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JOE TIPPETS RETURNS

EXCHANGES IMPRESSIONS WITH RO

WHEN THE MORRISON-KNUDSEN PLANE, WITH ITS SIX PASSENGERS, WAS LOST ON JANUARY 5TH WE WERE ALL CONCERNED. WHEN THE PLANE HAD BEEN MISSING FOR DAYS OUR CONCERN CHANGED TO ANXIETY. FROM DAY TO DAY WE EXPECTED THE SEARCHING PARTIES TO FIND THE PLANE AND ITS SURVIVORS.

AFTER WEEKS HAD PASSED WE GRADUALLY GREW DISCOURAGED AND HOPELESS AND FELT THAT NEVER AGAIN WOULD WE SEE OUR LOST FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES.

WE ALL REMEMBER THE ALMOST INCREDULOUS JOY AND AMAZEMENT WE EXPERIENCED ON FEBRUARY 3RD UPON HEARING THAT TWO OF THE SURVIVORS HAD BEEN FOUND, ALIVE, AFTER A MONTH OF PRIVATION AND SUFFERING.

THE FACT THAT EVEN FOUR OUT OF SIX OF THE PASSENGERS OF THE LLL-FATED PLANE SURVIVED THAT LONG MISERABLE MONTH ALMOST TAXES OUR IMAGINATIONS, AND PROVES INDEED THAT FAITH AND HOPE AND COURAGE AND ENDURANCE HAVE TANGIBLE REWARDS.

THE AGE OF MIRACLES IS NOT PAST! WE ARE ALL EXULTING THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE - WORDS WHICH SOME OF US EXPECTED NEVER TO HEAR AGAIN - FROM OUR GOOD FRIEND AND CO-WORKER, JOSEPH H. TIPPETS.

— MARSHALL C. HOPPIN

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE HAPPINESS THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE LIVES OF THE MEN AND FAMILIES OF THOSE OF US WHO WERE SAVED FROM THE AIRPLANE CRASH ON JANUARY 5TH.

I PERSONALLY WISH TO THANK OUR MANY FRIENDS IN THE CAA IN ALASKA FOR THEIR FAITH AND PRAYERS IN OUR BEHALF DURING THE MONTH WHICH WE WERE OUT OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. EACH

EIGHTH REGION WELCOMES WASHINGTON VISITORS

THE REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY WASHINGTON THAT WE WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR MORE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE "DULL-OF-THE-WOODS", CHRIS LAMPLE, CHIEF OF THE AIRWAYS ENGINEERING DIVISION, AND "SQUEAKY" E. L. SMITH, CHIEF OF THE SIGNALS BRANCH, HERE IN OUR REGION ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION AND GENERAL HELPFULNESS.

IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO GREET THE BOYS FROM WASHINGTON AND WE FEEL THEY WILL BE SURPRISED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITY NOW BEING CARRIED ON BY ALL OF US.

AND EVERYONE OF YOU PERSONALLY WILL NEVER KNOW HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO AGAIN SEE YOUR SMILES AND HEAR YOU SPEAK AND TO SEE YOU IN YOUR DAILY WALKS OF LIFE. THESE THINGS CEASED TO BE REALITIES AND BECAME VAGUE DREAMS. AT MANY TIMES IT LOOKED VERY DOUBTFUL IF WE WOULD EVER HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO MEET AGAIN.

MISS BARTZER, WHO WAS TO JOIN OUR ANCHORAGE STAFF, WAS TRULY ONE WHO WOULD HAVE MAGNIFIED THE CAA'S PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT IN ALASKA. HER LOSS IS TRAGIC AND AMONG OTHER THINGS WILL DEPRIVE THE OFFICE FORCE FROM HAVING THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING HAD A PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HER.

AMONG OTHER SLOGANS AND RESOLUTIONS THAT THIS EPISODE HAS CAUSED ME TO MAKE, MY ADVICE TO ALL IS TO "NEVER PASS UP FOOD REGARDLESS OF HOW OLD OR HOW SPOILED OR HOW IT MIGHT BE". MOST OF YOU WILL PROBABLY SAY THAT I HAVE ALWAYS EATEN ANY AND ALL FOOD THAT I COULD GET A HOLD OF (MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY).

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH SO MANY FINE PEOPLE AS ARE FOUND IN OUR ORGANIZATION HERE IN ALASKA. CONTINUED SUCCESS TO ONE AND ALL AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A BIGGER AND BETTER CAA IN THE FUTURE.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN,
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ALL CAA EIGHT DE 90

THE REGIONAL MANAGER HAS REVIEWED LETTERS FROM MANY OF THE GANG SHOWING THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE OLD "MUKLUK TELEGRAPH", AND I AM VERY PLEASED THAT YOU FEEL IT HELPS TO KEEP YOU IN TOUCH. BUT I WANT TO SAY AGAIN: THIS IS YOUR NEWS LETTER AND TO KEEP IT GOING WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE NEWS FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. SO-O-O, AFTER DOING YOUR EIGHT HOURS A DAY, SIX DAYS A WEEK (WITH TIME AND HALF OVER THE FORTY HOURS, DON'T FORGET) JUST REMEMBER YOU STILL HAVE A HUNDRED TWENTY HOURS LEFT IN THE WEEK FOR YOURSELF IN WHICH YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SPARE A FEW MINUTES TO SEND IN AN ITEM OF INTEREST TO YOUR FELLOW WORKERS. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO THE EDITORIAL STAFF WHO GIVE THEIR TIME TO THIS WORTHY ENTERPRISE. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU ALL.

AND JUST A BIT OF ADVICE FROM THE OLD MAN - "WORK FAITHFULLY EIGHT HOURS A DAY AND DON'T WORRY AND IN TIME YOU MAY BE THE BOSS AND WORK SIXTEEN HOURS A DAY AND HAVE ALL THE WORRY".

REGARDS - AND KEEP 'EM COMING AS YOU KEEP 'EM FLYING !

-- MARSHALL C. HOPPIN

PERSONNEL NOTES

LOUISE MCATEE LEAVES FOR SOUTH

LOUISE MCATEE, ONE OF THE "PERSONNEL-ITY" GIRLS, IS LEAVING IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR THE SOREY STATE OF KENTUCKY, WHERE HER HUSBAND IS BEING TRANSFERRED. WHEN INTERVIEWED ABOUT HER COMING TRIP, LOUISE STATED SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN SHE COULD ONCE MORE GO BAREFOOTED (AND WITH SHOE RATIONING WHAT IT IS HER HOPES WILL PROBABLY BE REALIZED.)

GRAIFF - PRESCOTT

LOUISE GRAIFF SAID "I DO" TO BOB PRESCOTT OF THE ARMY ENGINEERS ON FEBRUARY 7TH. JEAN HAMRE, ALSO OF PERSONNEL, HELPED IN THE CEREMONY. A FEW DAYS LATER JEAN WAS HOSTESS AT A SURPRISE KITCHEN SHOWER FOR LOUISE, WITH GIRLS FROM PERSONNEL AND THE DEPOT AS GUESTS.

NEW FACES IN
PERSONNEL OFFICE

THERE ARE FOUR NEW, SPARKLING ADDITIONS TO THE "PERSONNEL-ITY" DEPARTMENT. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE FELLOWS IN THE CAA A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF EACH GIRL FOLLOWS: JEANNEL SAUNDERS (MARRIED); ELAINE TRIDENBURG (ENGAGED), CLARA BRUCE (MARRIED), ROSE GRIMES (SINGLE AND ELIGIBLE). FOR FURTHER INFORMATION COME TO ROOM 218.

PERINA TO VISIT WASHINGTON

GEORGE PERINA IS LEAVING US SOON FOR WASHINGTON, D. C., WHERE HE WILL TAKE UP VARIOUS PERSONNEL PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T SAY SO, HE HAS PROBABLY ARRANGED TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN ON THE SIDE, ESPECIALLY SINCE HANK LALLY PRECEDED HIM TO THE STATES AND HAS NO DOUBT MANAGED TO COLLECT A FEW ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO PASS ON TO GEORGE. WE WISH GEORGE A PLEASANT TRIP AND A QUICK RETURN.

HELEN RICHARDSON
SUCCEEDS TO BRIEF ILLNESS

THE REGIONAL OFFICE WAS SADDENED BY THE SUDDEN DEATH OF MISS HELEN RICHARDSON ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 27TH.

HELEN HAD BEEN OPERATOR OF THE PRINT MACHINE IN THE DRAFTING UNIT SINCE JANUARY, AND FORMERLY DID THE MINEOGRAPHING IN MAIL AND FILES. SHE WAS PLEASANT TO WORK WITH, AND WAS WELL LIKED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER.

SHE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED VIOLINIST, AND WAS A MUSIC INSTRUCTOR AT THE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR SOME TIME AFTER COMING TO ANCHORAGE THREE YEARS AGO.

HELEN IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, MRS. NORA RICHARDSON OF ANCHORAGE, AND A SISTER IN THE STATES.

DANCE HONORS JOE TIPPETS

ON FEBRUARY 26TH TWO HUNDRED DANCERS FORGOT THEIR WORK AND WORRIES AND JOINED IN THE FUN OF THE TOP HAT TUSSLE HELD AT THE PIONEER HALL. THE PARTY WAS IN HONOR OF JOE TIPPETS, WHO CAME THERE WITH HIS BROAD SMILE AND HEARTY LAUGH AND WE ALL TOOK OFF OUR HATS TO WELCOME HIM.

DECORATIONS CONSISTED OF PALE PINK STREAMERS OF CREPE PAPER COVERING THE SIDE WALLS AND BLACK CREPE PAPER LINING THE CEILING. LARGE BLACK TOP HATS FASHIONED BY JOAN ANDERSON CARRIED OUT THE THEME OF THE PARTY. THE NO. 1 TICKETS WERE DESIGNED BY JIM TAPSCOTT, A FORMER CAA EMPLOYEE NOW WITH THE ARMY. SUPERB MUSIC REALLY SWUNG OUT BY THE 177TH ENGINEERS' FIFTEEN PIECE BAND, MADE THE DANCING ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

THE DANCE COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF JOAN ANDERSON, ARLENE DECKER, JOHN HOOPER, ERNIE WESCHER, JIM SLOAN, HERVEY ALDRIDGE AND D. STRYKER.

HASSLER TO RETURN SOON

KITTY HASSLER, OF CONTRACT AND LEASE UNIT WILL BE ON HER WAY BACK TO ANCHORAGE BEFORE LONG, ACCORDING TO A NOTE FROM HER. SHE SAYS THAT WHEN JIM PFEFFER ARRIVED IN SEATTLE ON HIS WAY TO CALIFORNIA, THERE WAS A GRAND GATHERING OF THE CLAN FROM ANCHORAGE - SELMER HOLTE, E. THOMAS, JIM AND HERSELF. THEY ALL AGREED IT WAS TWO YEARS IN ALASKA WITHOUT TOUCHING FOOT "OUTSIDE" SOIL MADE ONE DECIDEDLY ALLERGIC TO CROWDS, NOISES, AND THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE BIG CITIES. KITTY ADMITS SHE IS HOMEBOUND FOR ALASKA. WE WONDER ABOUT THE OTHERS.

WE ARE LOSING LITTLE BETTY BRESSLER TO "OUTSIDE". SOMEHOW SHE ALWAYS MANAGED TO GET US NOT MIND RECEIVING THE HEAVY LOADS OF "H" THAT SHE DISHED OUT EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR. WONDER HOW MANY BROKEN HEARTS SHE IS LEAVING BEHIND. WE'LL WAGER THEY ARE A MULTITUDE. WELL, WE HATE GOODBYES - SO, SO LONG, BETTY. GOOD LUCK - AND WE'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN - WE HOPE.

EDITOR JENCKS RESIGNS

MARJORIE JENCKS, SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA UNIT FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF AND EDITOR OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, HAS RESIGNED FROM CAA.

MARGE, A JOURNALIST AT HEART, FIRST MANAGED TO START THE REGIONAL PAPER, AND WORKED HARD TO START THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH ON ITS WAY. WE ENCOURAGED HER AT THE TIME, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A POOR IDEA AFTER ALL; FOR ONCE SHE SMILED THE PRINTER'S INK, THERE WAS NO STOPPING. LAST WEEK SHE LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA TO WORK FOR A FULL-SIZED NEWSPAPER.

WE GAVE HER OUR BEST WISHES, BUT WE'RE HOPING THAT MARGE WON'T LIKE THE SOUTHWEST AND WILL SOON BE BACK IN ANCHORAGE.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, FEBRUARY 28, 1943. SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE FEBRUARY "NOKLUK TELEGRAPH" NO OFFICIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE TWO AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR RECLASSIFICATION PROGRAMS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON. IT IS HOPED THAT SOME WORD WILL BE FORTHCOMING PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE APRIL 1ST ISSUE.

FOR SOME TIME THE OFFICE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ARRANGING FOR THE PAYMENT OF OVERTIME TO AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS FOR ALL TIME WORKED IN EXCESS OF FORTY HOURS PER WEEK. IT IS OUR FEELING THAT SUCH REMUNERATION IS DEFINITELY JUSTIFIED, ESPECIALLY SINCE SUCH LONG HOURS HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE NECESSARY METEOROLOGICAL AND AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES REQUIRED OF US BY THE MILITARY. THE REGIONAL OFFICE DOES NOT PROPOSE TO TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE ORIGINATOR OF THE SPECIAL "FLASH" MESSAGE TRANSMITTED VIA CIRCUIT 302 AND DIRECTED TO THE UNDERSIGNED, ADVISING THAT THE ARMY PROPOSED TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THE CAA COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WOULD FURNISH MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS. COMMENTS OF THIS NATURE, WHILE APPRECIATED, TEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO A STATE OF UNREST UNLESS THEY CAN BE SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED TO FIELD PERSONNEL. SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IT HAS BEEN THE STATED AND OFTEN PUBLISHED POLICY OF THE CAA IN ALASKA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE TO COORDINATE AND COOPERATE ITS FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND THE HIGHLY TECHNICAL ABILITIES OF ITS PERSONNEL WITH THOSE OF THE MILITARY, LOOKING TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY. WE ARE AT WAR WITH THE AXIS POWERS ONLY, AND, THEREFORE, THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS TO ASSIST THE MILITARY IN BRINGING PROPER PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE ENEMY BY EFFICIENTLY DISCHARGING OUR DUTIES, WHICH ARE NOW OF NECESSITY LAID OUT FOR US BY THE ORGANIZATIONS WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO SERVE.

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING SUPERVISOR WILKE E. CRUSE IS NOW IN SEATTLE CONFERRING WITH SEVENTH REGION COMMUNICATIONS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PERSONNEL RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TRAINING CENTER FOR THE EIGHTH REGION IN SEATTLE. THE MAIN IDEA IS TO OPERATE OUR TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE STATES AS WELL AS IN ALASKA, THUS ALLEVIATING SOME TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS AND PERMITTING SELECTION FROM A LARGER GROUP OF INTERESTED APPLICANTS THAN IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE TERRITORY. TRAINING WOULD CONTINUE IN ANCHORAGE AS IN THE PAST.

AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FOUR AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR WIVES AND ONE MAINTENANCE WIFE TO TRAVEL VIA NO 18 FROM SEATTLE TO ANCHORAGE UPON ITS RETURN TRIP. AT THE TIME OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST ISSUE OF THE "NOKLUK TELEGRAPH" IT WAS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE SEATTLE TRIP WOULD MATERIALIZE PRIOR TO MARCH 1ST. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CERTAIN WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE ENROUTE TO THE TERRITORY, IT WAS NECESSARY TO REVAMP THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT AN ADDITIONAL ROUND TRIP TO SEATTLE WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO TRANSPORT ALL FAMILIES OF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL DESIRING TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN ALASKA. IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT SUCH SCHEDULE IS NOT DEFINITE, BUT WILL BE MADE IF PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE.

- ALLEN D. HULEN, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

HAVE YOU HEARD? IT'S TERRIFIC THE WAY THESE FEMININE OPERATORS UPSET THE ROUTINE HABERDASHERY HABITS OF THE MALE COMMUNICATORS. WHEN THE GALS ARRIVE ON THE SCENE THERE IS A TRANSITION, NOT TOO OBVIOUS, THE FELLOWS HOPE, FROM THE OLD METHOD OF STANDING WATCHES IN "WHAT-HAVE YOU" TYPE OF CLOTHES TO A MORE NATTY APPEARANCE.

THE STATION WASH LINES NOW DISPLAY A LARGER SELECTION OF SHIRTS AND TROUSERS, AND THE BOYS EVEN BREAK OUT WITH A SHINESHINE, HAIRCUT AND TIE.

TAKE WOODY ISLAND FOR EXAMPLE. THE GRAPEVINE TELLS A STORY OF TREMENDOUS CHANGE - VOLUNTIC. MRS. SPEER ARRIVED BACK HOME AT 07 AFTER ALMOST A YEAR'S ABSENCE. THAT STARTED IT. VINCE (HER HUSBAND) OF COURSE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED, AS MRS. VINCE SIMPLY CRACKED DOWN ON HIM, AND THAT WAS THAT. BUT THEY SAY JIM BEGAN TO SHOW THE EFFECTS OF THE FEMININE PRESENCE. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN O.K., BUT AFTER MRS. ROSENERU ARRIVED A FEW DAYS LATER, JIM SIMPLY WENT "ALL OUT" FOR SARTORIAL ELEGANCE. THE WASH LINES REALLY HANG HEAVY NOW.

WE'RE WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO SMITTY'S BEARD. DID THAT HAVE TO GO, TOO?

IT'S A TREMENDOUS SHOCK TO STURTZ. HE STOPS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF A LETTER "E", SHAKES HIS HEAD SADLY AND MUTTERS, "IT ISN'T DECENT!"

NOTICE TO AC'S

PHRASE CONTRACTIONS THAT WILL PROBABLY BE FOUND NECESSARY FOR FUTURE USE WILL APPEAR IN THIS COLUMN. (EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.)

SUSFU - SITUATION UNCHANGED. STILL FOOLED UP.

DEFINITION OF PHRASES

HAS RECEIVED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION: A PERIOD OF INACTIVITY COVERING TIME LAG.

HAVE YOU A.Y. REMARKS? GIVE ME SOME IDEA OF WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.

ERRATUM

WE OFFER OUR APOLOGIES TO MR. HERBERT B. BRIDGES, INSTRUCTOR IN THE TRAINING UNIT. IT WAS HE, AND NOT C. J. BASSLER, WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE ABOUT THE "GRACKEN" FOR THE FEBRUARY "MUKLUK TELEGRAPH". WE MUST HAVE BEEN THINKING OF THE ARTICLE WE HOPE BASSLER WILL WRITE FOR A FUTURE ISSUE.

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

D. R. CONREY, WOODY ISLAND TO GREAT FALLS, MONTANA; J. A. SHOCKLEY, WOODY ISLAND TO LIVINGSTON, MONTANA; P. S. POLLARD, NORTHWAY TO EPHRATA, WASHINGTON; J. B. WATKINS, NORTHWAY TO DENVER, COLORADO; C. W. WHEELER, ILLIAMA TO DELGRADE, MONTANA; C. E. LONGSTRETH, ILLIAMA TO NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA; J. E. SHARP, BETHEL TO AKRON, COLORADO; A. R. ROSS, BETHEL TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; B. B. ALBERTSON, BETHEL TO GOODING, IDAHO.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATORS WILL BE RELEASED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS:

F. M. ANDERSON, YAKUTAT TO NORTH DAVIES, WASHINGTON; R. L. MOON, GULKANA TO ARLINGTON, OREGON; H. V. SMITH, WOODY ISLAND TO WASHINGTON, D. C.; AND M. C. SMITH, PETERSBURG TO CHADRON, NEBRASKA.

VOLUNTEERS EXTENDING SIX-MONTH TOUR ON DUTY ARE:

N. C. BIRKHOFF, JUNEAU (LISTED IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE "MUKLUK TELEGRAPH" AS RETURNING TO JOLIET, ILLINOIS); W. A. CHAPMAN, AC HOMER TO CAC BETHEL; A. BUETTNER, AC NORTHWAY TO AC ANCHORAGE; H. C. ANDERSON, CAC LAKE MINCHUMINA; W. R. BOBLENZ, AC GULKANA; L. F. CAMPBELL, AC MOSES POINT; W. A. CRAMER, CAC GULKANA; G. D. DAVIS, AC MCGRATH; R. H. FINEGOLD, CAC GAMBELL; O. D. GRIVES, AC HOME; A. R. HEDGE, AC HOME; S. H. PIPSH, AC BIG DELTA; E. H. HURD, AC LAKE MINCHUMINA; F. E. JACKSON, CAC MIDDLETON ISLAND; THEODORE KINGAS, CAC MOSES POINT; R. J. KAZRAGIS, AC YAKUTAT; J. R. KEITH, HAINES TO ERIC FAIRBANKS; R. D. LIMBERT, CAC FAREWELL; J. F. MICHOL, AC CORDOVA; S. A. PRINGLE, AC HOME; E. H. WARREN, AC ONE; F. W. WEST, AC FAIRBANKS; W. YOUPI, AC FAIRBANKS.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTED DURING FEBRUARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

W. A. CHAPMAN, AC HOMER TO CAC BETHEL; R. L. MIGNER, ERAC HOME TO CAC ILLIAMA; A. BUETTNER, AC NORTHWAY TO AC ANCHORAGE; E. J. SELPH, AC FAIRBANKS TO CAC NORTHWAY; MR. AND MRS. HERBERT BRAZIL, AC MIDDLETON ISLAND TO AC CORDOVA; IRVING UNGDORUK, JAC GAMBELL TO AC GAMBELL; MR. AND MRS. ORVAL HOLVES, JAC ANCHORAGE TO HAINES; ELMO E. SMITH, AC HOME TO AC ANCHORAGE; H. S. FREDRICKSON, AC ANCHORAGE TO TANANA CROSSING; VERA FREDRICKSON, JAC ANCHORAGE TO AC TANANA CROSSING; J. R. KEITH, AC HAINES TO ERIC FAIRBANKS; FLOYD R. HORTON, JAC ANCHORAGE TO BIG DELTA; MR. AND MRS. VERNON COUNTER, JAC ANCHORAGE TO PETERSBURG; MR. AND MRS. ADOLPH ROSENEAU, JAC ANCHORAGE TO WOODY ISLAND; MR. AND MRS. WALTER JENKINS, JAC TO WOODY ISLAND; MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WOOD, JAC ANCHORAGE TO YAKUTAT.

FEW EVENTS OCCUR OVER IN THIS NECK OF THE WOOD WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED NEWS, BUT REVERSED THE OLD SAYING WHICH MENTIONS NEWS, GAMES, HOWO SARIENO AND MASTICATING. WE'LL SEND IN A LITTLE NEWS OCCASIONALLY, IF WE HAVE TO GO OUT AND BITE A FEW OF THE LOCAL MALEMUTES. (MAY GO FURTHER THAN MERELY BITING, IF THE FOOD SITUATION GETS TOO TOUGH BEFORE SPRING.)

RUMOR HAS IT THAT SINCE THE LOCAL TIGER-SKINAT SHOP HAS RUN OUT OF "DURAN'S DEN", SOME OF THE BOYS AT YO ARE EVEN STOOPING TO MAKING FUDGE.

C. E. BROWN, AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR AT YO, WAS RECENTLY WALKING HOME FROM THE CONTROL STATION WHEN HE HAPPENED TO NOTICE ABOUT HALF A DOZEN MALEMUTES FOLLOWING HIM. BROWN THOUGHT FOR A WHILE THEY WERE MERELY CHUMMY. HOWEVER, WHEN ONE BIG BLACK ONE TURNED TO ANOTHER AND SAID, "YES, I'M SURE OF IT. THAT IS MY BROTHER HE'S WEARING". BROWN DOUBLED HIS PACE AND DECIDED TO TAKE THE BATTER UP WITH A FUR EXPERT. HE KNOWS NOW THAT HIS PARKA IS NOT MINK.

E. A. PASTRO, HOME AC, RECENTLY HAD HIS HEAD SHAVED TO BE RID OF HIS DANDRUFF, ONCE AND FOR ALL. HE'LL LAY TEN TO ONE THE DANDRUFF BEATS HIS HAIR BACK.

M. WINEBRENNER, J. WIXON, AND C. HUORINEN SEEM TO BE HAVING A PRIVATE WAR. IT'S A MUSTACHIO CONTEST. THERE'LL BE A NEW DEBU BRUMMEL IN YOKE CODE. THE INSIDE HAS IT THAT WIXON IS MOVING ALONG NICELY, BECAUSE HE DROOPS HIS FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME IN A MUG FULL OF BEER.

NOW THAT YO HAS TWO OF THE FAIR SEX AS OPERATORS, PERHAPS OUR MONITOR, MOSES POINT, MAY FORGET SOME OF OUR DISCREPENCIES. WE HEAR THERE ARE ONLY MALES (HOOKED OR UNHOOKED) AT YOGES. SNOW THEM UNDER, MRS. COOK AND MRS. SHROPSHIRE. YOU HEARD THE "MRS.", DIDN'T YOU, MOSES? THAT MEANS THEY'RE HITCHED, AND NO FUNNY BUSINESS! INCIDENTALLY, MOSES, THE TWO LASSES MAKE THE SWELLEST PIES.

THE HUBBIES, GEORGE C. AND JACK S., LOOK AS THOUGH THEY ARE PICKING UP EXTRA POUNDAGE. IT MUST BE THE PIES. OFF THE RECORD, JACK LOOKS RIGHT CUTE DOING THE DISHES, AND GEORGE LOOKS LIKE A DISTINGUISHED DISH DIPPER. WITH THE PASSING OF TIME (AND A FEW OF THE DISHES) THE BOYS OUGHT TO BE TOPS IN THAT LINE.

O. GRAYES IS ON A FENCE, AND A PICKET ONE AT THAT. IT SEEMS THAT THE DECISION ON THE UNIFORM CONTROVERSY RESTS IN HIS HANDS. OZ HASN'T VOTED YET AND VOTES ARE TIED. HE IS INCLINED TO PUSTENE THE VERDICT. WHATEVER IT MAY BE, OZZIE WILL GET HIS (AND I DON'T MEAN A UNIFORM, EITHER).

G. PRINGLE IS WORRYING ABOUT HIS INCOME TAX (AND ISN'T!). IN FACT, HE WORRIES SO MUCH THAT IT TAKES HIS STRENGTH, AND HE REALLY HAS A TIME DRAGGING OUT OF A NICE WARM BED IN ORDER TO BE ON WATCH ON TIME.

A LITTLE SOUTH OF THE CHENA SLOUGH A MAJESTIC CONTROL TOWER SLOWLY GREW. THE GROUND AROUND HAD LONG SINCE FROZE, BUT OUR PRIDE AND JOY SLOWLY ROSE. THE WORD CAME THROUGH - THE TOWER WAS DONE, AND WOULD OPEN WITH THE MORNING SUN. ALL WERE READY FOR THIS GREAT EVENT; SHE'D BE CHRISTENED INDEED, WITH CRENE DE NENTHE.

AND, GOOD FRIENDS, LET IT BE SAID THAT OUR TOWER WAS OPENED AND THE FOLLOWING READ:

"O HIGH AND MIGHTY TOWER OF OURS, WHO OES IT'S LIFE TO THE GOOD WALT DOWERS, WHOSE SPAGHETTI-LIKE LEGS BY REITEN BUILT TO THE WEST, A WEE BIT, SEEM TO TILT. NOISE AND STATIC THROUGH THE DAY, THANKS TO GOOD OLD MR. GRAY." LONG JOHN PIKE, YES, OFF HE FLED, AND NOT A WORD HAD HE SAID. THE FIRST SHIP CALLED, AND CALLED AGAIN, THEN FIGURED THAT NO ONE WAS "IN". BERNIE RETURNED, PUT IN A LIGHT; GRAY STOLE BACK IN THE DARK COLD NIGHT. PIKE RETIRED AT AN EARLY HOUR, AND WARMED HIS INNERS WITH A WHISKEY SOUP.

BROTHER OSBORN PACKED HIS LUNCH, THROUGH THE SNOW HIS BOOTS DID CRUNCH. HE CLIMBED THE STAIRS WITHOUT A PEEP, PUT OUT THE LIGHT AND WENT TO SLEEP.

-- PRONO NOSIG

SNAFU

UNCLE CHARLIE TOOK A HYPO AND WAS ABLE TO YOKE A ZEBRA AND A DOG TO THE KING. THIS UNIT WAS READY TO SAIL WHEN NAN STOOD UP TO AFIRM HER LOVE FOR PETER THE BAKER. PETER REPLIED, "OBOE, YOU ARE SWEET AS SUGAR AND THIS SHOULD BE EASY, BUT HOW ABOUT VICTOR? HE'S SLY AS A FOX AND YOU ARE THE QUEEN OF HIS HEART AND THE DOG WILL NOT OVERLOOK THIS ITEM. HE THEN PULLED AN OBOE FROM HIS POCKET AND PLAYED A SNAPPY JIG, FRIGHTENING THE ZEBRA. THE SUDDEN TAKEOFF SPILLED MIKE AND MADE HIM TARE HIS PAINTS, BUT THE XRAY SHOWED NO FURTHER DAMAGE. Q&K.

(NOTE: AN OBOE IS A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT THAT IS A CROSS BETWEEN A CLARINET AND A TURKISH PIPE. IT'S PRONOUNCED O-BO TO RHYME WITH HOBO. HOW COME ALL THIS "OH BOY" STUFF?)

C. BROWN HAS BEEN UTILIZING HIS FEW SPARE MOMENTS TYPE-DRAWING CARTOONS ON THE TELETYPE AND SENDING THEM TO THE WEATHER BUREAU. THEN THERE IS THAT FAR-AWAY LOOK IN HIS EYE WHEN THE GIRLS TYPE BACK THEIR OHS AND AHS. NATURALLY BROWNIE CAN'T HAVE A NEAR LOOK IN HIS EYE BECAUSE THE GIRLS ARE A FEW MILES AWAY. 'TIS A SAD WORLD.

REGARDS TO TWO FORMER YOKE CODEISTS, E. SMITH AT HQ AND R. MEISNER AT JP.

BUD BRUDERER, CHIEF OF CONTACT AND SERVICE SECTION, ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE IN THE SMALL HOUR OF WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH HIS WIFE, CORRENE, AND MISS BONNIE ALLYN, THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTER. BUD TELLS US THEY WERE ON THE BOAT FOR TWELVE DAYS AND THE TRIP BECAME RATHER MONOTONOUS FOR ALL BUT MISS BONNIE. SHE MADE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE ON BOARD AND HAD QUITE A COLLECTION OF PRESENTS WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE.

BUD AND HIS FAMILY ARE STAYING AT THE WESTWARD TEMPORARILY, BUT ARE IN THE MARKET WITH ALL THE REST OF US FOR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS, BE IT HOUSE, APARTMENT, OR LEAN-TO.

FIFTY-FIVE MILE WIND HITS MAIL AND FILES

THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH MUST BE SPREADING, BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT EVERYONE IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE HEARD ABOUT THE EVACUATION OF MAIL AND FILES DURING THE RECENT "GUSTER". WHO SAID "GUSTER"? WHY, IT WAS A REGULAR ARCTIC HURRICANE!

A STRANGE SIGN APPEARED UPON THE DARKENED DOOR OF ROOM 212. "MAIL AND MIMEOGRAPH IN ROOM 208. FILES IN ROOM 204". BEWILDERED "CAA'ERS" WOULD FINALLY FIND VI NELLO, AND PLEAD FOR AN URGENT PAPER FROM "THEM DUSTY FILES". OTHERS, PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY, DECIDED THAT IT WAS JUST AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO VISIT ROOM 212 TO GET THE MAGAZINES OR PACKAGES THAT THEY HAD FORGOTTEN TO CALL FOR DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS. G. O. RUDE EVEN CALLED FOR HIS PACKAGE, WHICH HAD BEEN COLLECTING DUST SINCE CHRISTMAS.

IN ORDER TO INFORM OUR UNOBSERVING VISITORS, WE SHOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MAIL ROOM DOES HAVE A FEW SKYLIGHT WINDOWS, BUT THAT THESE WINDOWS DO NOT CLOSE TIGHTLY. SO THERE YOU HAVE THE SOLUTION, "WATSON" - OPEN WINDOWS, A SIXTY-FIVE MILE WIND WITH CERTAIN GUSTS, OCCUPANTS OF MAIL AND FILES TURNING BLUE WITH THE COLD, TRYING TO WRITE WITH NUMBED FINGERS, AND WEIGHTING DOWN ALL THE PAPERS IN THE ROOM (THEY MANAGE TO HAVE QUITE A BIT OF PAPER).

THE SECOND DAY THE CHIEFS DECIDED THAT PERHAPS THOSE SILLY GIRLS IN ROOM 212 WERE CHILLY BEYOND THE WARMTH OF THEIR COATS. THUS, EVACUATION WAS EFFECTED.

BEN LOFGREN AND LEONARD DROGIN MANAGED TO STUFF OLD RAGS INTO THE CRACKS ABOVE THE WINDOWS - HOW, WE DON'T KNOW, BUT THE TEMPERATURE DID RISE APPROXIMATELY FIVE DEGREES. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE RAGS TO FALL OUT OR FOR ANOTHER WIND STORM TO ARRIVE. THANKS, ANYWAY, "FELLAS".

WE SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE PEOPLE IN ROOMS 204 AND 208 FOR THE WARMTH OF THEIR ROOMS. WE HOPE THAT WE DID NOT CAUSE THEM TOO MUCH INCONVENIENCE.

OH, YES! MAIL AND FILES ARE NOW FUNCTIONING NORMALLY IN ROOM 212.

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO TAKE PAINT BOTTOM OF AN AIRPLANE? PRINCIPAL REQUEST - TIME, PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE. IN NC 24, IS GETTING A SPRING OVERHAUL.

DUTCH SHANKS JUST BOUGHT A NEW PAIR DARLINGEST COVERALLS. JUST LIKE A ROMPERS, WITH BUTTONS ALL OVER THE PLACE WE HAD NOT WORN THIS LOVELY GREAT WE ARE ALL WAITING EXPECTANTLY.

DURING THE PAST MONTH DRIVING TO THE HANGAR HAS BEEN A PROBLEM. FOR A FIELD WAS TURNED INTO A HIGHWAY, AS IT HAD DRIFTED OVER THE ROAD, MAKING IT SLIPPERY. NOW THE MAIN THING TO DO IS GET RIGHT GROOVE, HOLD TIGHT TO THE WHEEL AND

ENBERG'S THREE SONGS

WHERE, OH WHERE, HAVE THE UNIT HEALERS
OH WHERE, OH WHERE CAN THEY BE?
AT LAST I FOUND ONE
OH, A BEAUTIFUL ONE!
BUT I HOPE THAT'S NOT ALL THAT I'LL SEE

NOW THAT SPRING IS COMING, NOW THAT
WE'RE GETTING WARMER, THE UNIT HEALERS
FINALLY ARRIVING. ANYWAY, ONE LONE HE
FOUND CRATED DOWN AT THE DEPOT. AIN'T
DEARFUL!

LATEST ACQUIREMENT OF THE HANGAR
SCHEWE, OUR NEW MECHANIC. HE IS NOT
LOOKING BUT ALSO VERY EFFICIENT.

CAUTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I GIVE TO YOU THIS WARNING:
IF TO THE HANGAR YOU DO COME
BEWARE OF JEFFORD, HURST, AND HORNING.

IN FACT, I'D SAY BE CAREFUL
OF ENBERG AND SPICER TOO!
ALSO MATT AND DUTCH AND RAY
AND FINANK, WHO IS JUST NEW.

THEY THERE'S FUZZ AND FREDDY;
THEY'RE NO BETTER THAN THE REST.
HARRY IS THE ONLY ONE
WHO WOULD TREAT YOU AS A GUEST.

THEY'LL SKIN YOU IF THEY CAN;
THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME.
THEY'LL TAKE AWAY YOUR MONEY
DOWN TO YOUR VERY LAST DIME.

THEY'LL MATCH YOU OUT OF THIS;
THEY'LL MATCH YOU OUT OF THAT.
SO PLEASE, MY FRIENDS, TAKE WARNING
OR ELSE BE BUSTED FLAT.

HAS ANYBODY NOTICED THE GLOW ON THE
THE OCCUPANTS OF ROOM 212? NO MORE RED
EYES, AND NO MORE BLINKING AS TH
THE OUTER WORLD. SOME PEOPLE EVEN TH
"SPRING HAS SPRUNG" WHEN THEY SEE TH
REFLECTION ON THE DOOR. FLUORESCENT LI
COURSE!

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
FEBRUARY 9, 1949

DEAR ED:

CONGRATULATIONS FROM ZFX! YOUR (OR SHOULD WE SAY "OUR") PAPER, YE OLDE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, WAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO ALL THE BOYS HERE IN FX, AND THEY ALL FEEL THAT IT WILL FILL THE SOCIAL GAP THAT IT IS INTENDED TO. IT ALSO SHOULD PUT THE RUMOR BOOMERS INTO A FIT, WITH ALL OF THE FACTS DOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE FROM THE R. O. THE 2 PERSONNEL OF FX EXTEND THEIR BEST WISHES. WE'LL ALL TAKE OUR TURN AT THE PEN DIPPING AND COSSIP GARNERING UNTIL WE NOMINATE AN OFFICIAL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

SINCERELY,
RAJOT BRONO
ZFX

MCMURRAY, OUR RESPECTED AND HONORED CAC, HAS BEGUN TO RELAX A BIT AFTER THE ORDEAL OF BREAKING IN A CREW OF SEVEN VOLUNTEERS. IT WAS A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT BUT FROM THE OCCASIONAL SMILE SEEN FLICKERING AROUND THE EDGE OF MAC'S MOUTH WE BELIEVE HE THINKS THE CRISIS IS PAST.

NOTES ON THE PLUTOCRATS (I.E., THE SIDE-JOB BOYS): THE PERSONNEL STAFF OF STATION KFAR IS NOW AUGMENTED BY TWO OF OUR NUMBER. WEST, EX-CINCINNATI AC, WORKS UNTIRINGLY COPYING PAGES AT THE TRANSMITTER SITE, WHILE SAM SILVER OF ATC DOES HIS DAILY STUNT AT ANNOUNCING. WEST PROMISES US THAT HE WILL LEARN THE CODE SOME DAY, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES A NOBLE ASPIRATION. NOT BEING WELL VERSED IN HISTORICS WE ARE UNABLE TO QUIP ON SAM'S TECHNIQUE AT THE MIKE. R. A. MILLER, EX-PARCO, WYOMING, AC, PROMISES TO FIX ALL THE BUM RADIO SETS IN FAIRBANKS AND "KEEP 'EM RUNNING" FROM HIS WORKBENCH AT THE FAIRBANKS RADIO SHOP. THEN WE HAVE E. F. WHITNEY, EX-CHANUTE, KANSAS COMMUNICATOR, WHO IS LOST IN THE LABYRINTHINE CORRIDORS OF TYPE IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE DAILY NEWS-MINER. WALT BOWERS OF OUR MAINTENANCE CREW SLINGS A MEAN HAMBURGER FROM THE GRILL OF THE MIDGET CAFE ON FRONT STREET. ALL OF WHICH ADDS UP TO "FINE BUSINESS" NOW, BUT WAIT UNTIL INCOME TAX TIME.

FX IS NOTED FOR ITS SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES BUT WE KNOW WHEN WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH. THE POOR VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS FROM TEXAS AND THEREABOUTS NEGLECTED TO INCLUDE RED FLANNELS IN THEIR EXCESS BAGGAGE! A RUN ON THE LOCAL HAMBURGERS HAS RESULTED AND IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT NO MORE BRIGHT COLORED UNDERGARMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

WANTED: SOMEONE TO SUGGEST AN AMICABLE METHOD OF SETTLING THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM WORK. SEEMS THE BOYS AT THE TOWER ARE DESIROUS OF GETTING TO WORK FIRST, WHILE THERE ARE THOSE AT THE CONTROL STATION WHO ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT. WE WILL BE OPEN TO HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS UPN. NOTE: MAYHEM, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, ETC. ARE NOT CONSIDERED HELPFUL.

REMEMBER THE USUAL CHAMPAGNE BOTTLE BUSTING, TAPE REPAIRS AND SPEECH MAKING. FX TOWER WAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AND BOOMED INTO OPERATION AT MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 1, 1949 WITH GRANT M. OSBORN AT THE HELM. IT WAS WITH A SIGH OF HAPPINESS THAT THE BOYS OF FX FINALLY CAME INTO THEIR OWN AND MOVED INTO FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS. ONCE AGAIN WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF R. J. PETITTE'S COMPANY. HE DOESN'T LIKE FX THOUGH. S'MATTER PETE, TOO COLD?

WHILE OUR INFORMATION HAS IT THAT HOUSING AT FX ISN'T IN QUITE THE STATE OF AFFAIRS THAT IT IS IN HQ, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE DAY THAT REITEN AND HIS GANG ANNOUNCE THE FORMAL OPENING OF OUR NEW QUARTERS. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE COMPLETION DATE ARE BEING MADE BY SAID GANG.

AC L. A. ROBERTS RECENTLY DEPARTED FOR HQ AND POINTS SOUTH, NAMELY TEXAS. OUR OTHER TWO VOLUNTEERS ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSFER BACK TO THE STATES ELECTED TO REMAIN, WM. YOPPI BEING SELECTED FOR AN EARLY TRANSFER TO TANANA AS CAC, WHILE FLOYD WEST REMAINS AS COMMUNICATOR-CORNERSTONE OF THE EVENING WATCH. WE THINK THAT "JILLIE" YOPPI IS DETERMINED TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF "SOUPDOUGH", WHILE WEST FINDS HIMSELF WITH A CONSIDERABLE WARDROBE OF FUR GARMENTS PLUS SOME NATURAL FUR IN THE FORM OF A GOATIE, AND IS DETERMINED TO REALIZE SOME RETURN ON HIS INVESTMENT. OF COURSE WE PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT ANY GARMENT THAT HAS KEPT US ALIVE SO FAR THIS WINTER HAS PAID FOR ITSELF MANY TIMES OVER. ANYWAY, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE GOING TO BE WITH US FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER SIX MONTHS, BOYS.

WHEN OLD KING WINTER SANK HIS TEETH INTO THE WATER SYSTEM AT THE CONTROL STATION THE BOYS HAD TO RESORT TO ALL SORTS OF DEVISIVE MEANS TO GET THE NECESSARY WATER. (NOTE: SNOW WATER MAKES TERRIBLE COFFEE.) EVEN SINCE WE INSTALLED NEW PIPE SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE AMISS, AS THE PIPE SNUFFLES, GURGLES AND GASPS CONSTANTLY, WHILE THE WATER COMES OUT IN SPASMODIC SQUIRTS. IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO TAKING AN ICE-WATER SHOWER TO DRAW OFF A CUP OF WATER UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, WATER AT ANY PRICE IS DISTINCTLY BETTER THAN THE RECENT DROUGHT.

A FEW OF THE FELLOWS WHO HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE FOOD THEY REQUISITIONED FROM THE COMMISSARY ARE VERY GOOD SALESMEN FOR THAT BRANCH. UPON COMPLETION OF QUARTERS, COMMISSARY REQUISITIONS FROM FX SHOULD BE MUCH MORE COMMON, AS MOST OF THE BOYS ARE CURRENTLY ROOMING OUT.

IS OUR FACE RED? WROTE THE LITTLE WOMAN TELLING HER OF THE TERRIBLE COLD UP HERE, -58, NO LESS. ALSO SENT A COPY OF THE LOCAL PAPER AS A SOUVENIR. IMAGINE OUR EMBARRASSMENT WHEN WE LATER READ A COPY OF THE SAME PAPER GIVING THE OFFICIAL "LOW" FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MONTH.

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LIVE AND LEARN. FLOYD WEST WILL HEREAFTER KNOW BETTER THAN TO BRING HIS COMMISSARY GROCERIES TO THE CONTROL STATION FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE PENDING REMOVAL ELSEWHERE. SAID WEST WORKS HARD FOR HIS MONEY AND VALUES THE ASSETS THEREOF ACCORDINGLY. WEST HAS DISCOVERED THAT EMPTIER STOMACHS THAN THOSE OF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS "THERE ARE NO EMPTIER THAN". NEXT TIME HE WON'T ORDER POTATO CHIPS.

CAC McMURRAY AVOWS THAT IF NEXT WINTER IS AS COLD AS THIS ONE HAS BEEN HE WILL GROW A BEARD AND AT LEAST KEEP HIS FACE WARM.

WE HEAR THAT JERRY CURTIS MAKES WONDERFUL POTATO SALAD. METHINKS HE LIKES TO REMINISCENCE OF THOSE DEAR DAYS BACK IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT A CERTAIN CONTROLLER IN APT. B OF FOURTH AND NOBEL AS OF THIS DATE DENIES STEALING WOOD FROM APT. C, COLD WEATHER NOTWITHSTANDING.

THE OLD FAITHFUL HOT-PLATE WHICH TURNED OUT SO MANY POTS OF DELICIOUS (???) COFFEE FOR THE CONTROL STATION HAS FINALLY GIVEN UP. SO MANY REPAIRS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE COIL THAT TOWARD THE LAST ONLY ABOUT TWO INCHES OF THE HEATING ELEMENT WERE LEFT, THE REST BEING SUNDRY AND ASSORTED WIRES, SOLDER, NUTS AND BOLTS, ETC. THE OTHER DAY THE ONLY RESPONSE WHEN IT WAS PLUGGED IN WAS A DULL SNAP ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE AND VARI-COLORED FLASHES. REPAIR WAS BEYOND THE QUESTION; IT VIRTUALLY BURNED ITSELF UP. THIS WROTE FINIS TO A TORRID CAREER. SHE WAS BURIED IN THE INCINERATOR WITH FULL HONORS AND MANY REGRETS.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF A SPARE AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER FLOATING AROUND, PLEASE WISE US UP, BILL YOUNG HAD A DAY OFF LAST WEEK AND THE SHOCK WAS SO GREAT HE BECAME UNNERVED AND SHOWED UP AT THE STATION TO REGAIN HIS COMPOSURE.

IS THIS RUMOR ABOUT SAM SILVER AND A BEAUTIFUL BRUNETTE FOUNDED? WE UNDERSTAND SHE'S A MUSICIAN, TOO.

RANDOM OBSERVATION: THE MAIL SITUATION HERE IS LIKE THE REPUTED MONEY SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES; 90% OF IT IS IN THE HANDS OF 10% OF THE PERSONNEL. HOW DO THEY DO IT? WE THOUGHT WE HAD TRIED EVERYTHING.

RMS GRAY DROPPED PAST WITH A LITTLE GADGET WHICH HE ALLEGES HAS CAUSED MUCH GRIEF AND MANY A TELNO TO BE SENT ABOUT 302. IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH RELAYS WHICH IT DIDN'T DO, OR SOME SUCH THING. WE WERE GLAD TO HEAR THAT, AS WE NEVER KNEW FROM ONE MINUTE TO THE NEXT WHETHER WE WERE "ON THE AIR" OR NOT. GRAY ALSO ADVISES THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE ABOUT TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT THE NEW TRANSMITTER SITE. THE MOVE IS NOT BEING MADE WITHOUT SOME MISGIVING, HOWEVER. SEEMS THAT THE ROAD OUT THERE, 1/2 MILES OF IT, GETS VERY, VERY SPONGY SOME THE THAW AND IS NOTHING SHORT OF A NIGHTMARE TO DRIVE ON, OR IN. EXPECT GRAY TO SUBMIT HUGE ORDERS TO THE COMMISSARY, JUST IN CASE HE GETS CAUGHT OUT THERE.

OH, WOE, OH, WOE! THE PET OF EVERY GIRL IN THE DRAFTING UNIT HAS LEFT US NEVER TO RETURN. NEVER AGAIN WILL WE SMILE AT THE SUBTLE HUMOR OR FROWN AT THE SLY DICE OF FRANK CARAWAY. FOR HE AND MRS. CARAWAY HAVE MOVED TO SEATTLE. GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK, FRANK. WE'LL MISS YOU.

WE'VE MISSED HANS RHIGER OF LATE, TOO. HE'S BEEN AT HOME WITH A BADLY INFECTED FOOT. BUT WHEN HE WAS CONVINCED THAT A WELL-PADDED FOOT-STOOL HAD BEEN REQUISITIONED, HE RETURNED TO WORK. HE REPORTED THAT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1943 HE COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL SOLO FLIGHT! CONGRATULATIONS, HANS.

THE DRAFTING UNIT HAS ALSO BEEN WITHOUT A FILE CLERK. ALICE ROBINSON HAS BEEN AT HOME WITH TONSILLITIS. TAKE CARE, ALICE, BUT HURRY BACK.

ALACK, ALAS, WE HAVE ONE MORE WOE, CONSTRUCTION UNIT HAS LURED AWAY A GOOD DRAFTSMAN; BUT LEO WILDER HAS GONE ANOTHER STEP UP. CONGRATULATIONS, LEO. DO COME BACK TO VISIT YOUR OLD STAMPING GROUNDS NOW AND AGAIN.

DO YOU WONDER THAT THERE ARE SAD HEARTS IN ROOM 213? BUT WE WILL BE BRAVE AND WORK ALL THE MORE DILIGENTLY TO PROMOTE THE WAR EFFORT.

SLOPPY JOE EWOLDT REPORTED LATE FOR WORK ONE EVENING A WHILE BACK AND TOLD A TALE OF THE WHEEL OF HIS CAR COMING OFF DOWN THE HIGHWAY A PIECE. THE CAC, BEING A DOUBTFUL SOUL, FIGURED JOE'S TARDINESS WAS OF A MORE LEGITIMATE NATURE AND PROCEEDED TO CALL ALL THE LOCAL BARS AS WELL AS THE HOSPITAL WHEN JOE DID NOT SHOW UP. NO RESULT BEING FORTHCOMING FROM THESE EFFORTS, THE CAC TRIED THE JAIL, BUT IN SOME MANNER JOE PERSUADED THE LOCK-UP MAN TO KEEP MUM. WHEN JOE FINALLY APPEARED AT THE STATION WE ALL BELIEVED HIS STORY - OF COURSE. EVEN GOOD MEN SOMETIMES LAND IN JAIL. JOE IS NOW ONE OF OUR ACE PERFORMERS AT THE KLEINSCHMIDT.

SPRING IS HERE! IF THESE BALMY DAYS DON'T CONVINCEN YOU, WITNESS WESTMAN SANS MUKLUKS. THAT PROVES IT. WE THOUGHT HE COULDN'T GET THEM OFF. WEST, ALSO, CHOVED UP LOOKING A LOT LESS LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE FOREST PRIMEVAL, HAVING FORSAKEN HIS VOLUCRINOUS AND MULTITUDINOUS FURS FOR A COMMON TOPCOAT.

FOR SOME TIME YOURS TRULY HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO AN APPROPRIATE HEADING FOR THIS COLUMN, SOMETHING PROFOUND AND THOUGHT PROVOKING. NOTHING CAME. THEN WE COMPROMISED OURSELVES AND DECIDED THAT MAYBE JUST SOME CATCHY TITLE WOULD DO. NONE CAME. AT LAST, IN DESPERATION WE DECIDED THAT ANYTHING APPROPRIATE TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS COLUMN WOULD SUFFICE, SOMETHING LIKE FOD FROM FX, OR CHAFF FROM THE CHENNA SHORE, BUT NOTHING SUITABLE CAME UP. FINALLY WE MADE THE MISTAKE OF ASKING THE CAC FOR A SUGGESTION, AS A GLANCE AT THIS HEADING TESTIFIES. WELL, WE ASKED FOR IT. (EXIT: SCREAMING).

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN STARTED

A STORK SHOWER WAS GIVEN THE OTHER AFTERNOON IN HONOR OF NED GRIFFIN AND WILLARD JORDET, WITH DECORATIONS CARRIED OUT IN A PINK AND BLUE THEME. THE TABLE WAS DECORATED WITH A STORK HOLDING TWO LARGE BUNDLES OF GIFTS. AS GUESTS LOOKED ON, THE EXPECTANT FATHERS UNWRAPPED THEIR GIFTS, UTTERING EXCLAMATIONS AND WORDS OF THANKS AS RATTLES, LITTLE CANS OF TALCUM POWDER, AND OTHER NECESSITIES, WERE REVEALED.

DEPOT SHOP MECHANICS ATTENDED, WEARING THEIR NEW REGULATION UNIFORMS, WAREHOUSEMEN WORE THEIR BEST OVERALLS, AND THE GIRLS DRESSED QUITE INFORMALLY IN SKIRTS AND BLOUSES.

CHARLIE SUMP GAVE A SHORT TALK, WITH WORDS OF ADVICE TO THE GUESTS OF HONOR, AND ALSO A DEMONSTRATION OF THE LATEST METHODS OF FOLDING. IT MIGHT BE ADDED THAT MR. SUMP IS A VETERAN FOLDER.

REFRESHMENTS CONSISTED OF ICE CREAM CONES, ANIMAL CRACKERS, AND CLEO COLA.

SUCH IS LIFE !

SINCE JACK NEUBAUER TOOK HIS WIFE TO SEE LANA TURNER AND ROBERT TAYLOR IN A SHOW THE OTHER NIGHT, HE HAS BEEN TALKING OF NOTHING ELSE BUT THE LOVELY LANA. HE UNDERSTAND THAT HIS WIFE DOESN'T MIND, AS SHE'S BEEN SIGHING OVER ROBERT TAYLOR.

EXPLAIN YOURSELF

THOUGH HE CLAIMS TO BE A WOMAN HATER (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEALTHY WIDOWS), DOUG DUGGAN HAD A BEAT IN BALDHEADED ROW AT THE USO SHOW THE OTHER NIGHT WHILE THE HULA-HULA DANCER WAS PERFORMING. HOW DO WE KNOW? THAT'S A SECRET.

ALL CAA EIGHT PI KODW ANCHORAGE 272100
ALL CAA EIGHT
NOTAM NUKLUG. ALL MEMBERS COMMA HONORARY OR OTHERWISE INCLUDING TOWER OPERATORS COMMA OF THE ANCIENT AND VENERABLE ORDER OF SHORT SHORT OPS COMMA WHO APPROACH WITHIN OR ENTER AN AREA FIFTY FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE BOUNDING THE AIRWAY COMMUNICATION STATION AT HOW QUEEN WILL BE CHALLENGED AND MUST PRESENT "IT" OR BE FINED THE CUSTOMARY ONE BUCK OR IM LIEU THEREOF ONE TRIP TO THE ENREST BAR ADMID (AFTER DAYS WERK IS DO E)

ED SKYLER S3125
JOHN CONRAD EN51-41

ALASKA AIN'T THE PLACE FOR GOILS THAT'S USED TO THINGS THAT'S FINE, THAT'S USED TO LOTS OF CATERIN' AND CHASIN' ALL THE TIME.

IT AIN'T THE PLACE FOR NICETIES, FOR SILKS AND TOE-LESS SHOES; IT AIN'T THE PLACE FOR GLAMOR GOILS, OR THOSE WITH STRICT TABOOS.

IT AIN'T THE PLACE FOR HOMESICK DOLLS, OR THOSE WHO'RE APT TO GROAN WHEN THINGS IS NOT THE WAY THEY WAS WITH MAMMA WAY BACK HOME.

NO - ALASKA AIN'T THE PLACE FOR GOILS, FOR GOILS AND SKOITS THAT FLIES. AN' LATELY I'VE BEEN WONDERIN', IF IT'S QUITE THE PLACE FOR GUYS.

WE SYMPATHIZE

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TWO YOUNG LADIES WHO WERE GOING TO A WEDDING RECEPTION THE OTHER NIGHT, ALL DRESSED UP IN THEIR SUNDAY-GO-TO-MEETIN' CLOTHES? THEY WERE HURRYING ALONG THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AS FAST AS THEY COULD WITH CONDITIONS BEING WHAT THEY WERE UNDERFOOT, WHEN SUDDENLY ONE OF THEM STARTED SLIPPING. SHE CLUTCHED HER PAL (PROBABLY WITH THE THOUGHT IN MIND THAT IF SHE WERE GOING TO BE THROWN OFF HER DIGNITY, SO SHOULD SAID FRIEND) --SO! DOOMPS-A-DAISY! DOWN THEY WENT IN GREAT CONFUSION, LOTS OF MUD - AND UTTER DISGUST! THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT ABOUT-FACE AND START FROM SCRATCH AGAIN. THIS TIME THE TWO YOUNG LADIES DID NOT HURRY. CAUTIOUSLY AND SEDATELY THEY PICKED THEIR WAY TO THE PARTY, ARRIVING AN HOUR AND A HALF LATE. MORAL: HASTE MAKES A SOW'S EAR OUT OF A SILK PURSE.

BLUES IN THE HINTERLAND
OR

COOKING - FROM BAD TO VERSE

AS A STUDENT OF HOME ECONOMICS AND THE GLORY OF BEING A CHEF, OR THE SCIENCE OF GASTRONOMICS, YOU CAN RATE ME ABOUT 4 - F.

FOR SIX LONG MONTHS I'VE BATCHED, EVEN SLEPT WITH THE RECIPE BOOK; BUT RESULTANT MESSES COULDN'T BE MATCHED BY ANY KIND OF A COOK!

HENCEFORTH, I VOW TO COOK NO MORE, LEST CRITICS SAY, WITH WICKED GLEE, "FOOD WOULD CERTAINLY WIN THIS WAR IF HE'D ONLY COOK FOR THE ENEMY!"

TO AVOID ANY SUCH VERBAL FLAK, RIGHT NOW I'M ON MY WAY TO EXECUTE A FLANK ATTACK ON A STEAK - IN A GOOD CAFE!

-- "CHAPPY" CHAPMAN, VQ

FOUND: IN FRONT OF THE PIONEER HALL AFTER THE DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT, ONE TUP SLOVE. ONE-MAY CLAIM IT BY STOPPING AT THE SWITCHBOARD.

SEABROOKS BRYAN RENN, ASSOCIATE AIRWAYS ENGINEER, VISITED THIS STATION ABOUT A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO AND HAD A RATHER LENGTHY CONFERENCE WITH KELLY BUTTE BILL (WILLIS FOR SHORT) COWLES, THE FULL FLEDGED PRE AND ACTING RMS. THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THESE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED.

THE GANG ALMOST HAD THE ANSWER TO A MUCH DESIRED PROBLEM (WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE HITS AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT) WHEN PILOT O. UNDERHILL FAILED TO BRING FRED NEWBURN'S WIFE TO THIS LITTLE TOWN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY FOURTH.

CHESTER WRIGHT, THE CARETAKER FOR MK CONSTRUCTION CO. AND THE SOLE DEFENSE OF THE CAA, KEEPS HIS FIREARMS IN READINESS FOR MAN OR BEAST. SO FAR NEITHER HAS CHALLENGED THE ACCURACY OF MR. WRIGHT'S EAGLE EYE.

THE UNEXPECTED MARCH WIND AND JUNE TEMPERATURES THAT SEEM TO BE OPERATING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE PERSONNEL IN THIS VICINITY. THE LOSS OF SEVERAL NOSES AFTER BEING FULLY THAWED OUT HAS INFLATED THE PRICE OF GAS MASKS. TOO BAD THE GENTLEMAN LEARNING TO BE JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES MADE THE UNFORGIVABLE MISTAKE OF OMITTING PLASTIC SURGERY.

THE BOYS AT THE BACHELOR QUARTERS HAVE REQUISITIONED A DISH TOWEL THE COLOR OF A STOVE RIG. BELIEVE THIS IS JUST A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, IN CASE THE WASHING MACHINE BECOMES INOPERATIVE.

WILLIS MONROE COWLES, THE UTILITY BOSS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, KNOWS NO LIMITS WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. AT THIS WRITING THE MIGHTY BILL HAS AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON HIS BRAIN. CLAIMS ALL THE FLAT COUNTRY ALONG THE RIVER SHOULD BE CULTIVATED BY THE MOST ECONOMICAL METHOD. ANYWAY, HE'S CARRYING ON SOME HAIR RAISING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE MATTER.

THOSE CARRIER PIGEONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH (MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, JANUARY 1943) NEED SOME IDENTIFICATION WHILE OPERATING IN THIS VICINITY. A SMALL CAPSULE ATTACHED TO THE LITTLE BIRD WILL BY NO MEANS MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON THOSE BLOOD-THIRSTY VILLAINS AT THE BACHELOR QUARTERS, WHO ARE OVERANXIOUS TO REPLACE THE RABBIT STEW ALA-MODE DISH WITH ANYTHING THAT HAS MEAT ON IT.

FRED NEWBURN, THE PROPAGANDIST FOR THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, HAS JUST COMPLETED A COURSE VIA THE MAIL ROUTE, "HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS". POSTPONED HIS GRADUATION SPEECH IN FRONT OF THE MAIL BOX TO MAKE A SPECIAL WEATHER REPORT. WONDER WHAT STAR GAZER INSERTED THAT CLAUSE IN CIRCULAR "N".

AS HEAD OF THE BRASS POUNDING DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL FORECAST CENTER, FRED IS LIKE THE DOCTOR, "NOT ALWAYS RIGHT, BUT IT'S BEST TO TAKE HIS WORD".

PERSONNEL IN THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT THE MOVE AT A PACE THAT MAKES IT HARD TO BE AWARE OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. JUST BAK JOHNS IN THE STATES ARE ENGINEERS LEVIN, ARLEY ROBINSON AND JOHN LYNCH.

THE TALL TEXAN FROM DOWN HOMER WILSON CAN HOLMES, WAS IN FOR A FEW DAYS ON LEAVE FOR A VACATION OUTSIDE. HE WAS LOVED BY MAHLON HARRIS.

A RECENT ADDITION IS CHARLES HASTINGS ASSISTANT AIRWAYS ENGINEER, WHO IS NEW TO THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT. WELCOME TO REGION. OTHER NEW FACES IN THE PERRY KOLAIN; FROM NAKNEK, RALPH WES KENAI AND JERRY HOWARD FROM ILIAMA. SON SLEW IN FROM THE ARCTIC SHORES FULL OF MUKLUKS AND A BAG OF STORIES.

MORTON SHUTTS IS BACK AFTER AN ILL CONFINED HIM TO HIS HOME IN SEWARD WEEKS.

ROBERT LYLE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO AND HAS GONE TO TAKE UP HIS DUTY CITY.

"HAPPY" MENKEL BREEZED IN FROM WITH THE GOOD NEWS THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AH - FO RONADO NIGHTS!

VITAL STATISTICS

TRETON: BORN FEBRUARY 9TH, TO A JOHN TRETON, A SON, JOHN ALBERT.

KEMPTON: BORN FEBRUARY 5TH, TO M JERRY KEMPTON, A DAUGHTER, TANA GAIL

NAPPE: BORN FEBRUARY 22ND, TO M LESLIE NAPPE, A SON, GARY WAYNE 8 POUNDS, 8 OUNCES.

SPALDING: BORN FEBRUARY 14TH, TO M ROBERT SPALDING, A DAUGHTER, ROBEY WEIGHT, 6 POUNDS, 11 OUNCES.

WAYNE L. CAMPBELL (L FOR LOVEABLE ERPILLAR KID, AND MY MY KOLEA, A N OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANIAK MAN, IN HAND TO PLACE THE DISABLED TRACTOR OPERATION. THIS TRACTOR HAS BEEN A PROBLEM CHILD TO MR. CAMPBELL AND A THE BOYS AT HEADQUARTERS.

THE MONITOR'S AWARD FOR THE MONTH GOES TO REVEREND COWLES, WHO HAD AN IMPORTANT PART IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS CITY. THE RMS PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN A COUPLE OF WEDDING CEREMONIES AND ESCAPED THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY HIMSELF MINUS US OF A FAMOUS VERSE.

"TIS SWEET TO COURT, BUT OH, HOW TO COURT A GIRL, WHO THEN GOT A (BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, BILL.)

IN THE DAILY COURSE OF EVENTS, ONE MEETS A TYPEWRITER, A MECHANICAL MARVEL OF GADGETS, BUTTONS, LEVERS, ETC. IN ORDER TO BETTER KNOW YOUR TYPEWRITER THE FIRST THING ONE SHOULD DO IS CHANGE THE RIBBON. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW:

THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO STARE AT THE TYPEWRITER FOR A GOOD TWO HOURS, MEMORIZING JUST HOW THE OLD RIBBON IS FIXED IN THE MACHINE. IT IS EVEN WISE TO DRAW A LITTLE DIAGRAM OF THIS, BECAUSE YOU WILL FIND THAT ONCE THE OLD RIBBON IS REMOVED YOU WILL HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW THE RIBBON WOUND ITS WAY THROUGH THE LITTLE JIGGERS AND OODADS THAT HOLD IT.

NOW, OPEN THE NEW RIBBON. NOW, PUT THE NEW RIBBON AWAY. NO ONE EVER OPENED A FIRST NEW RIBBON AND FOUND IT TO BE THE RIGHT MAKE, SIZE AND SHAPE. NOW, OPEN ANOTHER NEW RIBBON. THIS ONE, IF YOU'RE LUCKY, IS THE RIGHT ONE. NOW, TO CHASE THE NEW RIBBON, WHICH HAS FALLEN FROM YOUR HANDS AND UNWOUND ALL THE WAY INTO THE NEXT ROOM. AFTER YOU HAVE REWOUND THE NEW RIBBON, DON'T BOTHER TO WASH, BECAUSE YOU ARE JUST STARTING TO GET DIRTY.

THE BIG MOMENT IS NOW AT HAND. THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT THE RIGHT SPOOL ON THE REVOLVING BUSINESS ON THE RIGHT. BE SURE THAT THE ARROWS ARE POINTING THE RIGHT WAY, AND THAT EVERYTHING SNAPS INTO PLACE. NOW, DO THE SAME WITH THE LEFT SPOOL. AT THIS POINT IT IS EXCUSABLE TO GO AND WASH UP. WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, YOU ARE BLACK WITH INK FROM HEAD TO FOOT, AND NEED ONLY TO DROP TO YOUR KNEES, ROLL YOUR EYES, AND CLASP YOUR HANDS TO LOOK LIKE AN JELLY ON THE SECOND CHORUS OF "MAMMY". WHEN YOU RETURN ALL SPRUCED UP, RUN THE RIBBON THROUGH THE LITTLE CLAW IN THE CENTER, AND THE TWO LITTLE WATCHMAGALLITS ON EACH SIDE. NOW, BY ALL RIGHTS, THE RIBBON SHOULD BE READY TO WORK. LEAVE A SIGH OF RELIEF, GRIN A GRIN, AND START TYPING, ALL THE WHILE WATCHING THE RIBBON TO SEE IF IT IS MOVING, AND GOING FROM ONE SPOOL TO THE OTHER.

IT WON'T MOVE A LICK. IT NEVER DOES. IT JUST SITS THERE, IMPATIENTLY WAITING TO BE WORKED OUT IN ONE SPOT, LIKE A CHILD WAITING FOR A PANKING.

SO, START ALL OVER AGAIN. THIS TIME PUT THE LEFT SPOOL ON THE RIGHT SIDE, AND VICE VERSA. PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE ARROWS. KEEP PLUGGING AWAY AND THEN CALL FOR THE REPAIR SHOP AND THEY'LL SEND A MAN OVER. WELL, NOT A MAN, EXACTLY. MORE OF A MAGICIAN, WHO'LL DO THE WHOLE JOB IN TEN MINUTES.

-- HERBERT S. BRIDGES

WAYNE HOUSE, FORMER CLERK AT THE HANGAR, IS NOW TRAINING DOGS FOR THE ARMY AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED BY FRIENDS. WAYNE ENLISTED IN DENVER, AND HAS SINCE BEEN STATIONED IN TEXAS, SEATTLE, FORT GALE, VIRGINIA, AND NOW GULFPORT. HIS ADDRESS IS C/O ARMY RECREATION AREA, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI.

TAKE YOUR CHANCE
(BEING A DESCRIPTION OF ALASKA AS
IT WAS TOLD IN JULY 1942 AND AS
IT WAS REPEATED IN JANUARY 1943)

ALASKA----! THE MAGIC NAME OF A MAGIC LAND OF ENCHANTMENT AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD, COMBINING THE MAJESTY OF ENDLESS MOUNTAIN RANGES, GREEN VALLEYS, MYRIAD PLACID LAKES ALIVE WITH LEAPING TROUT, ENDLESS ACRES OF EXOTICALLY BRILLIANT FLOWERS, GLACIERS, VOLCANOES, AND INNUMERABLE TINKLING STREAMLETS AND RUSHING TORRENTS HURRYING TO THEIR RENDEZVOUS WITH THE MIGHTY YUKON. ALASKA---- THE LAND OF GOLD-MINERS AND GOLD, OF SALMON AND SUNSHINE---- AND THE CROWNING GLORY, THE STARS AND STRIPES FLOATING SERENELY OVERHEAD.

-- NEWLY ARRIVED CHEECHAKO

ALAS----KA! THE MISERY NAME OF A MISERY LAND OF DISILLUSIONMENT AT THE OTHER END OF CREATION, COMBINING THE--FORBIDDING WASTELAND OF CRUEL MOUNTAIN RANGES, THE FROZEN DESOLATION OF A SUNLESS DESERT. ALASKA---- A VAST SPRAWLING CONGLOMERATION OF FRIGID ARCTIC WINDS, OF STICKY MUD AND RAIN, THE LAND OF GOLDFISH AND GOLD-DIGGERS, OF BUSTED WATER PIPES, BLASTED HOPES AND BROKEN HEARTS, ICE CLOGGED RAILWAYS, WRECKED AIRPLANES, HUNGRY AND SHIVERING PEOPLE --- A LAND WHOSE LIFELOOD IS SLOWED AND CONGEALED, AND WHOSE ONLY BRIGHT HOPE IS PINNED ON THAT CROWNING GLORY --- THE STARS AND STRIPES, FLYING BRAVELY, DEFIANTLY OVERHEAD.

-- DEPARTING CHEECHAKO

(THE FOREGOING IS THE PRODUCT OF A MAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHEN HE IS WELL OFF IN A GOOD COUNTRY AND IS NOT GOING TO MOSES POINT.)

DE DESROCHERS - HUMLING

ON FEBRUARY 22ND THEY WERE WED. JEANETTE DE DESROCHERS, A CIA RED HEAD, AND JACK HUMLING, AN ENGINEER OF FAME, WHO COURTED THIS GIRL AND GAVE HER HIS NAME. A RECEPTION WAS HELD; THEIR FRIENDS GATHERED THERE. SOME MEN PREFER BLONDES; HE FAVORED RED HAIR.

WITH CAMERA AND FLOOD LIGHTS IN HAND WE ARRIVED AT THE HARRIS ESTABLISHMENT, ANN BEING BOTH HOST AND HOSTESS. JEANETTE WAS BEAUTIFUL IN A LIGHT AQUAMARINE CREPE DRESS, AND JACK WAS GLOATING OVER THE FACT THAT HE AT LAST HAD FOUND SOMEONE TO KEEP HIS STOVE GOING.

JACK'S CRAZY ANTICS BEFORE THE CAMERA CAUSED US NO END OF TROUBLE, BUT WE WERE FINALLY REWARDED WITH A SNAP OF THE HAPPY COUPLE SHARING IN THE CUTTING OF A VERY DECORATIVE THREE-TIER WHITE WEDDING CAKE BEDECKED WITH A MINIATURE BRIDE AND GROOM.

AN EVENING OF DANCING WAS ENJOYED. PUNCH AND CLEVER SNACKS WERE SERVED, AND A BIT LATER THE CAKE AND COFFEE. RICE WAS PLENTIFUL. THE CLIMAX WAS REACHED WHEN THE BRIDE AND GROOM CLIMBED OUT THE BEDROOM WINDOW. THEY THOUGHT THIS WAS VERY CLEVER, BUT LITTLE DID THEY KNOW WHAT THE GOBLINS HAD DONE TO NO. 4 IN THE FOSS PARTMENTS.

MR. AND MRS. HALDO S. FREDRICKSON HAVE LEFT FOR TV. WE UNDERSTAND FREDDY IS WELL HEELED WITH FISHING AND HUNTING EQUIPMENT. WE HOPE THEIR NEW VENTURE WILL BE A HAPPY ONE.

WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE PIGEON LOFT (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONTROL TOWER) FOR RECENTLY COMING TO OUR RESCUE. DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER AND IMPASSABLE ROADS, IT APPEARED THAT THE TRUCK WITH THE EVENING SHIFT WOULD ARRIVE LATE AT THE STATION. THE PIGEON LOFT, SEEING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTED, CLEARED THE TRUCK TO TAXI DOWN THE RUNWAY IN ORDER TO REACH ITS DESTINATION. WE WONDER IF THIS WAS DONE TO LEND A HAND OR IF THE PIGEONS WANTED TO GET HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER. THANKS A MILLION, ANYWAY.

ONE OF THE MEMBERS AT HQ STOOD GAZING AT THE ECLIPSE AS IT WAS APPROACHING TOTALITY AND REMARKED, "THAT REMINDS ME. I'VE GOT TO TRIM MY TONGUES TONIGHT."

DURING A RUSH PERIOD, AS COMMUNICATOR MOORHEAD WAS SWINGING AROUND TO GET IN POSITION TO COPY AN EMERGENCY DISPATCH, THE WHEEL OF HIS CHAIR CAUGHT IN ONE OF THE NUMEROUS HOLES IN THE FLOOR. HE WAS THROWN FOR A DOUBLE SOMERSAULT AND LANDED ON HIS HEAD. WE EXPECTED A GROWL. INSTEAD, HE QUIETLY GOT UP, BRUSHED HIMSELF OFF, EMITTED SEVERAL "HAW HAW'S", AND CONTINUED WORKING. MORE MEN LIKE MOORHEAD ARE SORELY NEEDED.

THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WAS RECENTLY OVERHEARD COMING IN OVER THE ETHER:

JEFFORD IN NC18: ANCHORAGE TOWER FROM NC18. WHAT'S THE CEILING DOWN THERE?

TOWER OPERATOR, AFTER SHORT PAUSE: I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK IT'S CELOTEX.

NOTICE TO CREEPS WHO GO AROUND
RE-ADJUSTING OTHER PEOPLE'S BUGS

IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO THE FELLOW WHO LETS YOU USE HIS BUG BECAUSE YOU DON'T POSSESS ONE,

PLEASE DON'T CHANGE HIS ADJUSTMENTS.

HAVE YOU EVER LOANED A WRIST WATCH TO SOME DOPE ONLY TO HAVE HIM TAKE IT FOR A SWIM?

HAVE YOU EVER LOANED YOUR NEW CAR TO SOME YAWG ONLY TO HAVE HIM TAKE IT OUT AND WRINKLE UP A FENDER?

HAVE YOU EVER HAD SOME LOUNGE LIZARD STEAL THE WIFE WHOM YOU HAD BEEN TRAINING YOUR WAY FOR TEN YEARS?

IF SO, YOU KNOW WHAT WE MEAN. YOU MAY BORROW OUR BUGS, BUT, FOR GOSH'S SAKE, DON'T MONKEY WITH OUR ADJUSTMENTS.

-- VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

FOUND: ELECTRICAL SHOCKS ON THE 3005 POSITIONS.

LOST: ONE PERFECTLY GOOD TEMPER. IF FOUND, RETURN TO AUTOMATIC OPERATOR.

FOUND: SEVERAL OPERATORS WITH STIFF NECKS THE DAY AFTER THE ECLIPSE.

HELP WANTED

WANTED: A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN RADIO OPERATORS WITH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS: (SEE 8C2Q FOR CLASS A STATION).

MUST BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL CIRCUITS WITH A MINIMUM OF GRUMBING. WHEN ASKED TO QXX A CODED TWO HUNDRED WORD MESSAGE, MUST BE ABLE TO CONTROL TEMPER, SMILE, AND LIGHT A CIGARETTE, RATHER THAN THROW THE MILL OUT THE WINDOW AND YELL "I QUIT!!"

MUST KEEP OCCUPIED EIGHT HOURS A DAY, RATHER THAN CONTINUALLY FIND FAULT WITH EVERYTHING, KEEPING IN MIND THAT THERE ARE PERSONNEL LOOKING FOR WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES, AND EQUIPMENT IS HARD TO GET.

WHEN A STATION THAT IS ASKED TO GA AUTO OR QXX A BOOK OR PULL BACK TEN FEET COMES BACK TEN MINUTES LATER AND SAYS IMI, MUST SMILE, REPEAT THE QUERY AND START TRANSCRIBING. MUST NOT UNDER ANY CONDITION TEAR THE TAPE, THROW OUT THE RECORDER, KICK AT THE CHAIR NOR USE PROFANE LANGUAGE.

MUST KEEP OUT OF THE WATCH SUPERVISOR'S WAY. HE IS BUSY, HAS A HIGH TEMPER, AND KEEPS A LOADED REGULATION 45 IN THE DESK. OPERATORS ARE HARD TO FIND THESE DAYS.

WHEN A LADY COMMUNICATOR WALKS BY HIS POSITION, MUST NOT TURN TO LOOK NOR EMIT A SOFT WHISTLE, THUS MISSING SEVERAL GRP'S ON A DISPATCH OR A COMPLETE WEATHER REPORT AND CAUSING SOME PILOT TO CRASH AND AN OPERATOR IN THE FIELD TO THINK HE'S A LID WHEN ASKING FOR A QXX.

WHEN A MAINTENANCE MAN APPROACHES WITH A GLEAM IN HIS EYE AND TRIES TO TAKE HIS RECEIVER, TELETYPE OR TRANSMITTER, MUST POLITELY ASK HIM TO SEE THE SUPERVISOR. MUST NOT SWEAR AT HIM NOR IN ANY WAY MUTILATE HIS DELICATE FEATURES, AS HE TOO IS SUPPOSED TO BE A HUMAN BEING.

IF THE REMOTE RECEIVERS SEEM TO BE OUT OF TUNE AND A MAINTENANCE MAN IS CALLED TO TUNE THEM, MUST LIGHT A CIGARETTE AND START COPYING MANUAL, AS HE WILL SAY THEY WERE TUNED ONLY LAST NIGHT. IF THE MAINTENANCE MAN IS ENTICED IN AS HE IS PROCEEDING TO THE RECEIVERS, MUST

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KEEP ON GUARD, AS HE WILL INVARIABLY CALL WHEN HE ARRIVES AND ASK IF THE SIGNALS AREN'T BETTER. IF THE RESPONSE IS "YES", HE WILL RETORT "THAT'S FUNNY. I DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH THEM."

SALARY: CAF-6 PLUS 25% DIFFERENTIAL PLUS OVERTIME FOR EIGHT HOURS PER WEEK, MINUS 5% RETIREMENT MINUS 5% VICTORY TAX MINUS 20% FOR BONDS MINUS 20% 1943 INCOME TAX (BEFORE THE HOUSE NOW). WHAT'S LEFT, YOU CAN LIVE ON.*

WILL BE SEEING YOU NEXT ISSUE.

-- REPORTER PAN X

*LET'S ANALYZE REPORTER PAN X'S SALARY:

BASE SALARY FOR CAF-6 IS	\$2,300.00
PLUS 25% DIFFERENTIAL	575.00
	<u>2,875.00</u>
PLUS 21.6% OVERTIME PAY	622.80
	<u>3,497.80</u>
LESS 5% RETIREMENT ON \$2,875.00	143.75
	<u>3,354.04</u>
LESS 5% VICTORY TAX, \$6.20 PER PAY PERIOD	148.80
	<u>3,205.24</u>
LESS 20% OF \$3,497.80 FOR BONDS (NOT BAD)	699.56
	<u>2,505.68</u>
LESS 20% OF \$3,497.80 INCOME TAX (MAYBE) HE HAS LEFT	699.56
	<u>1,806.12</u>

HE HAS SAVED AND WILL HAVE RETURNED TO HIM WITH INTEREST:

RETIREMENT	\$143.75
42% OF VICTORY TAX (IF MARRIED)	62.59
BONDS	<u>699.56</u>
	905.82
HE HAS ACTUALLY	<u>\$2,711.94</u>

NOW LET'S SEE HOW REPORTED PAN X SPENDS HIS TIME:

THERE ARE 365 DAYS IN A YEAR OF WHICH HE WORKS 8 HOURS AND HAS 16 HOURS OFF OR 2/3 OF HIS TIME IS HIS OWN	365
HE SPENDS 1 HOUR PER DAY OR 1/8 OF HIS TIME TALKING, GETTING A DRINK OF WATER, ETC.	283
	<u>122</u>
THERE ARE 52 SUNDAYS EACH YEAR	45
	<u>77</u>
HE GETS XMAS OFF	52
	<u>25</u>
HE GETS 26 DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE PER YEAR	1
	<u>24</u>
AND 15 DAYS SICK LEAVE	26
	<u>-2</u>
	<u>15</u>
	<u>-17</u>

THE GUY OWES THE GOVERNMENT 17 DAYS AT \$8.63 PER DAY OR \$146.71. FINE BUSINESS!

-- DEAD PAN

TO - ALL GREMLINS AND WATCH-TOWERMEN

FROM - COKE TREASURER

SUBJECT - EVERY-SO-OFTEN FINANCIAL REPORT OF OUR #121 COKE FUND AND RELATED ITEMS

INDEBTEDNESS - WE STARTED OUR VENTURE INDEBTED TO PROMOTER AND FINANCIER, J. A. S., TO THE AMOUNT OF \$9.40 (FOR HOT PLATE, CASE OF COKE, COFFEE, MILK, AND SUGAR). THIS INDEBTEDNESS WAS INCREASED TO \$21.70, WHEN WE WERE FORCED TO PURCHASE FIVE CASES OF COKE EACH TIME. AGAIN, UNDER PRESSURE, OUR FUND WAS RELIEVED OF \$1.50, AND LATER \$10.00, BY OUR FINANCIER. THUS, OUR PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS IS \$10.20.

FIXED ASSETS - DUE TO THE NATURE OF THINGS, IN UNDERTAKING OUR PRESENT SERVICES WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO INVEST A CONSIDERABLE SUM IN FIXED ASSETS, SUCH AS COKE BOTTLES, TO THE TUNE OF \$6.00.

LIQUID ASSETS - OUR LIQUID ASSETS CONSIST OF EVAPORATED MILK, COFFEE AND SUGAR DO NOT BECOME LIQUID ASSETS TILL WATER IS ADDED; IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEAR THAT IN MIND. A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THESE ASSETS IS \$1.11, TO WHICH WE MUST ADD FIVE CASES OF COKE ON ORDER, WHICH FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WILL BE CONSIDERED A LIQUID ASSET. OUR TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS AMOUNT TO \$8.11.

CASH POSITION - OUR CASH ON HAND IS \$5.50 PLUS \$0.50 IN OUR CHANGE FUND. TOTAL, \$6.00.

CASE HISTORY - AN INTERESTING FACT LEARNED FROM OUR COKE CASE HISTORY IS THAT GREMLINS AND WATCH-TOWER PERSONNEL HAVE CONSUMED 19 CASES OF COKE, WITH 5 ON ORDER, THUS TOTALING 24 CASES SINCE OUR START 10 WEEKS AGO.

CASH	\$6.00
FIXED ASSETS	6.00
LIQUID ASSETS	8.11
TOTAL CASH, FIXED AND LIQUID ASSETS	<u>20.11</u>
LESS INDEBTEDNESS	10.20
NET WORTH	<u>10.31</u>

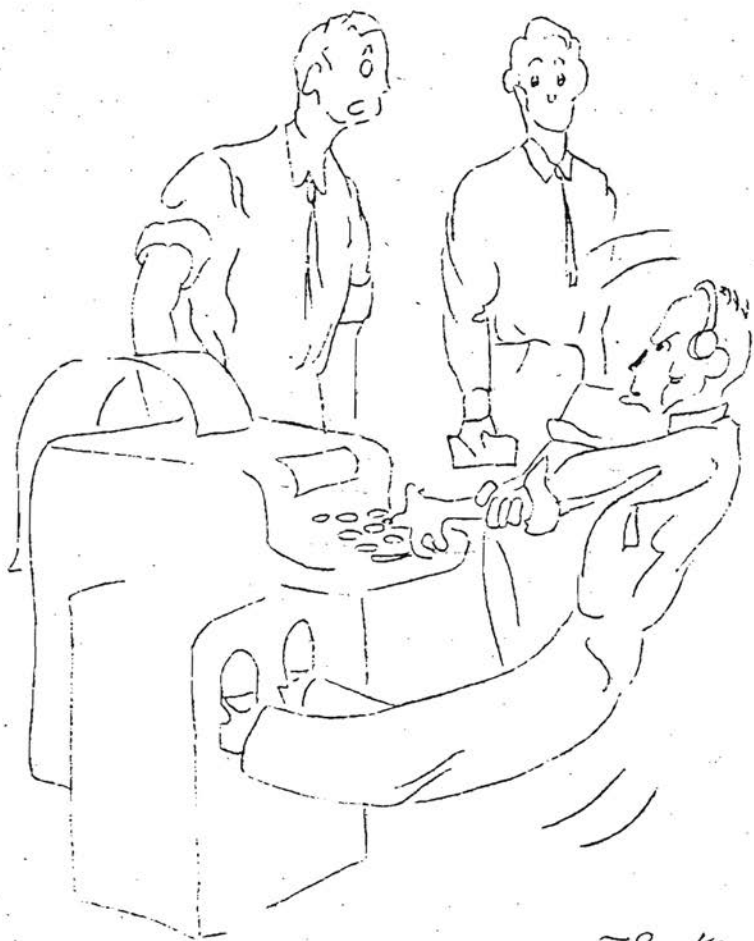
CONCLUSION - IN REVIEWING THESE FIGURES AND TRENDS WITH GREMLIN GUS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF DUNN AND BROADSTREET, WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IF PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO LIQUIDATE OUR DEBT TO J. A. S. AND PERHAPS DECLARE A 6% DIVIDEND TO OUR CAA STOCKHOLDERS BY 1947. THAT IS, IF WE CONTINUE PAYING FOR COKES WITH DIMES AND NOT WITH NICKELS OR PENNIES.

HONORABLE TREASURER
#1857# COKE FUND

HIROHITO, WITH POLITE BOW: WHEN THE WAR IS OVER I WILL RULE THE WORLD.

MUSSOLINI: NO. THE GOOD LORD SAID THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.

HITLER: I DIDN'T SAY THAT!



Z. Comke

"I don't think that new operator
is going to be with us much longer."

Big
Pisces