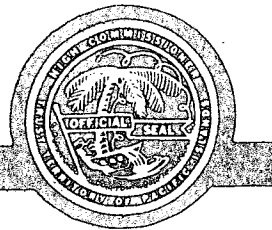


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CHRISTMAS AIR DROP ISLANDS ANNOUNCED

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Dec. 12 . . . Twelve Trust Territory islands will be "bombed" with Christmas gifts on December 23.

Ponape

The annual Andersen Air Force Base Christmas Drop committee has announced that their "targets" will be Pagan, Agrihan, Alamagan, Anatahan, and Sariguan of the Northern Marianas; Fais and Ngulu of the Yap District; Sonsoral, Tobi and Pulo Anna of the Western Carolines, and Pulup in the Truk District.

Marshalls

Aircraft and crews of the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and 79th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron will make the drop.

Yap

Andersen AFB personnel and local people on Guam have donated gifts, including toys, books, soap, fish hooks, and jackknives to bring American-style Christmas cheer to the tiny Pacific islands.

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