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AT CHRISTMAS TIME

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggle of life, are then reunited, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good-will, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first days of a future state of existence, provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, Christmas-time awakens! We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot which, year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts that thrummed so gaily then, have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shone so brightly then, have ceased to glow; the hands we grasped, have grown cold; the eyes which we sought, have hid their luster in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstance connected with those happy meetings, crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!

-- Charles Dickens

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LUXEMBOURG:- The funeral train bearing the body of General George S. Patton arrived in Luxembourg from Germany today ten minutes ahead of schedule.

The train arrived at 0315 GMT. The train bearing General Joseph T. McNarney, Commander of the U. S. Forces in the European Theater, arrived soon afterward. Meanwhile, it was announced that Marshall Georgi K. Ghukov, Red Army Commander in Germany, had arrived to attend the funeral.

Later today, two guards and four pallbearers, all enlisted men, will carry the coffin to an artillery cassion on which it will be moved in a procession to the cemetery at Hamm, three miles away, where the burial will take place.

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LUXEMBOURG:- In a plain grave beside that of an American private first class who died last year in the historic Battle of Ardennes, the body of famed General George S. Patton was buried today in the U. S. Army Cemetery at Hamm, just east of this tiny city. Patton, wartime Commander of the U. S. Third Army, which won one of it's great victories in crushing Germany's attack in the Ardennes in the last Nazi bid for victory, died Friday in Heidelberg.

The day was dark and rainy, as the funeral procession wound thru the streets of Luxembourg, at one point reaching within two blocks of Patton's headquarters during

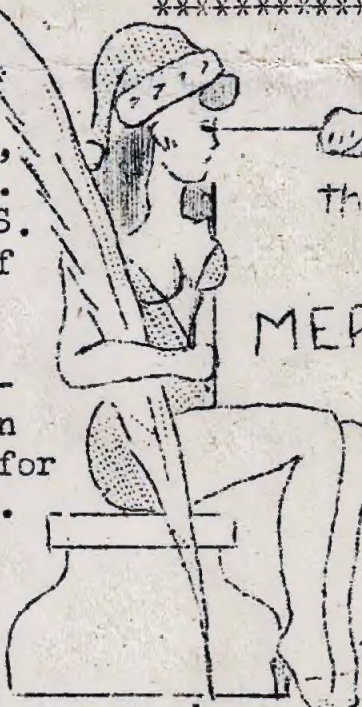
the Battle of the Ardennes. In the procession were representatives of eight nations whose freedom Patton's forces had helped to win or assure - France, Soviet Union, Britain, Netherlands, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Italy. The highest officials of Luxembourg, led by Prince Felix, were there.

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AMSTERDAM:- Aneta News Agency reported Sunday that the Netherlands-American Institute to promote relations between the U. S. and Holland is now being organized with branches in all principal Dutch cities.

The dispatch said the Institute will provide special arrangements to facilitate the work of visiting American writers and journalists.

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The FOGHORN wishes  
you all a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPIER  
NEW YEAR



**LJUBLJANA, YUGOSLAVIA:** Reuters reported that four Catholic Priests pleaded guilty to crimes "against members of the Liberation Movement and their families", during the trial here of 34 leaders of the Chetnik (Anti-Tito) organization.

The dispatch said that the priests testified that they obeyed the orders of their bishop who allegedly fled with the Nazis. Also accused are political leaders of Old Yugoslavian National Party.

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**TOKYO:** Acting Commander of the 8th Army, Lt. General C. P. Hall, Sunday appointed a second Military Commission which will convene shortly after Christmas to try Japanese War Criminal suspects. The first commission appointed is now sitting at Yokohama to hear the case of Tatsuo Tsuchiya, a prison guard accused of murder and cruelties against Allied prisoners.

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**MANILA:** The Pacific office of Foreign Liquidations Commission announced today that seventeen million dollars worth of surplus U. S. Army and Navy materials have been sold in the Philippines and the Orient during the Commission's first six weeks of operations.

Sales included eleven million dollars worth of food, one million five hundred thousand dollars worth of Medical supplies and a million and a half dollars worth of Aircraft and parts.

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**LONDON:** Victor Zoeller, former SS Commander of the Nazi Concentration Camp at Mauthausen has been arrested in Mindelheim according to Berlin Radio. Zoeller was carrying false identity papers, the broadcast said.

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**NEW YORK:** The passengers on two Transatlantic Clippers will exchange radioed Christmas greetings in Mid-Atlantic today if the weather conditions permit, Pan American Airways announced today.

The Clipper bound for Britain is scheduled to pass the U. S. bound plane approximately 800 miles east of Newfoundland at which point the greetings will be exchanged between the planes, the announcement said.

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**TOKYO:** Kyono news service reported an increasing crime wave, saying that nine hundred men and one hundred women have been arrested as burglary or petty thieves.

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**PEIPING, MANCHURIA:** The Chinese Central Government authorities Sunday took over Changchun in Manchuria in a ceremony attended by Soviet Union Delegates, press reported. The city is an important rail road center two hundred miles north of Mukden.

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**VATICAN CITY:** Pope Pius (12th) in His annual Christmas Eve broadcast over the Vatican Radio today emphasized "formidable responsibility" which now rests upon World Leaders seeking to restore peace. The Pope also commented upon the appointment announced Sunday of 32 new Cardinals of eighteen countries as representing the "universality of the Church".

Expressing joy at the celebration of the first Christmas of Peace in the last six years, Pope however warned that a true Peace has not yet been achieved. This is only a Post War phase, he said, adding "preparations have begun for a world Peace". "Never before has such a formidable responsibility rested upon those who are laboring to restore the Peace."

"Now Nations are awakening to the realization of how much wisdom, patience and good will is necessary to bring the world back to Peace, to right and to order," He said.

He also called upon the world to return to the ways of God and true Christianity to assure the preservation of Peace.

In discussing the Cardinalite appointments which will bring the College of Cardinals to its full complement of seventy, and stressing the widespread representation, the Holy Father emphasized that "the Catholic Church is above all nationalist bases and it is the Mother of all Nations and all people".

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**SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND:** INS reported that Juan Negrin, Prime Minister of the Spanish Republic before the advent of the Fascist Government, declared on his arrival here today that the Spanish Republican Picture is "much brighter than it was four years ago".

The dispatch said that Negrin described his recent trip from Mexico City to the U. S. as "very much" worthwhile but added that he was none committal regarding his conversations with State Department officials in Washington.

"Hasty talk might imperil negotiations" Negrin said according to INS "when I have something definite I will talk but not now".

INS said that sources close to Negrin said he probably would remain in London "for some weeks perhaps making a short trip to France to contact the Spanish Republicans there" before returning to the seat of the exiled Republican Government in Mexico City.

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**AREQUIPA:** United Press reported that Monsiour Mariano Holquin Maldonado, Archbishop of Arequipa, died here Sunday. He was 87 years old.

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**MOSCOW:** A Swedish gift of 9 tons of Hospital equipment to Leningrad has been installed, Reuter reported. Further Swedish Medical gifts to Russia will follow, it said.

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**CAMP SHANKS:-** Ten thousand five hundred soldiers slated to leave for duty in Europe over the weekend will spend Christmas in this country as a result of the postponed sailing orders. Men will be permitted to travel up to one hundred miles from camp over the holiday. Those who are unable to go home will be entertained by organizations and individual residents in the Camp Shanks area. One restaurant in New York is treating 500 soldiers to a Christmas Dinner and a floor show.

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**CAIRO:-** Reuters reported that the Finance Minister, Makram Ebeid, declared on Sunday that Egypt 'will never agree to scale down her sterling balances'.

Ebeid's statement followed the Egyptian Senate approval of Egypt's participation in the Bretton-Woods monetary agreement. Reuters said that the Finance Minister added that the Egyptian Government has asked Britain to fix the date before March 'for negotiations to solve the problems of the sterling balances abroad.'

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**LONDON:-** Reuters Sunday reported that the American Airlines, operating between Britain and the U. S., have scrapped their priority system for passage on their trans Atlantic routes but that the priority still rules travellers on the British lines. The Agency predicted that many of the thousands now awaiting British transportation out of Britain may have to wait two more years. Some have been on the list since 1943.

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**WASHINGTON:-** The Church of Brethern has donated 175 head of cattle to the people of Czechoslovakia, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration announced Sunday.

Dr. Vaclav Myslivec, representing the Czech Ministry of Agriculture in the U.S., commenting on the gift said, "The people of my country are badly in need of milk for their children. The spirit of that first Christmas lives on in the hearts of the American people who so generously gave those fine animals to rehabilitate the war-devastated dairy herds of Czechoslovakia."

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**LONDON:-** UP said that a News Chronicle dispatch from Madrid Sunday night quoted a Spanish military source as saying that a strong force of guerrillas held towns in the Guadarrama and Greda mountains within forty miles of Madrid. The guerrillas were said to be aided by villagers.

UP said the dispatch quoted "Inforatits" as saying that the guerrillas are armed with modern equipment and that they were stronger than the Government military forces in those areas named. They said that supplies - including radios - were being dropped by plane.

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**MOSCOW:-** The conference of the Big 3 Foreign Ministers was prepared for its seventh formal session today following a weekend of informal meetings and social activities.

On Sunday, U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Bevin, and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov conferred informally for approximately two hours, after which they lunched together at the Spasho House, American Embassy. As in the past, there were no indications as to the nature or the extent of the conversations but observers noted the continuing atmosphere of cooperation and harmony.

Later, Byrnes conferred at length with Generalissimo Stalin which was his second meeting with the Russian leader within the past five days. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and Charles E. Bohlen, Chief of State Dept. in the Russian Section were also present for the meeting which lasted two hours.

Sunday evening, the Big Three were honor guests at the famed Bolshoi Theater for a performance of the new Prokofiev Ballet Production, "Cinderella".

The Soviet's Premier Ballerina, Lopchenskaya, danced the starring role.

The three Foreign Ministers were seated in the Central Box, with flags of their respective countries. The audience applauded loudly as Molotov shook hands with Byrnes and Bevin after which all three clasped hands in a gesture of International unity. The orchestra then played "The Star Spangled Banner", "God Save the King", and the Soviet Anthem.

Byrnes accepted a Christmas invitation to have dinner at the British Embassy.

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**LONDON:-** An American vessel, the JAMES WAYNE, a seven thousand ton ship enroute from Antwerp to the United States, Sunday was reported shipping water and in serious trouble, according to the Sunday Graphic. No details immediately were given as to the location or the loss of the WAYNE.

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**CHUNGKING:-** General George C. Marshall, the new U. S. Ambassador to China, told a press conference here today that the U. S. Government is deeply interested in the political consultative council meetings to be held soon in an effort to bring about the end of Chinese internal strife.

It was General Marshall's first press conference since his arrival in China to take up his new duties.

Marshall said he, personally, was very much interested in the forth-coming all party conference. He said the U.S. has a naturally intense interest in the Chinese people, their well-being and their relations with the world.



WORLD OF SPORTS

HOCKEY: The Canadians from Montreal are leading the League now with a 4 to 1 victory over Boston. Second place Chicago tied the Detroit Red Wings 4 to 4, giving up their first place tie with Montreal. Other league standings:

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
				SCORED
Montreal	12	6	2	26
Blackhawks	11	6	3	25
Boston	8	0	5	21
Detroit	8	7	3	19
Toronto	7	12	3	17
N.Y.Rangers	4	14	2	10

BASKETBALL: As the Basketball season stands now the top teams of the country seem to be centered around the Middle-west. Depaul, Oklahoma Aggies, Wyoming, and Kansas are all doing plenty good. In the Big Ten Iowa, Indiana and Ohio St. are tied for the lead with Northwestern, Michigan and Minnesota close contenders.

In the Eastern Collegiate Independents it is as follows...

TEAM	WINS	DEFEATS
West Virginia	6	0
Rutgers	6	1
Colgate	4	1
Mulenberg	3	1

Other standings are Notre Dame, Kentucky, N.Y.U., Cornell, St. Johns of Brooklyn, and Temple...

In the South, North Carolina is ahead with 6 wins and 1 defeat. Duke, who is runner up for top spot only has 2 for 2.

Army who has been beaten only once in thirty games does not start her games until next month.

HONOLULU: Immediate State-hood status was urged today for Hawaii in the newspaper "Honolulu Advertiser".

In an editorial commenting on Secretary of Interior Ickies statement recently on a proposal for Hawaii to be admitted to the United States as the 49th State the Advertiser, which in the past has opposed statehood, said in part:

"The Advertiser has been for statehood but with reservations as to the time. That time has arrived. Hawaii is ready for statehood now. Economically, Culturally and in its Patriotic Americanism it can stand alone. It has proved during the long years it has been under territorial status and particularly during the last four years that it is an adult community fully capable of a free government as any existing states".

BAGDAD: The Iraq Senate today ratified the Bertton-Woods International Monetary agreement. The Chamber of Deputies ratified the Pact Saturday.

LONDON: Four hundred British soldiers walked off the transport "The Orion" Sunday night in protest of the crowded conditions.

PALESTINE: One hundred and forty Bulgarian Jews arrived here today on the Rumanian Motor Vessel "Transylvania" according to Reuters. This is one of the last immigrant groups allowed under the Palestine White Paper Quota.

NO HAWKING ON TRAINS

WASHINGTON: (CNS) Stock up on candy bars and reading matter before boarding that troop train, men. The WD says vendors of such merchandise may not ply their trade on troop trains.

HE FOUND A HOME

SANTA ANA, CAL (CNS) M/Sgt John Westervelt, 77, who is the oldest soldier in the United States Army, at last has had enough. He's quitting after 47 years of service "if I've got the points."

\$2 MILLION AWAITS CANADIAN GIs

OTTAWA, CANADA (CNS) Nearly \$2,000,000 is awaiting about 10,000 Americans who served in Canada's armed forces during World War II. The Veterans' Affairs Department announced that the men are entitled to a gratuity of 7.50 dollars for each 30 days served, plus .25 for every days pay for every 6 six months overseas.

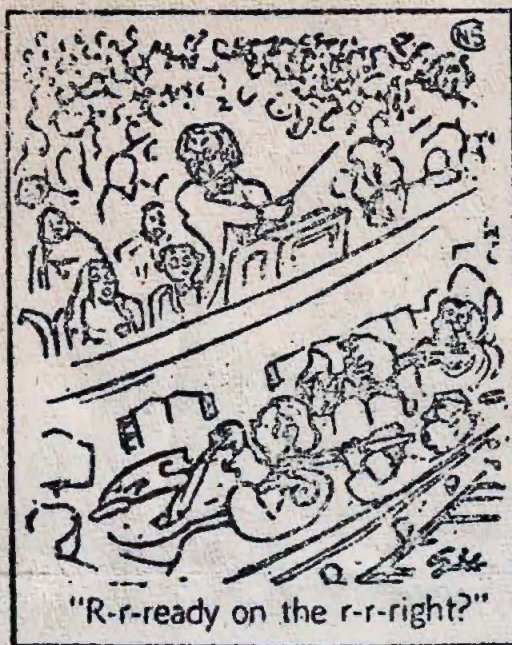
BUTTE, MONT. (ANS) The end of meat rationing brought another headache to Butte tavern operators. The day after rationing was lifted, they turned their 10-cent slot machines to the wall and hung signs proclaiming them "out of order." The little red ration tokens, no longer good for meat, work fine in 10-cent slot machines.

NEW YORK: (ANS) A soldier, tall, thin and greying around the temples, startled the mid-afternoon waiters at a downtown subway station by carefully removing his pants. Then he proceeded to take off the rest of his uniform. But before anybody could call police or a psychiatrist he opened a box, took out a dark civilian suit and put it on, pants vest and coat, then he donned a new civilian overcoat and a grey hat, bundled the uniform under his arm and calmly took the next subway train.

MIAMI, FLA. (ANS) Arthur Marger of Paterson, N. J., caught more than he bargained for on a fishing trip in Biscayne Bay. After a considerable tussle which he expected to yield a tarpon or maybe a small shark, Marger reeled in a 10-pound baby octopus, all eight arms flailing wildly. The creature died a few minutes after it was landed. "Probably scared to death at sight of human beings," quipped the nervous Marger.

NEW YORK: Re-establishing of Anglo-Bulgarian trade relations were made between Britian and Bulgaria, London reported Monday.





"R-r-ready on the r-r-right?"

NORFOLK, VA.:— Theodore R. Lineback quit his \$45-a-week mechanic's job and enlisted as a private in the Army — because he needed more money. His Army base pay will be \$50 per month. But don't forget those allowances for dependants. Because that's where 44-year-old Pvt. Lineback hits the jackpot — he has ten of them. There's wife Edith and four sons and five daughters, ranging from 19-months-old Ralph to 15-year-old William. Add family allowances to base pay, plus \$10 per month for longevity pay for 12 years' Army service after World War I, and it totals \$278 per month.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.:— "You don't know how long it takes to play the nineteenth hole," Superior Judge Frank G. Swain observed when Dora Louella Schuler testified she couldn't figure how her husband was able to play golf as late as 9 P.M. But he granted her a divorce from William Robert Schuler, a salesman.

FORT LEWIS, WASH.:— A WAC interviewer at the Fort Lewis separation center was trying to convince a GI about to be discharged of the value of investing in Victory Bonds. "You don't want to end up selling apples, do you?" she warned. "You bet I do," the soldier replied with sudden interest. "I own an apple orchard in Wenatchee."

A seaman first class on the U. S. S. BOISE, swears that one day, while his ship was churning through the blue waters of the Mediterranean, he leaned over the rail and cried in a loud voice, "Hey, waiter". Whereupon three Italian submarines promptly popped up to the surface.

Adolph Hitler was preparing his wardrobe for a second dismal winter on the frozen front in Russia.

"Mein Fuehrer," suggested one of his retinue, "remember what Napoleon did when he was in Russia. He wore a bright red uniform so that in case he was wounded his men would not notice the fact that he was bleeding."

"Excellent idea!" ruminated Adolf. "Just throw me my brown pants."

"THERE'S A HOLE IN THE OLE MAGIC CARPET"  
(sung to the tune of 'Red River Valley')

There's a hole in the ole magic carpet  
And it can't do no flyin' no more.  
There's a hole in the ole magic carpet  
And we're still far away from that shore.

But I guess there's no use in complainin'  
For the days of that carpet are done.  
We'll forget about Christmas in Brooklyn,  
But, by gosh, it sure would have been fun.

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#### SHIP'S PROGRESS

As of 2000, 24 December 1945, we have 1330 miles to New York Harbor.

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A comely young lady had enlisted in the Waves and her friends were bidding her fond farewell. "Be sure to write to us often," said one of them.

"I will try," was the answer, "but judging by my first few days' experience, I am going to be frightfully busy saying 'Yes, ma'am' all day and 'No, sir' all night."

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Blonde: "Why do you call your sweetheart 'Pilgrim'?"

Brunette: "Because every time he comes here on leave he makes more progress!"

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GALLUP, N.M.:— J. L. Cordova, Junior High School janitor, inserted this ad in a newspaper: "I have a family of five and am amply providing for them through this job. However, I did nothing but work for wages (top prices) to win this war. With this thought in mind I am willing to sacrifice my job to any serviceman who fought and bled for my country and my family. Boys, come and get it."

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#### THE WOLF

by Sansone



"All out for Musical Chairs!"



A Visit From St. Nicholas  
with apologies to Clement Moore

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the sea  
Not a cruiser was stirring, not even the "B-----".  
The stockings were hung by the stacks with care,  
But we knew that St. Nick would never be there.  
The sailors were nestled all snug in their sacks;  
They dreamed not of sugar-plums as they lay on their backs.  
The troops in the hanger were all shooting craps,  
The officers just started their "all-night-in" naps.  
I just came off watch on the engines you see,  
Two throttlemen, an officer, a chief and me.  
It was twenty-four hundred, my work was all done;  
It was twenty-four hundred, Christmas day had begun.  
We had expected to be in N. Y. C.,  
But luck was agin us--it was stormy at sea.  
When up in the black hole they call C.I.C.,  
A radarman spotted a pip on the S.G..  
It approached with a speed such as they hadn't seen,  
Since the Jap kamikaze disappeared from the scene.  
They called up the bridge on the 20 MC  
And asked to speak to the O.O.D.;  
But a miniature sleigh and eight reindeer cow  
Had already hove to on the starboard bow,  
With a little old driver so lively and quick  
That we knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
With a visual message we made understood  
That old St. Nick was to come aboard if he could.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name,  
Now Dasher! now Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On Comet! on Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!  
Right on the foc'sle he landed with care,  
Although the O.D. said one couldn't go there.  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof  
Sounded like hail on a sheet metal roof.  
And from all this dancing there arose such a clatter  
That the skipper got up to see what was the matter.  
Away to the port hole he flew like a flash;  
Tore open the glass, and midst spray and splash,  
Oh, what to his wondering eyes should appear  
But the ship standing by with a load of reindeer.  
He called up the bridge and told them to sound  
That bastard of noises the general alarm.  
Then to the klaxon and the cries of the men  
The ship was aroused to bring Christmas in.  
Twas still the night before Christmas, but now through the Boise  
Nothing was quiet--it was all very noisy.  
Troops were scattered all over the ship,  
It was hard to walk or even to sit.  
Now that St. Nick was paying his visit  
The men on the ship were in a different spirit.  
But there was no time for the old man to dally  
He had to make trips to the Reno, the Philly,  
And one from the Boise to Admiral Berkey  
With a present of cases of canned white turkey;  
And many more places in every empire  
Before he could call it a night and retire.  
So he sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle  
And away they flew like the down of a thistle.  
But we heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

A. C. FRANK  
Ensign, USNR