



Bob Hope brings a special kind of Christmas cheer.

Bob Hope, A Custom Of Christmas Season

Bob Hope, as far as military personnel are concerned, is almost as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus or boughs of holly.

For 18 consecutive years the ski-nosed comedian has mazed throughout the world entertaining foreign based troops. All totaled, Hope has traveled more than a million miles and performed to an audience of over ten million troops. This year's tour will add 30,000 miles to his tally.

It all began in the spring of 1946 when the English born Hope and a group of performers did a radio broadcast for servicemen at March Field near Riverside, California.

For the next seven years, until June, 1948, he broadcast all but two of his regular Pepsodent radio shows, at Army, Navy and Marine installations.

Then, in 1948, Hope began what was to become a Christmas custom for the comedian when he went to Berlin at the request of then Air Force Secretary Stuart Symington to stage shows for personnel involved in the airlift.

The following year, he organized another troupe and flew into Alaska to entertain men there. In successive years, he took shows throughout the Pacific theater, to England, Iceland, the Caribbean area (including Cuba's Guantanamo base in 1960), then Newfoundland and Greenland, and Europe with stops in North Africa.

This year's Christmas Cheer will be topped by lovely Ann-Margret, singing dancing and looking kittenish. But things don't stop with Ann-Margret. There are eighteen other girls in this year's Hope package. Among them are Penelope Plummer, a statuesque 35-24-35 blond Australian, recently awarded the title of Miss World. Then too, there the Gold Diggers, a singing dancing group; vocalist Linda Bennet and The Honey, Ltd., a quartet of good-looking female singers.

Along too, in addition to regulars Les Brown and His Band of Renown, will be Rosie Grier, a rock 'n roll singer, and Dick Albers, top trampolinist.

Hope will arrive at Osan Air Base mid-morning Dec.

18 for three special shows in Korea. The first show will be at Osan at 2 p.m. Then Hope will fly to Yongsan and the next afternoon, Dec. 19, he and his troupe will perform at Recreation Center One; Second Infantry Division, at 1 p.m. His last performance will be at 7:30 p.m. at Collier Field House in Yongsan.



Spicey Ann-Margret will be here.



The Honey, Ltd., are a few of the 18 girls with the troupe.