

# Okakok on Whaling-

## *Also Invents New Word in Process*

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**FAIRBANKS** — Being asked several times by the visitors from lower states of how many Eskimos lived in Barrow village including children. Answers I gave them is about 2,000 or more.

And whenever the whalers killed two or three whales during season, does those three whales covers you people for a year?

Three whales is never enough for the village even ten whales, I'd say to them.

"What? Why ten whales is never enough for the village?"

"That is a very good question you bring out," I said. "I could give you an explanation about the what."

Here it is: About 23 canoes always goes out in spring to hunt whales and seven or eight men would be in a canoe which is average. Now supposing these 23 canoes has eight men crew in each canoe total would be 184 men.

And whenever one whale caught all the canoes would have or get their dividant share from whale, and each crew after the dividant would get sometime for two meals. Now we see what you mean by that, your right when you say ten whales is never enough.

Any more questions?

No, there is no more questions but we know now the Eskimos are never selfish, always

ready to share some of their catch.

### COMPANY "D"

Company "D" 1st Sgt. Bn. 297th Inf. from Barrow village and Wainwright villages units. Mr. Nelson Ahvakana, Lay Preacher of Presbyterian church, is also an officer of Company "D" also Mr. Herman Kignak "Sergeant" of Wainwright Co. "D" unit is on their way down to Anchorage to meet the other infantry's in Anchorage.

Nelson said today he does not know when they could come back home. Let's all be with those young people who willingly and faithfully works for Alaska.

### KOOTCHIK RECOVERING

Mr. Rodger Ah-ha-lik, 71 years of age, also retired man, is now in Fairbanks.

Rodger's son, Kootchik, was seriously sick now in hospital. Each time, according to Rodger, he said his son Kootchik never answers him when he ask him how he is, never speak or raise his voice.

Rodger said Kootchik was that way for three days, never able to throw his voice. But he understands his speech, only nod his head yes and no.

Now Kootchik is recovering steady.

But Rodger is still in Fairbanks and he doesn't know when he will go back home.