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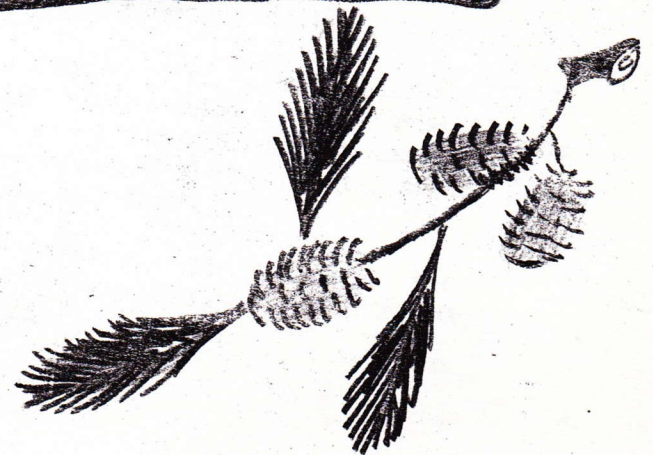
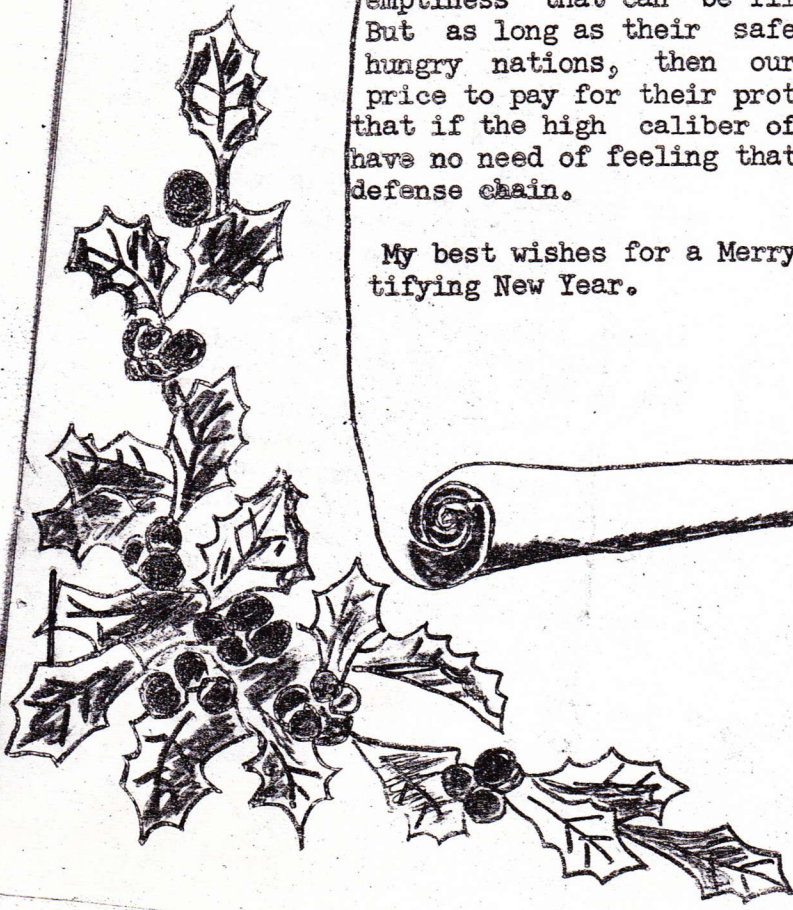
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Nobody will deny the loneliness and the longing of the airmen who are separated from their families and friends at Christmas. We at Rockville are no different.

No matter how pleasant the season, there is still an emptiness that can be filled only by their presence. But as long as their safety is jeopardized by power-hungry nations, then our inconvenience is a small price to pay for their protection. But I am certain that if the high caliber of work continues, then we have no need of feeling that we are the weak link in the defense chain.

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very gratifying New Year.

Jim R. Lehman
THE COMMANDER



ABLE TEAM REPORTS
BY LEN SKINNER



It's too bad all the Radar Operators at Rockville can't be on Able Team but everyone just can't be on the best team in operations which is just what Able Team is.

The Able Team line - up reads like so: In the top slot senior director is Captain Aufderheid, at duty director is Lieutenant Grady, our Number 1 Honcho crewchief is T/Sgt Jack Ackerman, backed up by T/Sgt Len Skinner as assistant crew chief.

Our most efficient movements section is manned by T/Sgt LaLonde and A/1C Hicks. The control section consists of: S/Sgt Martin at control tech and A/1C Bones as the assistant control tech; A/2C Larson on the horn at the intercept tech position; and on the floor it's A/2C Anderson, A/2C Blanchard, A/2C Heuser, A/2C Shahan, A/3C Courier and A/3C Gallegos. Now tell me men who could ask for more.

Among other good points about being on Able Team is that we also have the number one candidate for Santa Claus this year and he now weighs in at a round 205. We won't mention any names because your reporter doesn't have his insurance policy paid up yet and also it would cause embarrassment to this certain person because you see, he is trying very hard to loose some of this weight which he has suddenly picked up.

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But to any of you who wish to get your late letters in to Santa, just address it to: SANTA Room -3, Able Team Barracks, Rockville, and I am sure he will get it.

Now to the sad part. Able Team suffered a great loss this week when our Number 1 Skipper moved into an armchair job in the operations office. We refer to none other than Lt. Quann who has been the Senior Director on the crew since he arrived at Rockville in July of this year and since that time has made Able Team the top team in our Operations Section.

He was replaced by a very capable old timer, Captain Howard Aufderheid whom I'm sure will strive to keep Able Team what Lt. Quann has worked so hard to make it. Sir, we the members of this team would like to say it's been more than a pleasure working with you.

The birthday's that were celebrated this month were: T/Sgt LaLonde's and that of A/2C Shahan. Both were on the 8th of December. Sergeant LaLonde has just hit the ripe old age of 36 while Shahan is no longer a teenager as he is 20.

Able Team would like to take this chance to wish every one at Rockville and at home a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

Look for us again in the next months issue of WHISPERING ROCKS!!!

- THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS -

'Twas the night before Christmas
And Rockville was quite,
The men were all sober
No chance of a riot.

The boys were all tucked in
Their beds, Oh so nice,
With visions of liquor
And women and dice.

When out of the rocks
There rose such a clatter,
We ran to the window,
To see what was the matter.

And there we saw Santa
His face was so clear,
With presents and goodies
And our favorite beer.

On Brandy, On Seagrams
On Pabst and Old Crow,
The boys are all sleeping
To the Barracks we got

They have all been good
So we'll give them a lot,
But what they all want
We just haven't got.

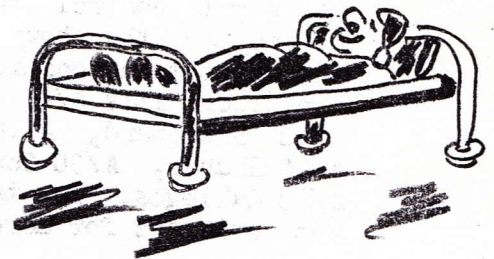
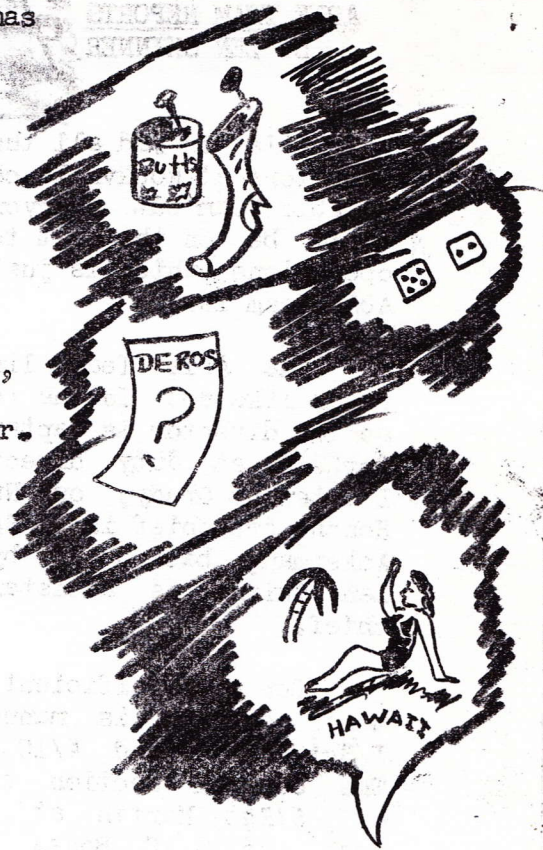
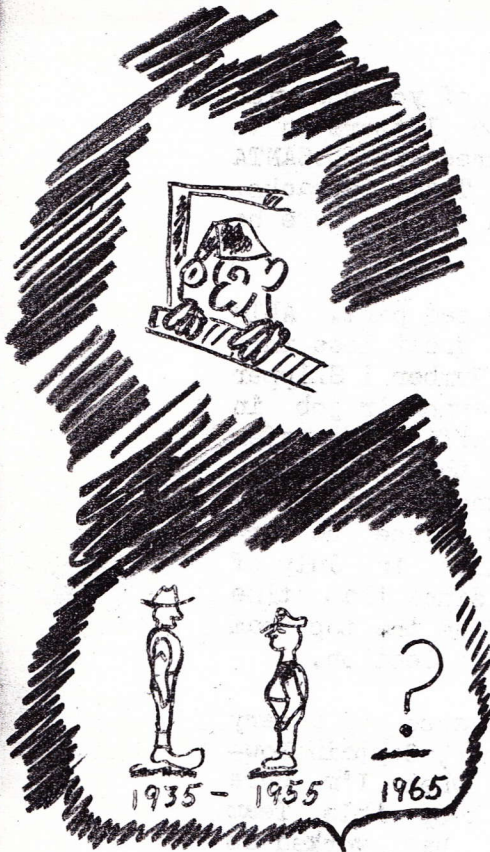
We'll give them a pin-up
Of their favorite gal,
To place on the wall
And raise their moral.

To the Colonel a basin
To catch all those tears,
Of those wonderful memories
In his first twenty years.

To the Adjutant an extension
Of his DEROS day,
Because he hates to leave
In one heck of a way.

Now we got everyone
So we're on our way,
We have a long drive
Back to station TFK.

So a Merry Christmas to all
And a Happy New Year,
Next year you'll be gone
But Rockville will be here.



A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

It's the scourge of commanders; it's the thorn in the side of a unit.

The people who say: It can't be done; I don't know how; We haven't got any; We have to wait, all hold back the wheels of progress.

If and when they ever get anything done, all the tools and supplies have to be handed to them, instructions have to be written out and they have to be carried right to their job or else, surer than Iceland has rocks, they will find some excuse for not doing the job.

On the other hand, let's look at the positive attitude. Only two things are required: initiative and imagination. When supplies are not available the people with the positive attitude will improvise, when they don't know how to do a job, they find out; when they can't do a job one way, they try another, no matter what stands in their way, when they know that something has to be done, they eliminate the obstacles one by one until the job that they started is finished.

These same people are the do'ers who make life easier for everybody; they are the inventors, the producers, the directors and the leaders. They know the joy of accomplishment which will never be known by their opposites.

BRIEFS FROM CHARLIE TEAM

BY WILL LESTER



1. Charlie Team wishes to extend to each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The TEAM is composed of the following personnel:

1st Lt Frank Lisenby, Virginia; 1st Lt Edmund Scully, New York; T/Sgt John Holcomb, Alabama; T/Sgt William Lester, South Dakota; S/Sgt Thomas Olinger, New Jersey; S/Sgt Chester Shade, West Virginia; A/1C Edward Suggs, South Carolina; A/2C William Brooks, Virginia; A/2C Ronald Bryan, Louisiana; A/2C Gordon Hamer, Ohio; A/3C John Chester, Ohio; A/3C Joseph Crucilla, New York; A/3C Lyle Heinrich, California; A/3C Wayne Vanalstyne, from New York.

2. T/Sgt Lester has just recently returned from a 15 day leave in the states where his wife presented him with a 7 pound daughter. Did everyone get their cigar?

3. T/Sgt Holcomb and S/Sgt Olinger are representing Charlie Team on the Christmas Leave.

4. Charlie Team has its big game hunter -- A/3C Chester acquired the name of Killer protecting a number of personnel in the local cinema. His deed was above and beyond the call of duty when he single handed destroyed a vicious inch long mouse. OUR HERO!!! Can any other section boast of such an outstanding display of bravery?

OPERATIONS SECTION

BY THOMAS WILLIAMS

In the first edition of this paper our section was noticeably missing. We will attempt to make up for that neglect in the future. Seems we were slightly late in starting our news effort with the result that the small bit we turned in was red-lined.

After having observed what a fine production was turned out by Contrades and Company, we sure want to do our part in aiding them to keep up the good work.

As most of you probably know, we are a doubly caged section, it takes two fences to protect us. The organization within this here enclosure runs roughly like this:

Our activities are led and supervised by the Operations Officer, Captain McGibbon, who is ably assisted by M/Sgt Ewing. Since we work around the clock and some of the men like to enjoy recreational hours occasionally, the operating personnel are set up in four teams. Able Team with Lt Quann as boss man or officially, Senior Director and T/Sgt Ackerman doing the prodding. Baker Team finds Lt Shaw in the driver's seat with M/Sgt Collins following through. Charlie Team is led by Lt Lisenby with T/Sgt Holcomb filling the team chief slot. Lt Hoobler directs Dog Team with M/Sgt Price supervising their activities.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Thanks to the AIO Section, particularly to A/IC Ross and S/Sgt Swenson, the hobby shop model room is almost completed.

Very shortly, the hobby shop will have air plane models leather goods, ceramic equipment and many other items for sale at 10% above cost price. The only reason a slight profit is made on these goods is to cover the cost of shipping and damage.

T/Sgt Tarbert has been trying to check out a lot of his Special Service equipment, checkers, chess, playing cards, footballs, boxing gloves, ice skates, fishing rods, softball equipment (in this weather?) and a few other things but nobody will use them.

BAKER TEAM
BY BOB BROWN



At midnight of the 13th Baker Team and a few other "guests" met in the NCO Club with M/Sgt Bernard Collins to celebrate his ?? birthday. The question in the mind of all that attended this party is how old is old Barney.

(EDITORS NOTE: Records show that he is 38 years old, born on 13 December 1917 at Worcester, Massachusetts.)

♪♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ♪♪♪

DOG TEAM BARKS
BY RONNIE MYERS



Birthday greetings are in store for one of our "Older Pups". He is Ronald Myers who will be 23 years old on Dec 22. And a belated "Happy Birthday" to "Pup" Bob Skonberg who really celebrated his birthday last month.

The "Old Hound Dog" on this team is M/Sgt William Price who incidently is looking forward to going home. Says Old Dad, "Some people think I bark at the moon but I don't; I chase 'Puddy Tats'".

Other puppy dogs looking forward to going home this month are: Steve Maurer, Jack Patton, and George Johnson.

One "Pup", Jackie Croy, is going to Germany to play basketball with the base team. As one "Pup" to another, Jack, sure hope you get to go and above all, Win Those Games!!!

It has been going around that some of the pups broke out of the kennel and were doing some fine type of howling for Able Team the other night. Sure hope "Old Dad" and all his "Pups" were in fine voice.

When all the pups come back from leave they will really have something to howl about.

One of our younger pups was foaming at the mouth a few weeks ago so he was quitey put away -- in the Drafting Room. To give you a hint, his name is Len Geller.

Well that's about all this pup reporter has to say for now but I would like to speak for all the men on our crew when I wish every one at Rockville a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

RADAR MAINTENANCE
BY BOB J. WEISS



At long last the BIG FOUR of radar maintenance who extended their stay in Iceland are returning to the US. A/1C Ted Hollingshead, A/1C Paul Knoetgen, A/2C Bob Harris, and A/2C Harold Maggelet are the persons to whom I refer.

Needless to say, they hate to leave us but nevertheless are looking forward to their returning home. Their stay in Iceland was terminated with a party given by the members of the section at the NCO Club and a good time was had by all.

As a token of our friendship within our section, each member of the departing "FOUR" received a lighter in hopes that every time they light a cigarette a memory of the 932ND comes back to them.

Good luck fellows and the very best of what the future holds in store for all of you.

I always thought Bendix made washing machines! I guess those new fangled contraptions didn't sell, so now they're resorting to Radar.

According to Captain Iaco, they are better at fixing washing machines. To quote our leader, "What a bunch of plumbers". But they did the job and a good job at that. Now that the Bendix engineers and technicians have completed their overhaul, we hope that we won't have need to do any work until the next overhaul.

Well, that's about it for now so--Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all you Rockvillians, and to those that ran out on us and went home, I wish you were back here.

THE ROCK SPEAKS

I hear from Steve Tausan and Jerry Hansen that Barracks 2543 is haunted, or so they claim. It seems that late at night they "think" they see a pair of stripped pajamas, glasses, and blue shower clogs floating down the hallway of their barracks.



Do you know that we have a killer in this squadron. It's really a rat-killer by the name of John Chester. He claims to have killed a rat in our theater that was ten feet long and weighed over a hundred pounds or so.

But the size and weight of this "rat" must have changed by now--it has been changing for the past week.

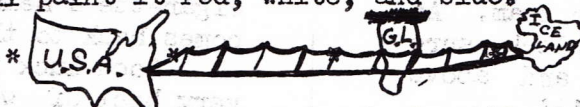
However, a certain person tells me that this "rat" was really a little teeny-weeny mouse that was no bigger than a good ole US dime.



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Old Pop Horsley is planning to build a bridge from Iceland to New York via Greenland. His bridge is still in the planning stage but he says he'll paint it red, white, and blue.



Joel Grace intends to bring a herd of cattle from New Mexico up here to Rockville and have them graze in the "grasslands". Any cow-hands available?

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Glenn Voelker tells me that he ran into a little trouble with his dear little wife. It seems that in the last issue of this paper he was congratulated on his first wedding anniversary and the words "What an IDIOT" was added on.

For his wife I say, that this statement was not meant to mean that he was an idiot for being a married man. That's all well and good, but it meant--the statement which he so often uses: "What an IDIOT". So will you forgive him???

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WISH I SAID THAT: "All I want for Christmas", says Lyle Heinrich, "is my two front teeth." And as "Pappy" puts his famous last words, "It will never happen again."

SUPPLY SECTION
BY MELTON BASDEN



The Supply section is happy to welcome First Lieutenant Joseph B. Smith to our section. He will take over the duty of material officer for this organization, replacing Lieutenant Donald H. Meck.

Lieutenant Smith is from Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in June of 1954 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Lieutenant Smith attended supply school in Cheyenne Wyoming. After completion of supply school, he was sent to Orlando, AFB in Florida where he took up the duty of supply officer for the Material Squadron.

In July of 1955 he married a Florida girl and four months later was on his way to Iceland.

He states that he was quite impressed upon his arrival to Rockville, and is pleased to have a good group of men working for him and hopes that together they can solve the Squadron's supply problems.

We are also happy to have a new Master Sergeant in the Supply Section. He is M/Sgt James W. Sullivan, who was promoted to M/Sgt some time around the first of the month.

Our new warehouseman is S/Sgt Edward Deitz, who was sent up here from McGuire AFB New Jersey.

We would like to say again if at any time we can be of help to any of you, call us at 116 or come over to see us.

From all the personnel in Supply, we wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MOTOR POOL
BY PAT O' SULLIVAN



Just a few more days until the holidays and a lot of people going home on leave, including myself. It's too bad all of us can not go. Thanks for holding the fort down while we're away fellows.

The oddest thing happened the other morning. We found a jeep with its right front fender pushed in. It was okay when we left it the night before and it wasn't dispatched to anyone. I just can't imagine what could have happened to it during the night. Probably a "large" snowflake was the cause.

S/Sgt Simmonds received a poem the other day from his wife. It seems to fit the answer to the question, "What am I doing in Iceland?". It goes something like this:

-BE PREPARED-

"We sail across the sea of life
with our God above,
Depending on His guidance and
everlasting love.

We all are merely passengers
upon the ship of years,
Relying on the Captain to ease
our doubts and fears.

It's not how hard the wind
might blow

But how we set our sails.

This is the most important
thing if we're to sail the gale
Without great care and reverent
faith, we're certain to be
the last,

In great typhoons of discontent
and evil mist of frost.

The moral of this poem is: Pre-
pare for what's to be

And we'll have little trouble as
We Sail Across Life's Sea."

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

I know that I haven't been very kind to some people during the past year, particularly to the personnel officer who sent me here, and to our mess sergeant, but you know how tired I get of pork, and maybe I said a few unkind things about the First Soldier, but I just could not stand by and let him put me on KP without at least one word and I won't deny that I had a few choice words for the troops in the barracks but you realize how much noise they make coming in off of the midnight shift and I know that I was wrong when I chewed out the mail clerk because I didn't get any mail.

But all in all Santa, I didn't goof enough to get rocks for Christmas so I would like to order a few things from you.

For Colonel Tebbs, a new bell; for Captain Goslin, more personnel; for the First Sergeant, a few more detail men; for M/Sgt Gilliland, some new plates and less ground beef; for T/Sgt Bland, an accident free year for his section; for S/Sgt Billingsley, a Project Guidance Manual; and for S/Sgt Vincent, a new set of choppers.

For Airman Ross, a few sheets of plywood; more mechanics for Radar Maintenance; for Supply, just fill their back orders; more detail men on the duty rosters for the lower four graders; and last of all Santa,

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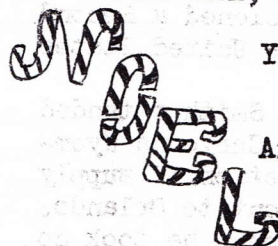
for the people I haven't got room to mention, one thing that they would really, really like would be to have their "DEROS" cut about a month or so.

I will be sitting on the large bubble on Christmas Eve awaiting your arrival so please don't fail me.

Till then, I remain --

Yours Truly,

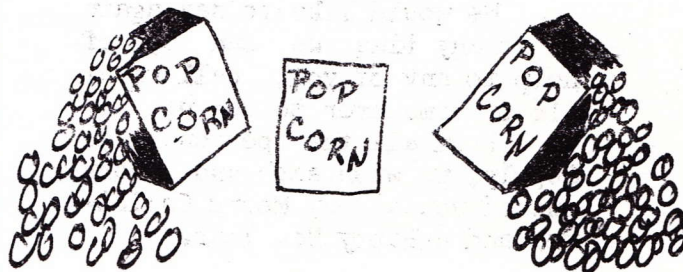
Airman Cajon

WHATS A MOVIE WITHOUT POP-CORN

The Supply Section has added another convenience to the Squadron. A/IC William Doney began the first pop-corn concession at the squadron theater, to add more complete entertainment for all to enjoy.

Airman Doney says, "I make the best Pop-Corn this side of Sangerdi", although we know it is the only Pop-Corn on this side of the Island.

Anyone desiring this service to continue should patronize this worthy project.





-CHRISTMAS EVE AT ROCKVILLE-

'Twas five o'clock on Christmas Eve
and then the fun began,
We put on our cleanest pressed fatigues
and to the Club we ran.

Simonds was there behind the bar
then Ackerman gave him a hand,
Along came Barnes with the rest of the boys
with that famous Hillbilly Band.

By 5:05 the bar was crowded
the stage and tables too,
Most of us were already loaded
because of a bottle or two.

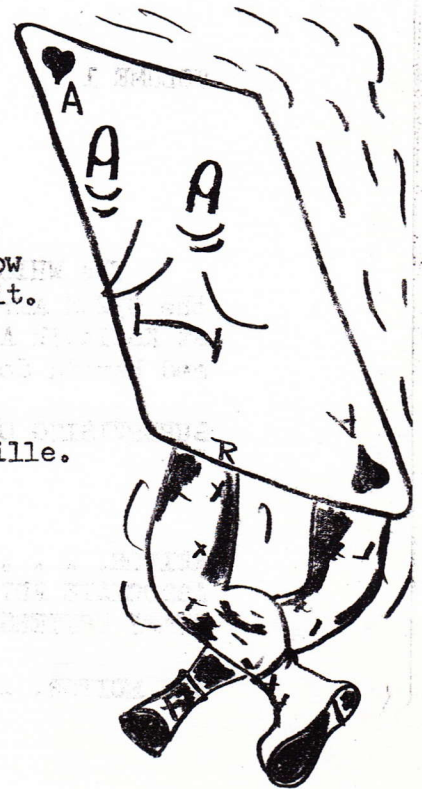
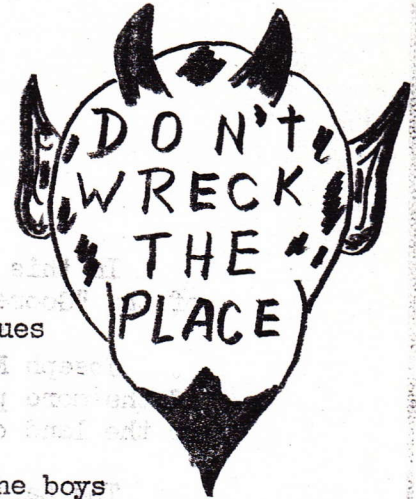
We didn't eat chow that night
in fact we didn't even try it,
For over these here holidays
we all were on a liquid diet.

John was there with nothing to say
but the words were on his face,
Have a lot of fun tonight
but, please don't wreck the place.

Then stumbling in came Sechrist
looking fit as a fiddle,
And stumbling right behind his tail
was Airman First Class Riddle.

They're really out to have a ball
and man! they can drink a bit,
There won't be any use for chairs now
'cause they won't be able to sit.

Well the place is really jumping
and I know it won't be still,
So we'll never know the outcome
of that Christmas Eve at Rockville.



MEET YOUR OFFICERS

BY JERRY HANSEN

In this edition we will try to bring out a few facts in the life story of the "Goose".

Joseph E. Goslin, our Squadron Adjutant and Personnel Officer, is one of the more prominent "short-timers" in the 932ND and is scheduled to DEROS to the land of green grass, trees, and beautiful women in February.

The Captain has eight years of active service, with four years of this time as a commissioned officer. In 1945 he was serving with the "regulars" as a Tech Sergeant and in 1949, as a Master Sergeant with the Air National Guard. He made captain in May of 1954.

In civilian life, Captain Goslin was with the public school department of Boston, Massachusetts, where he was an instructor of military science and tactics, and also taught physical education. He is married and has two young daughters.

A Bostonian by birth, he now lives in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts a suburb of Springfield, Massachusetts.

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SKINNER WINS CONTEST

Leonard Skinner, T/Sgt and assistant crew chief of Able Team is the winner of the squadron "YOU NAME IT" contest.

His winning entry, Whispering Rocks, was selected over a hundred other entries which included names like: "The Bubble-Rock Bugle", "Rockville Gazette", "The Rocket" and many others, to be the official name of our Squadron's monthly publication.

Len comes from Clearwater, Florida, has seen duty with the 625TH ACWRON in Alaska, and the unit at Madera AF Station, in California prior to his arrival in Iceland in June 1955.

A happily married family man, he plans to make the Air Force a career.

As a reward for his deed, Sergeant Skinner received a check for \$5.00

WANTED

ROCKS: to be used to build a bridge to the ZI. Call A/IC Horsley.

BOOKS: The library is running short of pocket books. Please donate or return these books to the Library.

WASHING MACHINE: Anyone having a Bendix washing machine for sale please call George Kriesel.

R RESTORER: Call Curly Brotbeck

CHRISTMAS SKIT PRESENTED

Last night, the Rockville Players presented their greatest show of the year. The play, "A Rockville Christmas Carol", was superbly presented. Many years will pass before a tragedy will be written that will equal it. This reporter cast his vote to S/Sgt Wood as the "Actor of the Year" for his portrayal of Ebenezer Tebbs. Never has a greater performance been given. After the show, his dressing room was mobbed by enthusiastic admirers.

The supporting cast represented the cream of acting ability. The producer was a very wise man in his selections.

The show should be the longest of the year since it is expected to have a long run of two days.

PERSONALS

DEAR REPLACEMENT: Please come soon -- I've been waiting for a year now.

DEAR ELY: I have followed your book to the letter but I am still losing money. E.S.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring my new front teeth as I am very tired of eating soup.

HELP WANTED

COWBOY: To help herd cattle from New Mexico to here. All expenses paid. Contact A/IC Grace.

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR'S

BY PAT GARRISON

Here are some facts about one of the most important jobs in this squadron. This job is the switchboard operators.

At the present time we have six men working up at the switchboard. Two of these men, are NCO's and they are: S/Sgt Mac Sechrist and S/Sgt Thomas Wood. Besides these two, we have A/2C Carl Anderson, A/2C Kogen Yamashiro, A/3C Donald Russo and A/3C Pat Garrison.

Our OIC is Captain Crawley who will be leaving us in February. Also DEROSing in February, is the combo of Wood and Russo; "Pineapple" Yamashiro, goes in April, Sechrist in May, Garrison in July, and Anderson in August.

And a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year to each and every one of you, especially the gay switchboard operators or, just what would Rockville do without the voices saying, "number please?".

W E L C O M E

Rockville welcomes the following new men:

T/Sgt Dick Robare
S/Sgt Paul Hensel
S/Sgt Ed Williams
A/1C Francis Cromiak
A/2C Don Bishop
A/2C Don Lytle
A/2C Nel White
A/3C Bob Colins
A/3C Gene Lutinski
A/3C Larry Skeets

Our Duty Rosters welcome you!!

AIO SECTION

BY ARTHUR WILL

AIO Section has been kept busy the past two months making boxes for the airmen of this site for the shipment of all Christmas gifts. We are glad to help you out if we can. Anything for the morale of the troops.

Our section received two promotions this past month. Lowell G. Vincent was upgraded to S/Sgt and Steve Tausan to A/2C. These two men are assigned to AIO Heating Department, and are doing their best to keep the heating plants on this site up to par and going.

Captain Rice our OIC would like to let everyone on this site know that we try and do the impossible, but our big draw back is parts and materials.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

William E. Kennedy	4 DEC
Robert C. Horsely	6 DEC
Richard E. Ducharme	8 DEC
Donnie L. Shahan	8 DEC
Kenneth J. Seals	10 DEC
Bernard Collins	13 DEC
Warren R. Fogarty	18 DEC
Donald R. Mays	18 DEC
Walter J. Thoman	18 DEC
Leon A. McBride	21 DEC
EDWARD C. SUGGS	22 DEC
Gerald D. Butler	28 DEC
Hubert F. Gilliland	28 DEC

A very Happy Birthday to each of you, and may the future hold great things for you.