

# Specialist Bayeur Cited for 'Exceptional Service'

Henry A. "Buddy" Bayeur, an air traffic control specialist at Annette Island Flight Service Station, has been cited by the Federal Aviation Administration for giving "exceptional service" to a pilot who was in serious trouble while trying to land at Annette Airport in December 1971.

He was one of four in the Nation who will receive special citations and cash awards of \$400 each during regional ceremonies which will be scheduled soon.

The pilot ran into heavy icing conditions south of the Annette Airport on a flight from Seattle to Annette. The navigation and landing aids were out of service due to heavy snow; the aircraft's compass system wasn't working; and the most adverse weather conditions existed.

A half hour after the first radio contact, Bayeur had steered the aircraft over the DF antenna using the station's direction finder equipment. By this time the ceiling had dropped to 200 feet with snow and fog.

The pilot reported that he

was still encountering heavy icing and that one engine was running rough. He also reported that he would be unable to climb and proceed to an alternate airport. Bayeur knew he had no alternative but to continue with the DF approach.

Twelve minutes later the pilot passed slightly left of the runway on final and was told to look for flashing lights on his right. He reported the runway in sight and landed safely two minutes later.

The winners were selected in the fifth annual awards program

for air traffic controllers and flight service station specialists who provide vital, and often life-saving assistance to pilots.

Also cited this year were Richard W. Fitzgerald, Albany, N.Y. ATCT and Leon Orr and Clyde Hansen, both of the Minneapolis ARTCC.