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Dear Ralph:

Thank you for remembering an old "shipmate" this Christmas. Let me both remember

Pender EN1

Downs SN

Bradley SN

Luchesi HM3

Wainship CS (SN)

Gilbert ET3

Constantini ET3

Coverdale CS (SN)

The SN from ENUNCLAW ORE.

MR Benson and his wife Kitty USFWS.

The experience of moving a Pacific Hut across the island. KL7VK - my call sign and the contacts we made on the West Coast of the "lower 48".

The experience we had of loading the old evaporator and transporting it into the village for transshipment via the NORTHWIND to Seattle.

How you overhauled the 10 wheeler and the bull dozer as well as the CO's Jeep.

How we overhauled the two Caterpillars and the two Hill generators in the Engine Hut.

How we solved the water in the diesel oil by cutting about a foot off the suction line in the big day tank. ^{problem}

The two girls who rode on the 6 wheeler from the village to the Station.

The mother fox and her vixens on the honey barge.

Luchesi and his sking automatic.

The day we pushed the burned out kitchen ^{down} off the cliff!

It might be deer he shot out of the herd.

The times we worked on the airplane strip in preparation for the arrival of the PB4 from Kodiak.

The day Lucchesi climbed the antennae pole to change the frayed line. He froze $\frac{1}{2}$ way up. It took a lot of figuring and talking to get him down.

How the ETS would use an old brown stick to knock the ice off the transmitting antennae.

The arrival of the diesel oil supply in the 55 gal drums and Mahova the Indian fellow who was the "oil king".

My son is a GMC in Jacksonville Fla. He didn't make the E8 list so has to return in June 1996. He did a 2 year tour with the FTG in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His son

Douglas is a GM1 on the mellow.

Helen my first wife of 48 years died of a massive stroke 17 July 1994. Here is a picture of my second wife Mary and me taken about 14 months or so after my stroke. I'm doing pretty well but my left arm and hand are pretty useless. I go to a health club 3 days a week and work out. I try to walk some every day. One good thing - I don't think the Guard would call me back to active duty. I loved every active duty assignment I had though. Thank the good Lord for each one of my shipmates. I enjoy a multitude of pleasant memories. Have a wonderful 1996 Ralph.

Fond regards to a wonderful EN!
George