOUNCED HER ENGAGEMENT TO JACK HUMLING, AN ENGINEER WITH THE U.S.E.C.

ROGERS RETURNS FROM OUTSIDE

LEW ROGERS HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO THE "GREAT" OUTSIDE. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE ARMY HAS A TRIPLE A PRIORITY ON LEW'S TIME FOR THE DURATION AND SIX MONTHS.

HUMPHRIES BEEN ILL

JIM HUMPHRIES, MEMBER OF THE ANCHORAGE CONTROL TOWER STAFF, WAS RELEASED FROM THE PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL THE PAST WEEK FOLLOWING AN ILLNESS OF TEN DAYS. JIM IS FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW AND PLANS TO RETURN TO WORK FEBRUARY 1.

NYSTROM IN CIVILIAN PILOT TRAINING

WARREN NYSTROM, FORMER AIRCRAFT MECHANIC AT THE CAA HANGAR, IS NOW ENROLLED IN CIVILIAN PILOT TRAINING AT BOZEMAN, MONTANA. HE RECEIVED HIS WINGS DURING THE FIRST PART OF JANUARY AT UPON GRADUATION WILL BE COMMISSIONED IN THE ARMY.

A NEW HIGH IN CENSORSHIP APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PAPER RECENTLY IN AN ITEM DESCRIBING STORM AT WRANGEL WHICH READ: "THE WIND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY (CENSORED). THE SUBSTANCE WAS WHITE IN COLOR."

RUMOR OR FACT?

RUMOR HAS IT THAT LOUISE GRAIFF WILL MAKE THAT LONG TREK DOWN THE AISLE WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME. SHE FORMERLY WORKED IN THE DEPT. IS NOW EMPLOYED IN PERSONNEL.

V. D. STONE ILL

V. D. STONE, CHIEF OF THE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE UNIT, IS BACK AT WORK AFTER BEING CONFINED TO HIS HOME WITH A THROAT INFECTION.

UNRHYMED BUT NOT UNREASONED LAMENT FROM CONSTRUCTION

- WE WANNA GLOBE VALVE,
- WE NEED IT BADLY.
- WE REQUESTED ITS PURCHASE, FROM OFFICE SERVICE
- ON, LET'S SEE, LAST OCTOBER AND HERE IT'S
- JULEMBER.
- WE HAVE THE REQUISITION NUMBER AND THE PURCHASE
- ORDER,
- IT SAYS THE MANUFACTURER WILL DELIVER, -BUT ON
- LATER DATE,
- IT WAS HELD UP FOR A PRIORITY RATE.
- (IT'S DELAYING PRODUCTION, CAUSING TEMPER
- COMBUSTION)
- HERE'S A DISPATCH FROM APD, WE SHIPPED YOU
- VALVE, PLEASE SEE
- A GBL OF A CERTAIN NUMBER, THERE AMONGST SOME
- THINGS, INCLUDING LUMBER
- ARE THREE PACKAGES AND A BARREL, -CONTENTS FIT
- TINGS, -BUT WHERE IN ###!*-??CENSORED
- IS OUR GLOBE VALVE?
- IT WASN'T THERE, SO WHERE IS-- WHERE IS---IT?

REMEMBER THE CAA DANCE

POCATELLO, IDAHO
JAN. 10, 1943

CAA
ANCHORAGE ALASKA

DEAR SIRS AND MADAM:

ME AND MY BUDDY, GEORGE WILLIAM BAKER, CALL HIM BILL, AFTER HEARING THAT YOUR CHIEF HOGGER NAME OF JEFFORD WAS FIGURING TO HITCH A DRAG ONTO ONE OF YOUR KETTLES AND GO IN COMPETITION WITH THE A.R.R., WE DECIDED TO WRITE YOU A LETTER AND ASK YOU CIVIL ENOUGH IF THEY MIGHT BE A PROSPECT OF A COUPLE GOOD BOOMER SHACKS GETTING ON WITH YOU. WE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR SEATTLE OFFICE AND THEY SEND A RADIOGRAM WITH OUR LETTER IN IT. THEN IN DUE TIME WE RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: "RUOIS ZERO TWO THREE FIVE SIX ONE PETER PRO RE APPLICATION BRAKEMAN PSN GEORGE WILLIAM BAKER AND JOSEPH DOG BLAU PSE ADVZ THEM RE CAST ABLE ABLE THREE PETER GEORGE MIKE SEVEN LOVE NAN OBOE OBOE THREE TWO DASH ZEBRA NO PSNS OPEN FOR JIG ROGER AWYS BRAKEMEN UNCLE FOX NAN BUT CAN USE TWO FIREMEN EXPERIENCED IN OPTN TWELVE KING WILLIAM SIXTY KING VICTOR ABLE STOKER MODEL CHARLIE ABLE ABLE SIX THREE DOG ABLE SAIL EASY SIX OF THE OBOE LOVE DOG TYPE ADAPTED FOR OBOE OBOE GAUGE TRACK. IF INTERESTED PSE FILE APPLICATION AT ABLE PETER DOG AT SAIL ABLE PENDING TSPTN TO HOW QUEEN VIA JIG EASY KING GEORGE AND VICTOR YOKE. SIGNED HOW OBOE PETER PETER INTER NAN COMMA HOW QUEEN."

I SHOWED IT TO MY BUDDY AND HE SAYS HE AINT GOING TO WORK ON NO PIKE WHICH AINT OPERATED BY ENGLISH SPEAKING RACE OF PEOPLE AND THAT SAME GOES DOUBLE FOR ME AND THAT IS FOX INTER NAN ABLE LOVE

VERY TRULY YRS

GEORGE WILLIAM BAKER
JOSEPH DOG BLAU

ASST NIGHT YAROMSTERS
POCATELLO, IDAHO

RUFORT

IT IS BEING BANDIED AROUND THAT THERE IS A ROMANCE IN THE MAKING INVOLVING A MEMBER OF THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL GANG AND A MEMBER OF THE WEAVER SEX WHO HOLDS FORTH AT A TYPEWRITER IN THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING END OF THE BUILDING. GUESS WHO?

BOGI NOW AT TALKKEETNA

DONALD T. BOGI, SENIOR GENERAL MECHANIC, FORMERLY STATIONED AT NAKNEK, WAS IN ANCHORAGE THREE DAYS LAST WEEK BEFORE LEAVING FOR HIS NEW STATION AT TALKKEETNA.

"ONE OF THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY RADIO BRAZZAVILLE, THE IMPROVISED BUT EXTREMELY POTENT BROADCASTING STATION OF THE FREE FRENCH AFRICAN CAPITAL, WAS TO GET SOMEONE TO COPY THE CHATTERING MORSE CODE FROM THE ETHER," SAYS GORDON GASKILL IN THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

"ONLY ONE MAN IN THE OUTFIT UNDERSTOOD MORSE, AND THE FREE FRENCH NAVY WAS DEMANDING HIM," WRITES GASKILL. "THE DESJARDINS BROTHERS—ORGANIZERS OF THE STATION—GOT THE WILD IDEA THAT AFRICAN NEGROES COULD DO THE WORK. BRAZZAVILLE HOWLED AT THIS IDEA. 'WHY, THE NATIVES CAN'T EVEN READ AND WRITE!' THEY LAUGHED.

"WELL, THEY STILL CAN'T. BUT WITHIN THREE MONTHS THE NEGROES HAD LEARNED (A) THE MORSE CODE AND (B) HOW TO WORK A TYPEWRITER. I'VE WATCHED THE NEGROES AT WORK, EITHER LISTENING DIRECTLY TO THE MORSE, OR WATCHING A PAPER RIBBON ON WHICH THE DOTS AND DASHES WERE BEEN WRITTEN BY A HOMEMADE AUTOMATIC UNDULATOR.

"THE NEGROES HAVEN'T THE VAGUEST IDEA WHAT THEY'RE WRITING. ALL THEY KNOW IS THAT WHEN THEY HEAR FOR INSTANCE, A DASH AND TWO DOTS, THEY'RE TO HIT A CERTAIN TYPEWRITER KEY. IT HAPPENS TO BE 'D' BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT. IN THIS FASHION, THEY TAKE DOWN MILLIONS OF WORDS FROM THE ETHER, IN FRENCH, IN ENGLISH, IN ANY OTHER LANGUAGE. THE EDITOR, QUICKLY CORRECTS THEIR FEW MISTAKES."

ROWLEY, CULVER MAKE INSPECTION TRIP

VERNE ROWLEY AND "BUCK" CULVER RETURNED RECENTLY FROM AN INSPECTION TRIP TO SOUTHEASTERN.

THERE IS SOME DOUBT IN THEIR MINDS AS TO WHETHER THE "CIVIC 1", ON WHICH THEY TRAVELED, IS A SEA-GOING ROWBOAT, A COMMANDO BARGE, OR A FLOATING COLD STORAGE PLANT. THEY TELL HARROWING TALES OF RUNNING AROUND AND SPENDING THE NIGHT ON A SAND BAR IN LYNN CANAL, OR RIDING OUT A GALE BETWEEN SITKA AND BIORKA. IT SEEMS THAT JACK DAVIS (RESIDENT ENGINEER AT BIORKA) AND CULVER ARE THE SAILORS, THOUGH ROWLEY CAN 'HEAVE HO' WITH THE BEST OF THEM!

SERVICE NOTES

RALPH M. DEROSE, FORMERLY OF THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT, IS NOW ATTACHED TO THE AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND. HE HAS THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.

J. A. MACDONALD, CONSTRUCTION UNIT WAS UNDERSTANDABLY ANAZED WHEN HE RECEIVED HIS DRAFT CLASSIFICATION OF 1A. "HANK HARRIS OBSERVED THAT THERE IS STILL USE FOR "US OLD BUCKS" AFTER ALL.

REMEMBER THE CAA HOP, FRIDAY EVENING, 9 O'CLOCK, FEBRUARY 26, PIONEER HALL.

AMMETER CONSCIOUS?

IN THESE DAYS OF ULTRA ULTRA COLD, THE CONDITION OF THE CAR BATTERY IS THE DECIDING FACTOR OF WHETHER YOU RIDE, WALK, OR CALL FOR HELP.

ONE MAN OF THE CAA BOASTS THAT HE HAS HAD TO WALK BUT ONCE THIS WINTER. HIS SECRET? DRIVING IN INTERMEDIATE GEAR ON SHORT RUNS ABOUT TOWN AND WATCHING THE AMMETER TO BE SURE OF A CHARGING RATE WHEN THE ENGINE IS IDLING.

RUBBER CONSERVATION

HERE'S A SUGGESTION. WHEN ERASERS ON RITE-RITE MECHANICAL PENCILS ARE WORN DOWN, TAKE ERASER OUT, BEND CLIP BACK, SET ERASER ABOVE PRONGS OF CLIP AND RETURN TO PENCIL. YOU WILL FIND ERASERS GO TWICE AS FAR.

SMART GUY?

IT IS REPORTED THAT A CERTAIN PERSON WORKING DOWN AT THE DEPOT HAS DEVELOPED A VERY GOOD RACKET. ONE DAY HE CAME TO WORK AND SECRETLY TOLD EVERYBODY IT WAS HIS BIRTHDAY. SO THE REST OF THE PERSONNEL DECIDED TO GIVE HIM A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY. THEY BOUGHT HIM A CAKE AND A REAL NICE GIFT.

THE SURPRISE WAS ON THEM. HE WAS ONLY KIDDING; IT WASN'T HIS BIRTHDAY AFTER ALL. IT WORKED SO WELL, THOUGH, THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO TRY IT EVERY SIX MONTHS.

WE MISS HER

DOROTHY CLIFTON HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM HER POST THIS PAST WEEK DUE TO A TONSILLECTOMY. WHEN SHE RETURNS, THE GIRLS CAN TALK ABOUT THEIR OPERATIONS.

NEW PERSONNEL

VIVIAN MORRIS AND CAROL PARSONS ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE DEPOT STAFF, HAVING ARRIVED FROM THE STATES LAST MONTH. AFTER LISTENING TO THEIR TALES OF RATIONING, ETC., WE HAVE DECIDED MAYBE ALASKA ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.

NEED ADDRESS BOOK?

JIM EARLY MUST HAVE LEFT A GOOD MANY BROKEN HEARTS IN THE STATES. HE RECEIVES AS MUCH MAIL AS ALL THE REST OF CAA PUT TOGETHER. IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON A TRIP TO THE STATES, WHY NOT BORROW HIS ADDRESS BOOK?

A WORD FROM THE GIRLS

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE NED GRIFFIN GETS HIS HAIR CURLED. WE HAVE TRIED EVERY SHOP IN TOWN BUT CAN'T SEEM TO DUPLICATE HIS PERFECT WAVES. WON'T YOU TELL US YOUR SECRET, NED?

"THE GRAKEN"

A FEW YEARS OF DILIGENT SCIENTIFIC STUDY, A SOLUTION TO THE FACEOUT PROBLEM APPEARS IMMINENT. IT IS NOW DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED THAT THE "GRAKEN" IS GUILTY OF THIS DASTARDLY CRIME.

HIS TRUE IDENTITY HAD NOT BEEN SUSPECTED UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN THE FINGER OF SUSPICION WAS POINTED IN HIS DIRECTION BY THE EXPOSE' OF HIS CONTEMPORARY, THE GREMLIN. IT IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN THAT THE "GRAKEN" IS THE GREMLIN WHO YEARS AGO TIRED OF HOPPIN' RIDES AND WENT OFF TO WORK FOR HIMSELF. BEING FOND OF SHARP EDGED BROAD SURFACED MATERIALS HE NATURALLY SETTLED ON THE OLD "SPARK" THEN BEING PROJECTED THRU THE ETHER. HOWEVER, THE LOWER LATITUDES PROVED HIS VERY UNDOING, AND NEARLY DECIMATED THE ENTIRE TRIBE, AS THEY TOO FREQUENTLY MISTOOK A BOLT OF LIGHTNING FOR A NICE JUICY "KFS" OR "MSC" SIGNAL.

THE GRAKEN MIGRATED TO NORTHERN CLIMES WHERE THE AURORA BOREALIS PROVIDED A VERY STAPLE, IF NOT FANCY DIET, UNTIL THE ADVENT OF THE CAA. THEN BEGAN THE GREATEST ORGY OF FEASTING SINCE THE DAYS OF NERO, BUT IT APPEARS THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER DIED OF CHRONIC INDIGESTION, MOSTLY DUE TO PARTAKING TOO HEAVILY OF THE "RAW" SIGNALS DISPENSED BY SOME DOUBLE-BURNER SINGLE-BOILER "THA'S" THAT HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO CONTAMINATE THE ETHER. AND NOW THE "GRAKEN" IS BEING DECIMATED FURTHER, DUE TO THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO DIGEST SOME OF THE LONGER WAVES NOW BEING SUPPLIED TO THEM FOR THEIR DAILY DIET.

BUT ONE GRAKEN WILL REMAIN FOR POSTERITY. IT IS NOW IN A CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, CRYSTAL OPERATED, MECHANICALLY PERFECT, ELECTROSTATICALLY SHIELDED, BONDED, GROUNDED, ETHER INSULATED, AND DYNAMICALLY BALANCED CAGE, BEING FED A DAILY RATION OF PURE ULTRA IRRADIATED CW SIGNALS (VITAMIN "Q" ADDED) AT THE TRAINING UNIT. INSPECTION GIVEN DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY.

-C. J. BASSLER

BRUDERER IS RETURNING

IT LOOKS AS IF "BU" BRUDERER, CHIEF, CONTRACTS AND SERVICE BRANCH, WILL BE BACK IN ANCHORAGE BEFORE MUCH MORE SNOW FLIES, AND HE WILL BE BRINGING ALONG HIS FAMILY, TOO.

DESPITE THE TEMPERATURES OF JANUARY THIS ADVERTISEMENT, IF ANSWERED WOULD PROVIDE A SIZEABLE WARDROBE, AND IN ADDITION SAVORS OF HOARDING.

WANTED TO BUY
SMALL CHEST OF DRAWERS. CALL
MARGARET MILLER-C.A.A.

A CAPTURED GERMAN OFFICER WAS ASKED AS TO WHEN HE THOUGHT THE WAR WOULD BE OVER. HE REPLIED, "WHEN THE BRITISH ARE REDUCED TO EATING RATS, AND THE GERMANS TO EATING ERSATZ RATS."

CAA SEMI-FORMAL DANCE, PIONEER HALL FEBRUARY 26.

HAVE PATIENCE, FUZZ-----
MAYBE SOME DAY

THE FOLLOWING POEM, CLIPPED FROM THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE AIRLINE PILOT, IS CONTRIBUTED BY THE GENERAL INSPECTION BRANCH WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT IT BE DEDICATED TO "FUZZ" ROGERS.

THE CO-PILOT

I AM THE CO-PILOT, I SIT ON THE RIGHT,
IT'S UP TO ME TO BE QUICK AND BRIGHT;
NEVER TALK BACK FOR I HAVE REGRETS,
BUT I HAVE TO REMEMBER WHAT THE CAPTAIN FORGETS.

MAKE OUT THE FLIGHT PLAN AND STUDY THE WEATHER
PULL UP THE GEAR, STAND BY TO FEATHER;
MAKE OUT THE MAIL FORMS AND DO THE REPORTING,
AND FLY THE OLD CRATE WHILE THE CAPTAIN IS
COUNTING.

I TAKE THE READINGS, ADJUST THE POWER,
PUT ON THE HEATERS WHEN WE'RE IN A SHOWER;
TELL HIM WHERE WE ARE ON THE DARKEST NIGHT,
AND DO ALL THE BOOKWORK WITHOUT ANY LIGHT.

I CALL FOR MY CAPTAIN AND BUY HIM COKES;
I ALWAYS LAUGH AT HIS CORNY JOKES,
AND ONCE IN AWHILE WHEN HIS LANDINGS ARE RUSTY,
I ALWAYS COME THROUGH WITH, "BY GOSH IT'S
GUSTY I!"

ALL IN ALL I'M A GENERAL STOOGIE,
AS I SIT ON THE RIGHT OF THE MAN I CALL
"SCROOGE";

I GUESS YOU THINK THAT IS PAST UNDERSTANDING,
BUT MAYBE SOME DAY HE WILL GIVE ME A LANDING.

A COMMUNICATOR FANS FANNY

OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR MAN OF THE YEAR IS AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ERNEST W. BEACH FOR EXCEPTIONAL DEVOTION TO DUTY. THE EVENING THIS OUTSTANDING DEVOTION TO JOB WAS SHOWN BEACH WAS MANNING A MANUAL CIRCUIT AT KCDW WHEN THE UNMISTAKEABLE OOD OF BURNING CLOTH ASSAILED HIS DELICATE NOSTRILS. CAUGHT IN THE MIDST OF TRANSMITTING A LONG PRIORITY DISPATCH HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO INSPECT THE FRONT OF HIS CLOTHING WITHOUT BREAKING HIS TRANSMISSION AND LEAVING THE CIRCUIT. AFTER MINUTELY INSPECTING THE FRONT OF HIS TROUSERS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS, AS TIME PERMITTED, HE JUMPED TO THE ONLY LOGICAL CONCLUSION WHICH WAS THAT HIS BACKSIDE WAS AFIRE. WITHOUT MISSING A DOT OUR HERO SHOUTED FOR SOMEONE TO MAN THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND EXTINGUISH HIS SHIRTTAIL. THE FACT THAT THE OFFENDING OOD CAME FROM A PIECE OF SMOLDERING STRING BENEATH HIS CHAIR DOES NOT DETER FROM THE FACT THAT THIS HARDY SOUL STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO LEAVE HIS POST OF DUTY IN THE FACE OF DIRE CONSEQUENCES. GIVE US MORE MEN LIKE BEACH. "COMMUNICATIONS MUST GO ON".

AGENT X9, ANCHORAGE STATION

ROWLEY TRANSFERRED "FOREIGN DUTY";
MCKEAN AND HOOPER PROMOTED

HOT NEWS OF THE MONTH IS THE TRANSFER OF VERNE ROWLEY FROM THE 8TH REGION TO "FOREIGN DUTY", EFFECTIVE SOON. ROWLEY'S NEW ASSIGNMENT IS NOT KNOWN, BUT RUMOR HATH IT HE WILL JOIN THE "AFRIKA CORPS". HE HAS THE BEST WISHES OF THE ENTIRE 8TH REGION FOR HAPPY LANDINGS. SUCCEEDING ROWLEY AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING BRANCH IS G. S. (BUZZ) MCKEAN --AND MOVING UP INTO MCKEAN'S SPOT IS J. C. (HOOP) HOOPER--AN ELIGIBLE BACHELOR MADE EVEN MORE ELIGIBLE!

THE LIFE OF A SWITCH-BOARD OPERATOR

ON MONDAY MORNINGS SHE AUTOMATICALLY OPENS THE BOARD BY PULLING THE CORDS, SHUTTING THE KEYS AND TURNING THE BUZZER ON. IMMEDIATELY A THOUSAND LIGHTS BLIND HER HALF OPENED EYES. AND THE BUZZER BLARES IN HER EARS. AS SHE REPEATS "OPERATOR" AND "CAA" SIXTY TIMES A MINUTE, HER ANSWERS ARE

CULVER, PLEASE!
RING THREE!
MAIN 15!
SHE HAS TO SAY
HERE'S OUTSIDE!
TWO TWO RING TWO!
MAY I SPEAK TO MISS BOO!
GET FAIRBANKS FOR ME!
CALL ME BACK ON ONE THREE!
MAY I HOLD ON!
LIKE TO SPEAK TO JOHN.

AND FOR THEIR INFORMATION SHE'LL REPEAT

OPERATOR
THANK YOU
CAA
LINE IS BUSY
CALL YOU BACK?
OPERATOR
THANK YOU
CAA
LINE IS BUSY
OH! HELLO HERMAN
WHAT'S A 'BURNIN'
BOARD SURE BUSY
MAKES ME DIZZY
SEE YOU AT FIVE
HAVE A LITTLE JIVE.
'PRATOR
'THK-U
SAA
LINE BUSY
CAUYASACK

THEN SHE IS RELIEVED BY A SWEET VOICED GIRL WHOSE ANSWERS FINALLY END THE SAME WAY.

BETTY BESSLER

THE FOLLOWING IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN INTERCEPTED ON 3105, 4495, OR 5210 IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE DARK ARCTIC NIGHT DURING THE COURSE OF ONE OF THOSE CHARACTERISTIC MARATHON GOOD-WILL FLIGHTS OF NC-18. CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN EXPENDED SEARCHING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES WHEREIN FORMS 406 ARE STORED TO DETERMINE THE PROBABLE ORIGINATOR. IT IS REGRETTED HOWEVER THAT CREDIT CANNOT BE GIVEN TO THIS PERSON SINCE UNDOUBTEDLY HE MUST BE ONE OF AMIABLE PERSONALITY, IRREPROACHABLE CHARACTER AND THOROUGHLY IMBUED WITH THE VICISSITUDES OF THE NORTH COUNTRY. IT IS HOPED THAT FUTURE INTERCEPTIONS OF THIS CHARACTER WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE WITHOUT DELAY FOR INCLUSION IN SUBSEQUENT ISSUES OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH. SPECIAL CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST THE DISCLOSURE OF THE CORRESPONDENT'S NAME WHO FURNISHES THE VERBATIM INTERCEPTED COPIES.

THE HERMIT OF SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL

OH, THE NORTH COUNTRY IS A HARD COUNTRY,
THAT MOTHERS A BLOODY BRADDO,
AND HER ICY ARMS HOLD HIDDEN CHARMS
FOR THE GREEDY, THE SINFUL, THE LEWD.

AND STRONG MEN RUST FOR THE GOLD AND THE LUST
THAT SEAR THE NORTHLAND'S SOUL,
BUT THE WICKEDEST-BORN, FROM THE POLE TO THE
HORN
IS THE HERMIT OF SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL.

NOW JACOB CAINE WAS THE HERMIT'S NAME
IN THE DAYS OF HIS PIOUS YOUTH
ERE HE CAST A SMIRCH ON THE BAPTIST CHURCH
BY BETRAYING A GIRL NAMED RUTH.

BUT NOW MEN QUAKE AT YUKON JAKE,
THE HERMIT OF SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL,
FOR THAT'S THE NAME THAT JACOB CAINE
IS KNOWN BY FROM NOME TO THE POLE.

HE WAS JUST A BOY, AND PARSON'S JOY,
ERE HE FELL FOR THE GOLD AND THE MUCK
AND HE LEARNED TO PRAY MID THE HOGS AND HAY
ON A FARM NEAR KEOKUK.

BUT A SERVICE TALE OF ILLICIT KALE
AND WHISKEY AND WOMEN WILD
DRAINED THE MORALS CLEAN AS A SOUP TUREEN
FROM THE POOR BUT HONEST CHILD.

HE LONGED FOR THE BITE OF A YUKON NIGHT
AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS WEIRD FLICKER
FOR A GAME OF STUD IN THE FROZEN MUD
AND THE TASTE OF RAW, RED LIQUOR.

HE WANTED TO MUSH ALONG IN THE SLUSH
WITH A TEAM OF HUSKY HOUNDS
AND TO FIRE A GAT AT A BEAVER HAT
AND KNOCK IT OUT OF BOUNDS.

SO HE LEFT HIS HOME FOR THE HELL-TOWN NOME
ON ALASKA'S ICE-RIBBED SHORES
WHERE HE LEARNED TO CURSE, AND TO DRINK AND
WORSE
'TIL THE RUM DRIPPED FROM HIS PORES.

CON'T. ON PAGE 12

WE'RE LOSING AN OLD STANDBY IN THE A
BRANCH THIS MONTH. WHEN SHE FIRST JOI
MANY MOONS AGO, (IT WAS IN NOVEMBER, I
CALLED HER LITTLE JANE AND HER LAST A
SPRAGUE. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE SHE CHAN
NAME, ACQUIRING A GOOD-LOOKING HUSBAN
EVER SINCE WE HAVE CALLED HER HAPLING.
IS GETTING A NEW JOB. YOU'LL FIND HER I
215, WORKING AWAY ON THE LEDGERS OF TH
NEERING DATA UNIT. SHE WAS NOT ONLY
STENOG TO THE CHIEF OF THE BRANCH, BUT
A-I MECHANIC. MANY TOOLS CAN GO WRONG
ACCOUNTS SECTION AND JANE WOULD FIX TH
WE THOUGHT IF SHE EVER LEFT OUR BRANCH I
BE TO THE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE UNIT
PRINCIPAL GENERAL MECHANIC, BUT FATE
OTHERWISE.

A NEW ADDITION TO ACCOUNTS CAME AS
PRISE. ONE DAY DOROTHY MCKEAN WAS WORK
AN OFFICE DOWNSTAIRS AND THE NEXT S
POUNDED A TYPEWRITER IN ACCOUNTS. THE
WHICH DOROTHY WAS WORKING WAS DISCONTINU
PART OF THE CAA AND CONSEQUENTLY SHE WAS
ING FOR A JOB. SHE SAID SHE COULDN'T FI
YOU SHOULD SEE HER KNOCKING OUT YOU
VOUCHERS ARE THOSE LITTLE THINGS THAT I
JUST SO OR A YEAR LATER WE HEAR FROM
(GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE) TAKING EXCEP
THIS OR THAT. DOROTHY IS TAKING MELVA
ER'S PLACE, WHO IN TURN IS REPLACING JVA
LING.

WE'RE EXPECTING HANK LALLY, THE CHIEF
ADULT UNIT, BACK AT HIS DESK BEFORE VER
TRAINS COME IN, IF HE CAN CATCH ONE OF
ALASKA STEAMSHIP BOATS. HE IS SUPPOSED
RIVE IN SEATTLE THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUAR

CAA WOMEN DESERVE PRAISE

SEVERAL HAVE EXPRESSED THE OPINION
TRIBUTE SHOULD BE PAID TO THE WOMEN OF TI
GANIZATION WHO EXPERIENCE ALASKA'S HARSH
WHO DAILY WALK TO WORK OVER STREETS OF
SUB-ZERO WEATHER AND PERHAPS FALL AND
THEIR LAST PAIR OF NYLONS, WHO NIP EAR
NOSE IN THE COURSE OF THE WALK, WHO LABE
LILY AT THEIR DESKS ALL DAY LONG AND THEN
HOME TO FIND A STOVE STONE COLD, WALLS,
AND FURNITURE COVERED WITH SOOT, PIPES I
NO WATER, OR A BASEMENT FLOODED. THESE
DESERVE COMMENDATION. THERE HAS RECENTL
CONSIDERABLE PRAISE OF THE MEN WHO ARE
THE CAA A NAME OF ACHIEVEMENT IN ALASKA
WHEN THE ANNALS OF ITS HISTORY ARE CON
THE WOMEN WHO HAVE CARRIED ON SO BRAVEL
SURELY DESERVE A LARGE SHARE OF THE COMM
TION.

WATCH FOR THE DATE

EARL MORRIS, CONSTRUCTION UNIT, EXT
CORDIAL INVITATION TO ONE AND ALL TO HIS
SQUEEZIN' PARTY. IF THE "ELIXIR" HA
SLIGHT "JOGGY" FLAVOR, THINK NOTHING
THE "RUN-OFF" IS MADE FROM THE MASH HE
HIS DOGS!

WHEN THE BOYS ON A SPREE WERE DRINKING IT FREE
IN THE MALEMUTE SALOON,
AND DAN MCGREW AND HIS DANGEROUS CREW
SHOT CRAP WITH THE PIE-BALD COON.

WHEN THE KID ON HIS STOOL BANGED AWAY LIKE A
FOOL

AT A RAG-TIME MELODY
AND THE BARKEEPER VOWED TO THE HARD-BOILED
CROWD

THAT HE'D CREMATE SAM MCGEE.

THEN JACOB CAIME, WHO HAD TAKEN THE NAME
OF YUKON JAKE THE KILLER,
WOULD TAKE THE DIVE WITH HIS FORTY FIVE
'TIL THE ATMOSPHERE GREW CHILLER.

WITH A SHARP COMMAND, HE WOULD MAKE 'EM STAND
AND DELIVER THEIR HARD-EARNED DUST,
THEN DRINK THE BAR DRY OF RUM AND RYE
AS A YUKON BULLY MUST.

WITHOUT COMING TO BLOWS HE WOULD TWACK THE
NOSE
OF DANGEROUS DAN MCGREW,
THEN DECIMING BOLDER, THROW OVER HIS SHOULDER
THE LADY THAT'S KNOWN AS LOU.

OH, TOUGH AS A STEAR WAS YUKON JAKE,
HARD-BOILED AS A PICNIC EGG.
HE WASHED HIS SHIRT IN YUKON DIRT
AND DRANK HIS RUM BY THE KEG.

IN FEAR OF THEIR LIVES, OR BECAUSE OF THEIR
LIVES,

HE WAS SHUNNED BY THE REST OF HIS PALS
AN OUTCAST HE, FROM THE CAMERADERIE
OF ALL BUT WILD ANIMALS.

SO HE BOUGHT HIM THE WHOLE OF SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL,
A REEF IN THE BERING SEA
WHERE HE LIVED BY HIMSELF ON A SEA-LINED SHEEP
IN LONELY INIQUITY.

BUT FAR AWAY, IN KEOKUK,
DID A RUINED MAIDEN FIGHT
TO REMOVE THE SMIRCH FROM THE BAPTIST CHURCH
BY BRINGING THE HEATHEN LIGHT.

AND THE ELDERS DECLARED THAT ALL WOULD BE
SQUARED

IF SHE CARRIED THE HOLY WORDS
FROM HER KEOKUK HOME TO THE HELL-TOWN NOME,
TO SAVE THOSE SINFUL BIRDS.

SO TWO WEEKS LATER SHE TOOK A FREIGHTER
FOR THE GOLD-CURSED LAND NEAR THE POLE.
BUT HEAVEN AIN'T MADE FOR A LASS THAT'S BE-
TRAYED -
SHE WAS WRECKED ON SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL.

ALL HANDS WERE TOSSED IN THE SEA AND LOST
ALL BUT THE MAIDEN RUTH,
WHO SWAM TO THE EDGE OF THE SEA LION'S LEDGE
WHERE ABOODE THE LOVE OF HER YOUTH.

HE WAS HUNTING SEAL FOR HIS EVENING MEAL,
HE FLUNG A MEAN HARPOON,
WHEN HE SAW AT HIS FEET, NOT SOMETHING TO EAT,
BUT A GIRL IN A FROZEN SWOON.

WERE YOU AMONG THOSE PRESENT TO SEE "THE
WEDDING"? IF NOT, FOR YOUR INFORMATION----THE
CHARACTERS AND FACTS ARE:

LEADING LADY: VERNA JAGIELSKI
CONTRACT & SERVICE BRANCH

LEADING MAN: RUSTY GRIMES
U. S. ENGINEERS

SUPPORTING ROLES: JEANNETTE DE DESROCHERS
JOHN HUMLEY

TIME: JANUARY 24, 1943
12:30 P. M.

A CUTE ONE ON VERNA THOUGH---RIGHT AFTER THE
CEREMONY RUSTY WAS ASKING A FEW FRIENDS TO DROP
BY HOME WITH THEM, AND WHEN HE TURNED TO VERNA
TO SEE IF HE HAD HER OKEH, SHE ASKED: "WHICH
HOME, YOURS OR MINE?" THEN SHE CLAPPED HER
HAND OVER HER MOUTH AND SAID: "OH I I FORGOT.
THERE IS ONLY ONE HOME FOR THE TWO OF US NOW."
SAID RUSTY: "--AND DON'T FORGET IT!"

WHOM HE DRAGGED TO HIS LAIR BY HER FROZEN HAIR
AND RUBBED HER KNEES WITH GIN.
TO HIS GREAT SURPRISE SHE OPENED HER EYES
AND REVEALED HIS ORIGINAL SIN.

HIS EIGHT MONTHS BEARD GREW STIFF AND WEIRD
'TIL IT GLOWED LIKE A TECLA PEARL
AND HER BRIGHT HAIR FELL LIKE A FLAME FROM HELL,
DOWN THE BACK OF THE GRATEFUL GIRL.

OH, A HOPELESS BAKE WAS YUKON JAKE,
THE HERMIT OF SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL,
AND THE TRUSTING MAID, HE RE-BETRAYED
AND WRECKED HER IMMORTAL SOUL.

THEN HE ROWED HER ASHORE WITH A BROKEN OAR
AND HE SOLD HER TO DAN MCGREW
FOR A HUSKY DOG, WITH SOME HOT EGG-NOG,
AS RASCALS ARE WONT TO DO.

NOW RUTHLESS RUTH IS A MAID UNCOUTH,
WITH SCARLET CHEEKS AND LIPS,
SHE SINGS ROUGH SONGS FOR THE DRUNKEN THROGS
THAT COME FROM THE SEALING SHIPS.

FOR A ROUGE-STAINED KISS FROM THIS INFAMOUS
MISS,

THEY WILL GIVE A SEAL'S RICH FUR,
OR PERHAPS A SABLE IF THEY ARE ABLE,
IT IS MUCH THE SAME TO HER.

OH, THE NORTH COUNTRY IS A HARD COUNTRY,
THAT MOTHERS A BLOODY BROOD,
AND HER ICY ARMS HOLD HIDDEN CHARMS
FOR THE GREEDY, THE SINFUL, THE LEWD.

AND STRONG MEN RUST FOR THE GOLD AND THE LUST
THAT SEAR THE NORTHLANDS SOUL
BUT THE WICKEDEST-BORN, FROM THE POLE TO THE
HORN,
IS THE HERMIT OF SHARK-TOOTH SHOAL.