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U.N. FLAG FLIES OVER TAL, T.T.

The *Trust Territory* division of *TAL* likes to compare the arrival of its planes on lonely Pacific Islands with that of sailing ships in by-gone days.

According to *Victor Lakin,* station manager in Guam for the "atoll hoppers", natives of the Trust Territories paddle out to greet the planes in outrigger canoes and accord them the same welcome given the old time trading vessels.

Everybody goes down to the beach and the atmosphere's the same, only instead of visiting once every six months to two years, *Transocean's* PBY's touch down in quiet lagoons once a week or more.

The four planes, loaned by the Navy to the *Trust Territories,* and operated by *Transocean* under the United Nations flag - the only airline so honored - carry a four-men crew and up to ten passengers besides providing support for the *Trust Territory* islands.

Not a few of the passengers are lepers bound for the colony of Tinian or arrested leprosy cases bound for their home islands. The patients are not isolated in any way and all but the most advanced cases are transported by air. There is no danger of infection, reports *Lakin.*

Sometimes, as happened last month, *Transocean* receives an urgent message that ser-

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NEWS OF TRUST TERRITORY, OR, FIVE YEARS IN THE BOONDOCKS

by Floyd Duffey

Scandal hits *TALOA* bachelor quarters! One of the Filipino guards of BPM No. 2 Camp, where *TALOA* maintains several quonsets, came around and caught a woman in *Vic Lakin's* quarters. Instead of checking in with the Police of Camp No. 2 he proceeded to rush over to Camp No. 1 which is about twenty miles away to report the infraction of rules. The Police at Camp No. 1 called Camp No. 2 and asked them to check up. The Police rushed down to check this violation and at this time *Mal* and *Vi* drove up. The Police told them about the violation where upon *Mal* explained that the lady living in *Vic's* quarters was *Mrs. Freeburg. Mal* and *Vi* have been sharing *Vic's* quarters while waiting for their house to be completed. To top it off, this morning when the house-boy came around he had orders to clean only half of the hut since there was a lady living there!

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At last we have a full compliment of crew members. Welcome to our new LST Officer, *Chris Angelos,* who arrived last week. *Chris* is taking hold nicely and swinging into things.

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Best of luck to *Harry Iske* who received greetings from the President about two weeks ago and who has now been inducted.

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Jim Henderson is limping around after turning his ankle at Ponape last week. He claims it was at the Club, but they have some deep holes out in the Boondocks.

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John Blanchard returned from the Majuro trip with a hole in the tail of *TAL 232.* He was warned about making such low passes at the PML ships, but I guess the hole was actually put there by the boat that meets the plane at Ebeye. Ebeye is just beside Kwajalein. Landings are made in the water unless it is too rough, in which case we are permitted to land on the Kwajalein strip.

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CAA Flight Examiner arrived from Honolulu.

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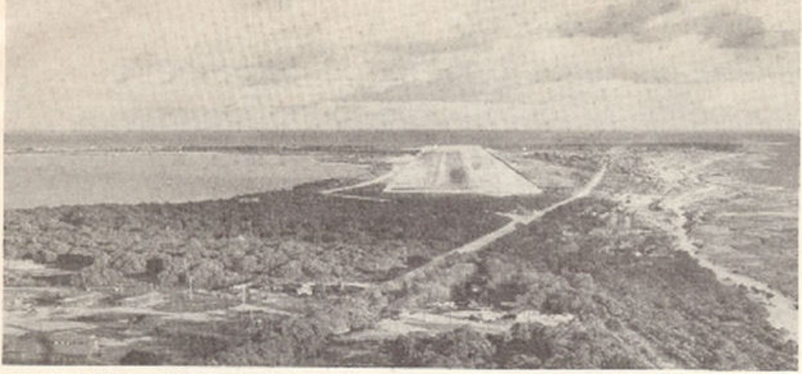

WAKE ISLAND . . . Looking Eastward toward the runway. TAL area is partly shown in lower left corner.

A SKETCH ON "RED" EMERY

Wake Island would lack a lot without friendly *"Red" Emery*, Station Manager, there to welcome everyone ashore.

"Red" is so modest and unassuming that we thought it was about time someone gave him a write up, small as it may be. We'd like to thank *"Red"* here, for the fine job he did in writing so many of the articles on Wake Island and *T.T.* that appear in this issue.

Everyone around the Oakland Airport who knows *"Red"* describe him quite simply, "just a nice, well-liked, quiet, sincere type of guy" they say, "with an appreciation for fine music and serious thinking."

Some of the vital statistics on *"Red"* are: he's been with *TAL* for almost three years, he is originally from Denver, Colorado and received his college education at the University of Colorado and at Harvard. He is a twin, his twin, *Dorothy*, works for the government in Tokyo.

(News of TT or 5 Years in Boondocks, cont.) Flight and rating checks were given to all pilots and *Mal* was approved as Flight Examiner.

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Helen Brandt will be leaving for the states, March 1st for an operation on her knee. The two boys will remain here with *Bill*.

OPERATION WAKE

Wake is a little pin-point some 4000 miles from Oakland out in the big, big Pacific. When you near it you find that it is a V-shaped mass of coral sand and heliotrope bushes harboring a pale green lagoon.

You glide down over the wrecked Japanese ship *Suva Maru* and onto a 7000 ft. surfaced runway. Today this is one of the most important fields in all Trans-Pacific travel.

Here is one of *Transocean*'s largest outlying base installations.

One hundred and forty based employees are doing *Transocean*'s share in the *Wake* operation of the airlift. They service and dispatch aircraft, load and unload cargo, drive jeeps, trucks, 'dozers and boomcats, cook, wash laundry, run machinery and all the hundred and one things that go with transiting aircraft and maintaining lay-over facilities.

Averaging a total of seventy-five flights each week, *Transocean* continues to handle its share of Airforce aircraft and all flights of *Transocean*, Philippine Airlines, United Airlines, Cal Eastern, Seaboard & Western and Sabena.

These are airlift days and airlift work at *Wake* begins and ends with the notations on the giant Operations board in the dining hall.

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JAPAN'S NEW AIRLINE

GUYS AND DOLLS

by Jewel George & Gloria Grigg

Nippon Koku, Japanese Airline to you, is proving very successful in Japan. The airline is under the auspices of Northwest Airlines, and flown by *Transocean* captains and co-pilots. The Japanese government is furnishing all ground facilities and the stewards and stewardesses for the flights. This is the first internal airline Japan has had, and the Japanese are taking to it like old veteran air passengers. The planes carry 90% Japanese passengers, and 10% European. The load factors are 95%.

Our pilots report that the flying is very enjoyable -- the longest hop is 470 miles; the shortest hop is 264 miles. They are on an approximately three day "on" and three and a half days "off" basis, which gives ample time for sight-seeing, shopping along the Ginza, and relaxing, while off duty, over refreshments at the Country Club.

There seems to be no housing problem--the single fellows are living in the *Transocean* crew house for bachelors and the married pilots and their families have found furnished apartments.

Captain R. E. Jones, who has recently returned from temporary duty in Tokyo, reports a funny incident which occurred on one of the flights. While in flight, a Japanese passenger, sitting by the "emergency exit" pulled the handle on the emergency door. The whole panel fell out--much to the amazement and horror of that passenger and everyone else in the plane. When asked why he did it, he replied that he couldn't read English and was curious to find out what the sign and handle meant.

by Dorothy Russell

Be My . . .

V - is for Victory, when our work is done.
A - is for the Aspirin, we keep close at hand.
L - is for our Loss of time, for this, that or the other.
E - is for the Energy we unfailingly display, while,
N - is for Noontime, (adrenalin not needed).
T - is for Tea, we enjoy at three.
I - is for If we had done one thing instead of another.
N - is for the Numbers that wrack our weary brains.
E - is for Elasticity, br-r-r-other are we outstretched.

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Speaking of old man weather, look what the North (Alaska) blew in! Yes sir, 'tis twinkling eyed *Dan McCarthy* by golly. However, the West winds, in cross current rebellion, forced a ray of sunshine when the light of *Doug Cole's* (Honolulu) smile spread through the Accounting Department. We didn't know what to expect from the South's Gunga Din, when up popped debonair *Pete Rayburn* from Burbank. Can't say wha' hoppened to the East, but let's hope it brings forth a bit of neutrality to even up the weather. Glad to see you, guys!

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Tal Insurance Dept. lost a swell doll, when *Ronnie Dixon* put aside her pencil and typewriter to pursue a full-time career in domestic affairs. Says *Ron,* "Now I can be a lady of leisure while the rest of you dolls suffer." *Ronnie* was the recipient of a very nice pressure cooker and a nice looking utility stool, from Accounting Dept. co-workers. Our best wishes are deeply extended to *Ron,* and as the saying goes "Aloha from Taloa".

Replacing *Ronnie* is raven-haired, blue-eyed, *Connie Jenkins,* who is proving to be an incomparable lass.

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We were all wondering what happened to *Bob Stanley,* when he was seen sporting an "Ace" bandage, wrapped around his head. No, it wasn't the result of Leap Year, nor was

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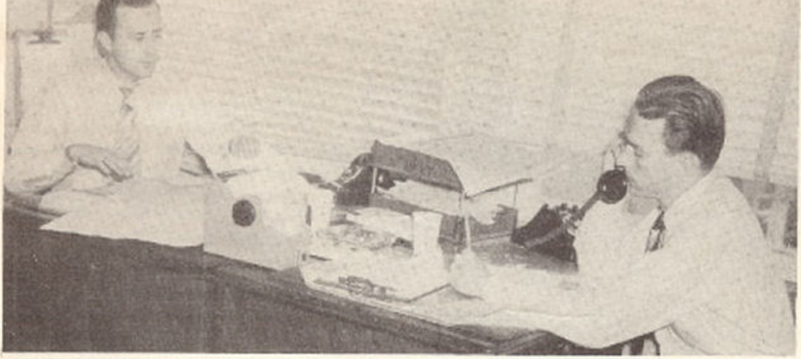

HARD AT WORK . . . Bill Wilson, left, Assistant Chief Dispatcher, and Don Wilhalm of Dispatch Department are caught by the photographer at a busy moment.

A PEAK AT DISPATCH

by Don Wilhalm

Tucked away in a small corner of Hangar 5 is an office barely 10 by 12 feet thru which the organizing, coordinating and control of all originating Pacific and domestic flights is accomplished. This is your *Flight Dispatch Office*. Organized at the outset of the company, *Dispatch* has been sending *TAL* aircraft on their way 24 hours a day ever since. It is our job to see to it that certain forces set into motion are coordinated finally to a specific time and place so as to produce a result - - we hope. And, once the flight is under way, to maintain continuous flight watch and be ready to render assistance at any time until the flight is returned to Oakland, and finally to coordinate all flights with each other so that maximum aircraft and crew utilization is accomplished.

The job of dispatching is difficult to describe in a company such as *TAL*. But instead of my enumerating the various duties of a *Dispatcher* why not come in and look around for yourself. Here you will see a cross-section of the various problems which come up daily in trying to maintain flight commitments.

That fellow you see over there arguing with the chief pilot is *Ray Foster*, our energetic *Chief Dispatcher*. The subject matter of these discussions can center around several things, the more typical of which are scheduling of aircraft for crew training, method of alerting crews, dispatch problems in general, crew scheduling -and interpretation of *CAR* and *TAL* company operations manual. *Captain Rogers*, like any good chief pilot, is interested primarily in the welfare and proficiency of his crews. The *Chief Dispatcher*'s main concern is keeping the flights moving. Their interests are bound to clash at times. Don't be alarmed if they seem to be getting excited because they are really enjoying themselves thoroughly. It sharpens their wits for the day ahead and the traditional wrestling match which concludes these conferences is enjoyed, and encouraged, by all.

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(A Peak at Dispatch, cont.)

Since it's still early morning you will notice the office is filled with people. In fact, it is difficult to move around. You will notice *Jim Corbett* over there scanning the flight advisory in a futile attempt to shake loose an idle aircraft which can be used for a red hot charter he has on the fire, flanked by *Les Neil* who is ditto. It is their job to put dollars on the other side of the equation, aircraft plus miles flown. In these days of priority military

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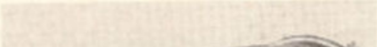
TALOA ACADEMY CHATTER

by Frances Castro



TALOA QUONSET . . . Three bedroom just completed and occupied by Bill Brandt and family. Quarters are located near Nas Agana in the Trust Territory area. This area used to be the old Fifth Marine Service area.

(Land Polaroid picture taken by F. Duffey)

(U.N. Flag Flies Over Tal, T.T. cont.)

iously ill patients await transportation to the hospital in Guam.

A Palauan crew member on the Pacific Micronesian Lines vessel Erroll was flown 1408 nautical miles from Koror to Guam on a *T.T. TAL* mercy flight.

Taloa was alerted that the crew member was suffering from an abscessed spleen which needed an emergency operation impractical in Koror. The plane, captained by *John Blanchard*, left at 7 A.M. the day it was notified and returned at 7:45 P.M. that evening.

The planes carry complimentary copies of the Guam and Honolulu papers for *Trust Territory* personnel and report on weather conditions to Fleet Weather Central in Guam.

Truk is the breeding ground for typhoons and *Transocean* pilots are on the look out for them continually.

The longest run undertaken by the division is to Majuro. It takes five days. Other runs are the one-hour flight to Saipan, the four-hour flight to Yap and runs to Koror, Ponape and Tinian.

The name *"Taloa"* fits in very well in the *Trust Territory*, not only because the island people appreciate the good job it is doing but because it is so much like a native word--compare it to some of the island names.

By the time this goes to press we will be about a month late, but Happy Birthday anyway to *Bobbie Lane*, Stewardess Instructress. We wish everyone could have seen the beautiful chocolate cake *Kiku Hori* baked for her, complete with fresh white daisies in the center and tiny yellow candles. Only regret is that *Bobbie* was too fast for us . . . she cut the cake before we could count the candles. (Sideline to Accounting: You were too late again *Mr. Harper*.)

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QUESTION: What did *Doris Bergland*, groundschool steno, get for her fast thinking in quickly swerving to the right to avoid hitting an auto speeding up the wrong side of the street and preventing two probable deaths from head-on collision?

ANSWER: One citation for hitting a parked car, one badly damaged 1949 Ford, and one "suggestion" from her loving husband recommending more frequent use of the 98th Avenue bus.

OUR COMMENT: Perhaps your just reward will come in the next world, *Doris*. Can you wait?

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With one eye toward Spring and a natural desire to keep in pace with what the well-dressed Aeronca Champion is sporting this season, *TALOA Academy* is changing its color scheme on all aircraft. You will be able to recognize them (which is a nice way of saying "you won't be able to miss them") because of their red fuselage with yellow trim and yellow wings with red trim. Or was it vice versa? Anyway as *Elva Heald* would say, they look *so* "cute". Latest reports have it Paris is worried.

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We are happy to announce that Flight Instructor *Gordon Kaiser* has just launched his Packard Eight, called by the local flight school gentry, "The Battleship Missouri". If you don't see the connection, gaze across from Hangar 2 some day and see for yourself.

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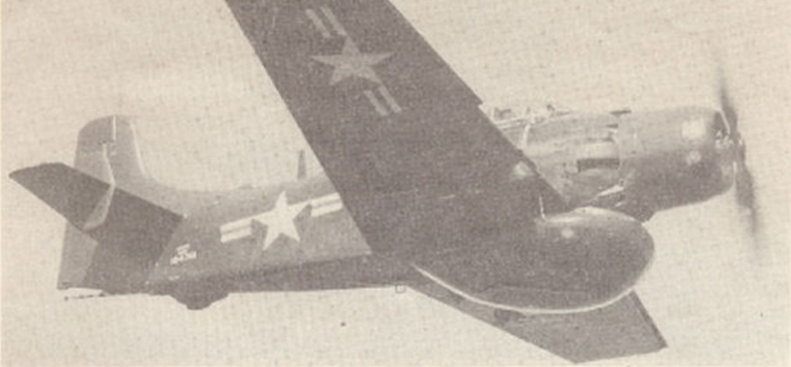


ELECTRONIC NAVY SKYRAIDER "EYES OF FLEET" . . . AD-4W version of adaptable Douglas AD-Skyraider attack series scans oceans to seek out enemy targets by radar in "guppy" attached to underside. Skyraider AD-4W also operates as "hunter" plane of anti-sub team from Navy carriers and land bases. This is one of the planes for which Western Sky Industries will supply the wings-sections.

A NEW COMPANY - -
WESTERN SKY INDUSTRIES

Western Sky Industries, a new California Corporation, has been awarded a Douglas Aircraft Company subcontract for an amount in excess of $3,500,000.00 for the manufacture of aircraft components, according to an announcement by the Company.

Under the subcontract, *Western Sky Industries* will manufacture wing-sections for the AD-4 and AD-5 Sky Raider, the Douglas Attack bomber for the U.S. Navy. The manufacturing will be done in the Oakland area by *Western Sky Industries* and will employ 400 workers on a $1,200,000.00 a year payroll, according to the announcement.

Western Sky Industries was organized by California aviation and investment interests. The Company was incorporated December 27, 1951 with a capitalization of $500,000.00.

Officers of the new Company include: President, *Ray T. Elsmore;* Vice President, *Elon Brown;* Treasurer, *Robert E. Hilliard;* and Secretary, *S. McKee Mhoon.*

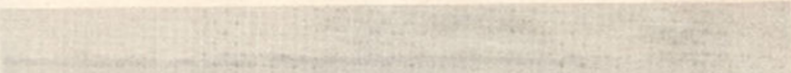
MANAGEMENT CLUB REPORT

At the January 14th meeting of the *Taloa Management Club, "Dutch" Siemens,* President, was elected Director for Bay Area Clubs of the National Association of Management Clubs. *"Dutch"* is Foreman of the Production Line Engine Crew.

Held at "Pioneer Village", this dinner meeting had two interesting speakers; *Mr. Alan Christians,* Director of Personnel, who spoke on the operations and procedures of the Personnel Department for *AEMCO,* and *Bill Glenn,* an old member of the club now in charge of Maintenance at Air Djibouti, who gave a full report on the recent happenings at Air Djibouti.

The February *Taloa Management Club* meeting was held with the United Air Lines Management Club, Wednesday evening, February 20th.

Dinner was served at the United Air Lines cafeteria at the San Francisco Airport. The feature speaker was *Dr. Ralph J. Gampell,* physician and lecturer. His topic was problems, conditions and details of medicine under Socialism.



FLIGHT LINE . . . Wake Island is the flight line for all planes on the Korean Airlift. TAL and PAA handle M.A.T.S. planes in transit on the Korean Airlift.

(Operation Wake, cont.)

You are likely to find at any one mealtime some 200-250 persons dining here and pursuing it. The board is an oracle with a big stick in its hand. It directs what work will be done in the next 24 hours. It tells *Mr. & Mrs. Sorenson,* who wisely execute the Port Steward duties, how much of the seventy-five tons of food shipped to *Wake* each month must be prepared--how much meat must be cut--how much bread must be baked--how many fresh box lunches must be made and taken to the field at the right time.

It tells *Bob Stearns* and *Bill Oliver,* supervising Aircraft Maintenance and Dispatch respectively, what problems will confront their men in regard to ramp congestion, loading and unloading of cargo, passenger handling. It tells the billeting clerks the turnover to be expected in room assignments, the drivers how many trips to make carrying crews back and forth over the dusty three mile stretch to the field.

It seems unrelenting. Yet it manifests the brilliant record of the Korean Airlift, and in turn extols the particular part played by those who work around it.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WAKE?

What is its historical background?

History all over the place. Probably Spanish discovered in 1568. Named after British Capt. Wake who came upon it in 1796. In 1866 the German ship Libelle wrecked on the reef--its rusted anchor stands today in front of the TALOA hotel (employee quarters). Placed under jurisdiction of Navy in 1934. Pioneered as a seaplane stop by PAA in 1935. The outbreak of war found a government airbase in process of construction by 1146 civilians and also a small Marine defense battalion located at Wake. The Japanese attacked Dec. 8, 1941 and took the Island Dec. 23, 1941. The Americans took Wake back on Sept. 4, 1945 after virtually starving the Japanese out. PAA began the reestablishment of its base later in this year and *TAL* began the establishment of its base in late 1947. The Island is at present under the control of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

What people now live on Wake?

Transocean has approximately 140 based personnel which includes three families, *Mr. & Mrs. Sorenson, Mr. & Mrs. Axel Johnson*

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(How much do you know about Wake? cont.)
and the *John Willhalms.* PAA has approximately 150 persons which includes four families and CAA 160 persons including 20 families;

BRIEFS FROM WAKE

Several *TAL* personnel were recipients of silver wings last month for one year's con-

Standard Oil Co. 18 persons with one family; U.S. Weather Bureau, 19; U.S. Coast Guard, 7; MATS personnel and Air-Sea Rescue Units, 31.

What do they do outside of work?

As far as recreation is concerned there is, of course, always fishing, whether for deep sea fish beyond the reef or small tropical colored fish in the lagoon, swimming, occasional picnicing, and "boondocking" or searching thru Japanese dugouts and installations. The women of the island have an organization which sponsors benefit parties and other social affairs. Friday night is "Bingo" nite at the CAA club. And there are open-air movies nightly, half of which are supplied by *Transocean.*

What would they do in case of Typhoon?

CAA maintains two typhoon shelters (Japanese Block Houses) and *TAL* has its own blockhouse near the area which would be used if necessary.

Has anyone ever been born at Wake?

Yep--just a month or so ago, a boy, to *Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ward,* CAA. He's quite a VIP by now.

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tinuous service with the company. They were handed out on Christmas Day, just before the giant Smorgasbord given in the dining hall. *Bert Andrade,* the only five-year man employed at Wake, is the proud possessor of gold wings.

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Primitivo Cuanan, Wake's gardener, is very proud to announce he has succeeded in making something other than "scaviola" trees grow. He now has radishes, tomatoes, parsley, onions, dill, squash, broccoli and lettuce well on their way to becoming something eatable.

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News from Line Maintenance--*Pappy Gilmer* has returned to our Isle of sunshine after spending his vacation in "dewy" California. *G. Tassielli* of Radio Maintenance is on his vacation at the present time. *Dave Lynch* is taking over *Tass's* duties during his absence. *"Gibby" Gibbons* also added his name to the list of vacationers a short while ago.

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Dispatch welcomes back *Dick Werling* and and *Bill Campbell. John Willhalm* and *Bob. Bowers* made it through their tests and now hold ye old Dispatch tickets.

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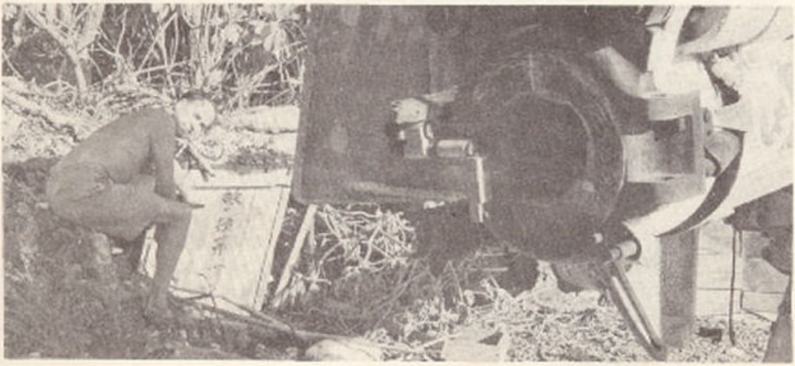

FAVORITE PASTIME . . . On Wake Island one of the favorite things to do with spare time is to search through Japanese dugouts and installations from the last war. Note the cannon in foreground.

PROP-WASH FROM HANGAR 28

by "Burt" Knupfer

(A Peak at Dispatch, cont.)

movement an idle plane is a hard thing to find.

Care to stroll thru Hangar 28 with *Suzie Snoop?* You'll find it amazing how many interesting things you will hear, see or discover . . . *Betty Meadros* did. She soloed thru, one fine day, and take it from me boys, she is going to surprise you all and return a *whistle* of top-notch quality . . . I hear she's being coached.

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From that corner of the hangar we learn that *Don McAfee* is recuperating in his favorite easy chair, viewing a scenic Oakland from his "picture window". He has just returned from the plush and lavish Peralta Hospital.

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Darrell Gibbens returns from the beautiful tropics (W.I.) and will be reassigned to duties in Hangar 28.

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Elmer Howes, back stateside to recover his health after a back injury, and is utilizing his time by going to *Taloa Academy's Dispatcher's* course.

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Norman Carmichael has been assigned to Alaska.

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The *Martin 202 Shop* has ventured into a new biz . . . *wrecking*, and one *Johnnie Hamm* can be seen, racking his *brain* as to a safe estimate of masking tape needed to put 039 back into flying shape.

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From the diddy-dum-dum-diddy corner, *E. Kyzer* informs us that *Noel Biles* of *Radio Maintenance* was sentenced to thirty days in Alaska and began serving his time on January 15. No time off for good behavior, as he must remain there until the regular Mechanic returns from annual vacation.

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After the long flite of stairs, we find ourselves in *Material Division*, only to discover that *Virginia Madsen*, "Gal Friday" to *Ivar Reinikka*, left Sunday, January 27, for Pineapple Junction, T.H. on a well-earned vacation.

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Wandering on - thru *Shipping & Receiving*

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The man holding the cardex and looking discouragingly at the flight board is *Frank Soares*. He is working on an insoluable problem in which he's trying to schedule his dwindling roster of radio operators so as to cover all the flights and still not have to make a trip himself. Bon voyage *Frank*, bon voyage.

If *Vivian Beardsley* looks a little frustrated over there while looking over the crew log it is probably because she can't understand how, since last night Stewardess "X" moved to Wake where Stewardess "Y" was supposed to be and Stewardess "Y" moved to Tokyo where Stewardess "X" was supposed to be and *Charlie McCale* deadheaded home. Furthermore, her eastcoast stewardess came into Oakland and her westcoast stewardess ended up in Bradley and she is wondering who she can find for the Honolulu trip tonight! Guess this wouldn't be a very good time to tell her we have five domestic flights leaving in the morning which she will have to cover.

Everything seems to be running along smoothly this morning. *Bill Wilson*, the ever calm Assistant Chief Dispatcher, is the man at the desk discussing the status of tonight's aircraft over the phone with *Ralph Padilla* who is assuring him maintenance can pull that number five check and have all four engines hung and ready to go by eight tonight, eight thirty at the latest. *Bill* is making a mental note to put tonight's crew on indefinite standby.

That's *Captain Bill Keating* over there at the weather map congratulating himself for the accurate analysis he made of today's weather. Weather, always an important factor in an airline operation, is doubly important during the winter months when the Aleutian low moves South and takes the position that the Pacific high usually occupies between the mainland and Honolulu. When this low pressure area sits out there, right in the path of our transpacific flights, it adds nourishment to the ulcers of the crews and dispatchers because it is then that we have to contend with the worst weather conditions; rain, fog, low ceil-

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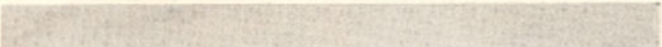

DRIFTER'S REEF . . . Wake Island TAL Club, beach and swimming area.

(How much to you know about Wake? cont.)

How about those who were lost at Wake during the War?

All known American graves have been removed. 98 American civilians executed by order of Admiral Sakaibara have never been found. The Japanese are buried in shallow graves almost where they fell.

What was the Greany-Maru?

This was an LST type boat owned by *TAL* and used for lightering supplies. It was named after *John Greany*, *Wake's* first station manager. Unfortunately it was piled up on the reef during a night operation several years ago and is now almost completely rusted away.

How does TAL get its supplies today?

Thanks to *Ole Oleston* and *Pat Webb* the many tons of supplies each month are procured and loaded in Oakland. Since there are no docks at Wake when the ship arrives it holds offshore and CAA operated LCM's with employees of agencies receiving cargo go out to pick up the loot. This is a neat trick during rough water. Boat day is a big day for base maintenance and commissary crews.

What are some of the hobbies followed?

One of the favorites is collecting. Some collect Japanese glass net floats which appear on the shore from time to time. Others collect shells and pieces of coral. Others, just plain

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(A Peak at Dispatch, cont.)

ings and high head winds are all by-products of this weather situation. Although not called upon to forecast weather, a dispatcher must recognize weather trends and be constantly aware of conditions which might affect flights under his control.

So, in a capsule form, you can see the part *Dispatch* plays in our Company's operation. It is a focal point where sales, maintenance, chief pilot, navigation, communications, passenger service, and fleet service bring their contribution to make up a flight. The dispatcher is the coordinator who sees to it that all the parts contributed by these different activities are brought together at the right time and place. And through all the apparent confusion and noise there does emerge a definite pattern and system, the proof of which is the average of 100 flights each month which are being dispatched. Drop in and see for yourself sometime, if you can shoulder your way in.

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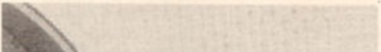
WALT WILLIAMS



(Profile - Axel Johnson of Wake, cont.)

Johnson was largely responsible for the pro-

THE FIX-IT MAN . . . Axel Johnson, Wake Island.

PROFILE - - AXEL JOHNSON OF WAKE

When *Axel Johnson* says a piece of machinery is junk you know that it has practically turned to dust, otherwise he'd have it running.

This is the enviable ability that keeps *Axel Johnson* at Wake and which keeps all the wheels running up at the *Transocean* base area. Whether it's a generator, or a pump, or the passenger bus, or an electric motor that needs repairing, he knows whether it can be repaired with the parts and tools at hand, and like as not when they are not at hand he'll come in from the boondocks with things you never believed existed.

The genial superintendant of base maintenance first arrived on Wake in August, 1948, to inspect equipment at the request of Oakland. He was there only a while and returned again for the same reason in 1949. In 1950 he spent several months for *Transocean* at Midway and upon the deactivation of that project continued on to Wake where he has been ever since except for a vacation and a short business trip to the states.

He has been with *Transocean* since 1948, having come from Matson Airlines when that particular branch of Matson Lines went out of service.

Mrs. Johnson is at present with him and holds the distinctive position of Island school teacher--officially the first in Wake history. She has a quonset school house with 12 students, ranging in grades from 1 thru 5. *Mrs.*

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curement of books, desks and other school equipment which was donated for the Wake Island School.

When all of *Transocean's* rolling stock of vehicles is running, the ice machines are making ice, the telephones, reefers and laundry equipment are functioning, *Axel Johnson* takes time to work on the base's biggest and newest project--the consolidation of the electric power generators, the water distilling plant, electric shop, garage, carpenter shop and motor pool into one continuous area. *TAL* has recently been assigned an elephant quonset which will be used for housing the greatest part of this. Along with the project goes the replacement of present water and sewage lines with new transite pipe. The consolidation changeover constitutes a neat trick inasmuch as 6000 to 8000 of fresh water must still be produced each day and electric power must always be available.

But everybody knows as long as *Axel Johnson* is at Wake Island the water will be produced and the power made available.

(Briefs from Wake, cont.)

George Mourgos left recently for the states and marriage to a little gal in Texas. Before he left he was given a Wake celebration and practically military honors. He was taken over to Wilkes Island to a Japanese Dugout home, called for the occasion, "Admiral Sakaibara's". And there midst appropriate wall decorations, inside and out, he was fed *Ma Sorenson's* excellent food and given a cloisonne vase as a token from fellow employees. He was also unofficially commissioned as "General Mattressbacki Mourgoshi".

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Latest Wake dog news. *Jeep* is still around and directs traffic between the field and the area as usual. *Shadrack* is a recent acquisition, if you could call it that, and has now learned to ride on the hood without throwing saliva back on the driver. *Lumphead* moved to the CAA. CAA's *Duke* and *Bucky* have been cited for making noise in the *TAL* area.

(Prop-Wash from Hangar 28, cont.)

Mickey Dubiel tells us that he went with Boy Scout Troop No. 10 to Pine Crest over the

(Prop-Wash from Hangar 28, cont.)

Office . . . and the glitter from one corner of the room will blind anyone . . . *Maxine Gillette* week-end, had a few good bumps - - tobogganing - - got a ticket from a uniformed gent on a "bike" and ruined two good tires for having installed chains in error.

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"QUOTATIONS" from . . .

Bob Watson - EBU, "It's been so quiet around here - - nothen' ever happens . . . "

Mike Lewis - "We've been so busy here in Sheetmetal . . . "

Ralph Padilla - "I'll have it ready yesterday."

From the boys in *Electrical* - "See *Ray Poletti.*"

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Duck here - - that's 942, in top condition and soon to return to the skies after her O'H. . .

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Parts Control reports that *Frank Blasquez* has forgiven the "Doc" for insisting it would be another "girl", *Frank* knew better . . . his wife presented *Michael George,* 7 lbs. 10 oz. on 1-24-52 . . . Congratulations, *Frank!*

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Purchasing Dept.: Friend *W. R. Rivers (Bill)* off to Tokyo and way-points on co-biz, expects to be away for a couple of weeks.

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Here's news for the gals' Bowling Team . . . *Marge Waxe* (Glo-Coat), new personality in *Kardex,* must really be a Kegler, she up and asked if we ever bowled here at *TAL.* Shall I tell her, girls? No worry on that score, you already know the answer . . . "Sure glad to have you, gal!"

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"Clem" Walczynski formerly with *TAL,* and formerly with *AEMCO, now* with *Engineering* in front of the drawing-board . . . It's nice to have you back, *Clem* . . .

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Bob Yackey of *Kardex* is soon to return to *Accounting* to Supervise *Revenue Section* . . . and *Cecil Crotty* will then Supervise *Kardex.*

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Seemed to have noticed a faint aroma of Orange Blossoms as I walked by *Inspection* won't talk though, about a date, that is.

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Yes, it's true, *Robert Hofford, Engineering Draftsman,* does have that certain "look". But that always comes with being a new father. (*Jr.* is the name) and are we proud . . .

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All this, and in one week too. *Pat Webb,* Island Bases Office, is sporting a new DeSoto Club Coupe and a beautiful diamond on the proper finger of the proper hand. *"Ole" Olesten,* Supervisor Shipping and Receiving Dept., is the lucky guy. Both *Pat* and *Ole* are employees of long standing with *TAL.*

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank *Transocean Air Lines* for my recent trip to Honolulu on 901. My two children and I were shown every consideration and kindness on the flight. Also I want to thank the Honolulu TAL personnel for all their help in getting us back to the states.

Transocean Air Lines has given my children and myself something I couldn't have given us for years to come, if ever . . . a trip to Hawaii.

Sincerely,
VIRGINIA MADSEN
Materiel Div. (Stores) Hangar 28

COMPLETE LIST OF

(Employee Discounts, cont.)

AVAILABLE EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

The following organizations offer discounts to TAL/AEMCO employees:

Only identification necessary - badges or I.D. cards.

Dewey Furniture Company
232 - 14th St., Oakland - HI 4-7611
(Home furnishings & Appliances)

Auto Parts & Machine
9901 San Leandro St., Oakland - LO 8-3940
(Auto Parts, Accessories, Engine Rebuilding)

American Letter Service
526 - 20th St., Oakland - GL 1-6624
10% discount (Christmas Cards & Imprinting)

Links Luggage
414-A 13th St., Oakland - TE 6-2272
10% to 20% dis. (Luggage, leather goods, & repair)

Havenscourt Home Service
2821-16 Havenscourt Blvd., Oakland - LO 2-2525
(Home furnishings, appliances, T.V.)

Albert S. Samuels Co. Jewelers
Broadway at Seventeenth, Oakland - TE 2-6443
20% discount (Jewelry & allied merchandise)

Coast Auto Supply Company
5300 Foothill Blvd., Oakland - AN 1-7500
10% discount (Auto parts & accessories, fair-trade items)

Motor Parts Co.
2344 Harrison St., Oakland - GL 1-9870
25% to 40% discount (Rebuilt Engines & Motor Parts)

Firestone Store
1495 E. 14th St., San Leandro - SW 8-8900
10% discount (Auto supplies & home appliances)

Burton's Furniture
617 - 14th St., Oakland - TE 6-4303
(Home furnishings, appliances, etc.)

Sampson Masters Jewelers
1624 Franklin St., Oakland - GL 1-8050
10% to 25% discount (Jewelry & Allied Mdse.)

Weir Picture Frame Company
2420 Broadway, Oakland - TE 2-8748
10% discount (Pictures & Picture Framing)

Pacific Tool & Supply Company
251-261 Eighth St., Oakland - TE 2-3240
(Tools & Shop Supplies)

Tony Rossi & Sons
3464 E. 14th St., Oakland - KE 4-2404
20% discount (Cut flowers, plants, etc.)

Bay Cities Venetian Blind Co.
2228 Myrtle St., Oakland - TE 2-1344
20% discount (Venetian Blinds)

Mrs. Carl
1206 - 104 Avenue (Upstairs) Oakland - TR 3-7566
(Hand re-weaving)

Wilhalm Clothiers
15 Grand Avenue, Oakland - TE 6-2893
10% discount (Men's clothing & furnishings, except shoes and hats)

Midway Auto Supply
16754 E. 14th St., San Leandro-
LU 1-3284, LO 9-8481
25% Auto parts, accessories

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Identification necessary: SPECIAL CARDS ONLY available in Walt Williams' Office, Hangar 4, Ext. 179

Louis & George
140 Geary St., 5th Floor, San Francisco
Wholesale (Ladies suits, coats & furs)

Central Tire Service
2400 E. 14th St., Oakland - KE 3-0404
20% to 25% discount (U.S. Royal tires, tubes, batteries, recapping)

Elder Buick Company
2101 Harrison St., Oakland - TE 2-3400
(Mr. Curran) (New & used cars - all makes)

Names and addresses of firms available in Walt Williams' Office.

Optometrist
15% discount (Examinations, lens, frames)

Ladies Ready to Wear
Wholesale

(Tal Academy Chatter, cont.)

Emmet Fall to the Rescue--A gentleman came into the *TALOA Academy office* recently and asked Flight Supervisor *Emmet Fall* if he could charter a plane to scan the area in search of his barge which had broken its mooring ropes and drifted away for the fifth time. In the course of conversation the gentleman told *Emmet* that at one time he had a house built on the barge but when it drifted away some greedy individual "lifted" it and when he finally found it the house was gone. From somewhere or other we quote: "Oh to have a little house, to own the hearth and stool and all," or more applicable: "Oh to have a little house (period)." P.S. *Emmet* found the barge--Customer happy. Are you proud of us *Herb Webb?*

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All those Ohs and Ahs heard in the ground school office were aroused by *Mildred Mitchell's* stunning new Poodle haircut. We said "Poodle" haircut, *Mr. Pruszynski,* not "Puddle". Like it, *Ed?*

THE BLOOD BANK STORY

The Blood Bank Story for *Transocean* is rather sad. As you know the *Tal-Aemco Company Blood Bank* is a pool for all employees of *Transocean, Aemco* and its subsidiaries. The employees donate the blood and they in turn receive it back when they have need for it.

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BRADLEY FIELD

TERROR TALES FROM

Joining the *TALOA* family at Bradley lately, were *Mary Shepanske* who replaced *Ada Wably* as *Captain Ringo's* secretary and *Joan Cliff*, secretary in Personnel . . . not to mention several new Stewardesses now based at Bradley.

Captain Zipfel and *Max Elbaum*, Engineering Chief recently completed withholding statements with the addition of small-fry to their respective households.

All Bradley Field personnel are eagerly watching the new multi-million dollar terminal going up across the field . . . with particular interest in the two restaurants therein.

Latest addition to the coverall crowd is *Ann Misiak*, Engineering, who operates our new Multilith press with a man's size 40 complete with rolled up sleeves and red lettering on back. *Superintendent Lake* is thinking of asking her to help out on the new home he is finishing.

Speaking of homes, Oakland will gain in the transfer of Sheet Metal Specialist *Bow Cowan* who is going West and bringing his family with him.

We at Bradley all express our sympathies to *Mrs. Preli* in the recent death of her husband, *Al*, one of our best-liked Crew Chiefs who passed away suddenly.

(How much do you know about Wake? cont.)

junk from Japanese sourvenirs to portholes off the Suwa Maru. Then there is spear-fishing, with all the paraphernalia that goes with it. *Bob Higbee*, UAL representative keeps a cageful of Tropical birds. Another hobby is trying to make things grow. Vegetation on the Island consists mainly of a scrubby tree called Tournefortia or Tree Heliotrope, incorrectly called "Scaviola" and Octopus vines by most everyone. *TAL* has probably done more than anybody on the island in promoting growth of new plants--now has fig trees, palms, papaya, banyan and ironwood growing satisfactorily. Individuals manage to keep potted plants going and a few even try vegetables, with only fair results. *TAL's* gardener, however is raising a fine crop of parsley and dill through partial hydroponics.

TRUST TERRITORY

by Floyd Duffey

MURDERS? Yes we have them in the T.T., too. A few weeks ago while one of the PML vessels was in Koror two of the crew members had a fight which ended up with one of them dead from a knife wound. They were just about to lower the casket into the ground when a dispatch came through saying the body had to be returned to Manila. The body was then removed to a Reefer for keeping until *Your Scribe* arrived next day with a PBY to bring the body to Guam for embalming and forwarding to Manila. The man who did the knifing was tried before *Judge Nichols* of T.T. and was given 10 years.

Another killing recently happened at Ulithi when a mentally deranged young man of twenty found a gun and proceeded to kill two people, one of which was a member of the *Constabulary*. The boy was then captured and tied to a tree until *Your Scribe* came down in a PBY and picked the boy and guard up to bring to Guam. When the boy was put on the plane he wore only a loin cloth and had very long hair. He was handcuffed to the guard and had his legs hobbled with a rope. After remaining here for several weeks under observation it was decided that the case was hopeless so *Your Scribe* also had the job of returning him to Yap until the Mental Hospital at Saipan is finished. Hardly recognized him since he had a crew haircut and was dressed. However, he was very well handcuffed both arms and legs and strapped to a litter and was doped to keep him quiet on the four hour trip to Yap. We had no trouble with him. Things are always happening in the *TRUST TERRITORY*.

(Blood Bank Story, cont.)

However, to date *TAL* employees have only donated two pints to the pool and that was immediately withdrawn, whereas *Aemco* employees have really kept the pool going.

Contact *Walt Williams* in Hangar 4, or call him today on Ext. 113, he will make all the arrangements for you.

(Guys and Dolls, cont.)

"DIRECTORS NEWS"

he employing the little white cells to a frazzle. *Bob* recently underwent minor surgery to remove a cyst. Glad to see you minus the distraction, *Bob*.

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Changes all over the place once more! Let's take a short tour and acquaint ourselves with the new movements.

Once upstairs we see three doors. The first one is Cashier's Office, the other two consecutively are Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer's Offices. Walking along we find to our right, Insurance Dept., behind Insurance to the extreme right is all of General Ledger Dept. On our left is Statistical Division, with the Chief Accountant's quarters in the furthermost left hand corner.

A doorway straight ahead leads to (front right) *Internal Audit Division. H. L. Brisbin*, formerly manager of Revenue Dept., is now delving his pencil in this direction. *E. T. Parrish* is *TAL* Internal Auditor. Traveling Auditor, *L. P. McLean*, now traveling in the Pacific. *Howard (Governor) Jones*, and *R. Harper (I.W. Harper)* working in *I. A. Dept.*

The center of the room is *Revenue Dept., Robert Yackey* (formerly manager of Cost Acctg.) is the new manager of *Revenue Dept.* Left, front center is *Mr. Finch* working in *P.I.A.B.O. Division* replacing *Mr. Higby*. The extreme back corner is *Payables Dept., J. Wilkening*, Manager. Extreme back left corner houses *Expense Account Section*, with *"Goldie" Young* supervising. That's the end of our tour. Do you think you can find your way around the next time?

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If you haven't visited *Vi Sharmon* recently, we may diagnose your case as plain dead. Let's hope you aren't one of the unfortunates. To the rest of you *Guys and Dolls* who are taking pink pills, greenpills, butterfly yellow pills, or you name them pills, drink plenty of water, and for heavens sake get eight hours sleep, just to be different for once. It's really fashionable these days; unless you love the flu bug biting. Remember this is Leap Year, and Valentine season. Me, I'd rather have the love bug biting, so I go around singing shoo-flu, don't bother me! Keep healthy!

A chance to rest was taken advantage of by *Don McAffee*, Director of Island Bases, but not without a little suffering first. *Don* had quite an operation a couple of weeks ago and plenty of time for recuperation was needed -- he's back with us now and he says he certainly enjoyed all the rest, attention and service he was getting during his recuperation.

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Finally, a girl born to the *Dick Derr's. Dick*, who is Director of Transocean Trading Division, reports that she will probably get plenty of tough-necking from her three brothers, *"Ricky"* 13, *"Mike"* 11, and *"Sonny"* 7, either that or she will turn them into gentlemen! Baby, *Margo Elaine*, was born February 4th at the Hayward Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. at birth. She has mighty proud parents!

INTERNATIONAL ROOM NEWS

Keep your eye on the restaurant lobby, with its new face lifting job. The *Gift Shop* section will be worth watching too, a new shipment of goods is due very shortly. The Novel rack will soon be heavily loaded with the newest and always the best sellers, so come in and browse around.

Fortify yourself with a good, substantial breakfast or brunch right here at the Airport. The *International Room* has been open for a couple of weeks now, serving breakfast from 7:30 to 11:00 and of course lunch is served per usual from 11:30 to 2:00.

The *"I" Room* welcomes back *Phillys McBride* and to *Mr. Turner* we say, "It's nice to see you up and around and with such a trim figure . . . have the girls been asking you for your diet?"