

SHORTLY AFTER THE R.S.A. LEFT, NEW TEAM MEMBERS HAN, KEVIN, DOUG, TIM AND HENNIE SPENT THE FIRST WEEK OR TWO SETTLING IN.

KEVIN AND DOUGH (GEOMORPHOLOGISTS) HAVE BY MONTHS END BEEN ON NUMEROUS WALKS TO LONGRIDGE, SHIP'S COVE ETC. LOOKING FOR GLACIERS, WHILE HAN AND TIM (SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS) HAVE BROUGHT BACK ALL THE BACTERIA FROM KILDALKEY TO BOIL UP IN THEIR LAB.

NEW "LIFER", HENNIE (SERVING 18 MONTHS AS CHIEF CAT TRAPPER) AND GRANT HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY THIS MONTH, UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE FROM FELLOW TEAM MATES TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THE CATS IN THE FOOD STORE, UNDER GEORGE'S HUT AND CONGESTING THE BOLUG CATWALK ETC. THEY PROMPTLY PROCEEDED WITH REVENGE TO LONGRIDGE AND BROUGHT BACK NINE FOLLOWED BY A FURTHER THREE FROM KILDALKEY A WEEK LATER.

GREAT NEWS FOR ALAN THIS MONTH, NOT ONLY HAS YS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP RING ALBATROSSES AND OTHER BIRDS FOR HIM, BUT THE ANNUAL PADDY CONGRESS AT KING PENGUIN BAY IS OVER AND DELEGATES HAVE BEEN SEEN RELAXING AT GUNNERS POINT.

HIPPIE (CHRIS) HAS BEEN SLOWED DOWN BY ALL THE EXTRA CORRESPONDENCE AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS, BUT STILL MANAGED A QUICK 4 DAY SPREE AT KILDALKEY. HE EVEN WENT TO SEE THE PENGUINS. EVERYONE WILL ALSO BE RELIEVED TO HEAR NO CATWALKS HAVE WALKED INTO HIM THIS MONTH.

NEW PING PONG COMPETITION HAS DONE WONDERS FOR DUDLEY'S GAME. SO ALSO DID HIS UNIQUE XMAS GIFT DO WONDERS FOR HIS GIRL FRIEND, FOR ITS SURELY VERY FEW LUCKY GIRLS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AN ALBATROSS SKILL FOR CHRISTMAS. DUDLEY ALSO WENT VISITING TONY AT A CHWAY. THE LATTERS DAMAGED RADIO A TENNA HAS NOW BEEN REPAIRED SO HOPEFULLY HE WILL BE BACK ON THE AIR BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS TO HIM.

JOHN STONE FOUND TIME TO VISIT THE MASSES AT KILDALKEY AFTER SORTING OUT DIESEL PROBLEMS AND EXTRA WORK BROUGHT DOWN BY THE SHIP. ALWAYS GLAD TO BE BACK IN HIS DIESEL SHACK HE CELEBRATED WITH A LARGE TIN OF GUAVA NECTAR.

THE FESTIVE SEASON STARTED A LITTLE EARLY FOR JOHANN AND BEN THIS YEAR. -APRIL- AND IS UP TO FULL SPEED NOW. WITH ONLY THREE MONTHS TO R.S.A. -DAY PLUS RECENTLY REPLENISHED SUPPLIES ITS VERY LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

JOHN RILEY WAS DRAGGED OUT OF BED AT FIVE THIRTY ONE MORNING BY HAN AND TIM AND TOGETHER THE THREE STUMBLE UP THE MOUNTAIN TO TAKE PICTURES. ITS DUBIOUS HOW WELL THEY WILL COME OUT THOUGH SINCE THE VISIBILITY AT THE BREATHTAKING VIEW WAS ABOUT TEN METERS. OTHERWISE THE MIST, BLOWING SNOW, ROCKS ETC. WERE ALL VERY BEAUTIFUL.

ROY'S 80 DECIBEL (EQUIVALENT TO SMALL JACKHAMMER) LAUGH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NIGHT BIRD CALLS, SEAL PUP YELLS AND HE IS PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH (AND MAPS) TO WHISLE F.S.K. AT FIFTY BANDS.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH INCLUDED CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE FOR BOTH CHRISTIAN AND HEATHEN CONSEQUENTLY ALL IN THE BASE ATTENDED. SOME TALENTED DUETS AND SOLOS WERE SUNG FOLLOWED BY GIFT EXCHANGING.

ALL VERY WELL PREPARED CHRISTMAS DINNER BY YS.

THE MASS EXODUS OF HENNIE, GRANT, JOHN STONE, HIPPIE, HAN AND TIM TO KILDALKEY TO CATCH CATS AND COLLECT PENGUIN EKRETA.

GEOMORPHOLOGY LECTURE BY KEVIN.

ROUND ISLAND TRIP BY HENNIE AND GRANT. HIGHJUMPING COMPETITION BY HIPPIE (WON) DUDLEY, JOHANN, BEN, GRANT, HENNIE AND JOHN RILEY SCALE-(HIC)-TRIX COMPETITION WON HANDS DOWN BY JOHANN AND BEN.

DIVING IN TRANSVAAL COVE BY HAN, JOHN RILEY AND DOUGH (KILLER WHALES AT A SAFE DISTANCE).

FINALLY, WHEN HAN'S SELF MADE, MUCH WORKED ON OCCET TAKES OFF INTO THE NIGHT SKY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, THE EVENT OF THE YEAR WILL START - MARION'S OWN CABARET SHOW. IT'S SUCCESS OR FAILURE, LIKE HAN'S ROCKET, IS STILL TO BE SEEN, BUT JUDGING FROM THE STAR STUDDED BILLING IT'S LIKELY TO BE HILARIOUS. IN EITHER EVENT IT SHOULD BE A LOT OF FUN.

WELL THATS ALL FROM MARION FOR DECEMBER AND 1976 SO TO ALL THE PLEBS BACK HOME WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.