

# Alaskan Command . . .

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the distinctive title of commander in chief, Alaska. The United States Army, Alaska, with its headquarters at Fort Richardson; the Alaskan Sea Frontier headquartered on the island of Kodiak and the Alaskan Air Command with its headquarters at Elmendorf Air Force Base, are the three major military components controlled by General Breitweiser.

These commands control ground, air and naval forces that are integrated into the intricate defense structure of Alaska and its segment of the overall defense structure of the North American continent.

In addition to its surveillance and defense mission, the Alaskan Command plays an important role in the support of the Vietnam conflict.

Huge C-141 Starlifter transport aircraft of the Military Airlift Command have become a familiar sight to citizens of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, as they take off and land at frequent intervals, seven days a week at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Some 900 C-141s are fueled and serviced at Elmendorf each month, then sent on their way with the least amount of delay possible....as they are carrying men, supplies and equipment vitally needed in Vietnam, or returning wounded servicemen to hospitals in the "South 48" for treatment and care.

The Vietnam support role

played by Alaskan Command units once again points out the strategic value of Alaska as an aerial crossroads of the world.

Highlights of the Alaskan Command's activities during the past year include the installation and operation of a fuel pipeline from the year-around port of Whittier to Elmendorf Air Force Base; humanitarian efforts on the Alaskan Command in support of victims of the worst flood ever to strike the city of Fairbanks; and the installation of General Breitweiser as commander in chief, Alaska, succeeding the late Lieutenant General Glen R. Birchard who lost his life as the result of an aircraft accident.

A noteworthy accomplishment of the Alaskan Command during the past year was the successful conduct of "Frontier Assault," a joint, combined winter exercise which saw the development of about 8,000 U.S. and Canadian troops into the field under extreme cold weather conditions.

Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishment of the exercise other than the tactical experience gained, was the safety record attained by participants.

Not one death or serious accident was incurred during the movement of the men and their related combat equipment through the hostile environment of Alaska's interior.

Other military exercises conducted by the Alaskan Command during the past year include Gold Rush VI/Big Bear, Jade Star II and High Heels 67.

## School Districts Get Title I Funds

Six Alaska School Districts were recently granted funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Project proposals of the Petersburg and Wrangell City School Districts, and the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island, Bristol Bay, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Districts, were approved for Title I funds.

The grants, totaling \$231,213.34, are 100% federally financed.

Title I, ESEA is designed to help educationally and economically deprived children in public schools by funding projects for schools in districts with high concentrations of children from low-income families.

Under Title II, ESEA, \$530,000 was approved for the proposals of the Hoonah and Dillingham City School Districts, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District. Title II grants, also 100% federally financed, provide funds for school library resources and other instructional materials.

The Hoonah City School District and the Fort Greely On-Base School District received approval from the State Department of Education to conduct projects under Title III of the National Defense Education Act.

The maximum amount of Federal funds available for these projects is \$506.25.

Title III, NDEA is a program that provides matching money to assist public schools in improving instruction in critical subjects.

## Veteran Seafarer . .

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came out to join the Pacific Steamship Company fleet.

The summer of 1923 Burns sailed to Alaska on the "Queen." That fall he obtained his second mate's license, without sitting for his third mate's license because he had sufficient time at sea.

In 1924 Captain Burns began a five-year tour with the American Mail Line, next sailing with the Tacoma-Orient Line and later with the American-South African Line, when he made personal acquaintance with the Roaring Forties on trips to the "Horn."

By 1933 Captain Burns had his master's license and went to work for the Lomen Company as skipper of the SS Baldwin, packing general cargo to Nome and frozen reindeer to market in the States.

Three years later when Alaska Steamship Company purchased the Baldwin, Captain Burns went with her.

Later he commanded most of the passenger liners in the Alaska Line fleet—the Alaska, Aleutian, Baranof, Denali and Yukon. The Yukon was his favorite... "a beautiful handling ship and beautiful to look at."

Since the passing of the line's passenger service in 1954, Captain Burns has commanded most of the freighters in the fleet, and in a trade where a tug assist is hardly heard of, he develop-

ed a reputation as an expert ship handler, navigating and docking vessels under the most difficult circumstances.

In the days before Ripple Rock was blasted out of Seymour Narrows, Burns was known for his cool in taking passenger liners through those hazardous waters.

"I'd do it all over again," he said. Though he expects to miss the sea, there won't be those times away on Christmas Day. There will be more trips to Mazatlan and Hawaii.

But before Captain and Mrs. Burns begin to roam, there's a painting job for him at home, 120055 First Ave. N.W.

## What Saith the Scriptures?

Repent of Your Sins

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. 1:18

"Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."—Luke 13:3.5. Remember

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