

King Island Dancers Dance At Adak Is.

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NOME — Six members of the King Island Eskimo dancers who live on the outskirts of Nome made a nearly 3,500-mile round trip to participate in a festival on Adak Island in the Aleutians last week.

Although direct air distance from Nome to Adak is 922 miles, the sextet had to go via Anchorage which lengthened the distance considerably to the U.S. Navy facility.

Those making the trip were Dominick and Ethel Thomas, their 16-year-old daughter Karen, Ursula and Frank Elanna and Anita Sirloak, 17.

The invitation to dance for the Navy's annual "Klondike Night Festival" came in March. Arrangements were made by the naval base executive officer. These included all expenses and per diem for the performers who were gone five days.

It is the first time any of this group has been invited to the distant island and the dancers were eagerly anticipating the trip and the new experience.