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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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MARCONI MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT
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“Getting There – The Great Port of New York”

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The past year has been one of declining membership, mainly through SK increases. Our Directors and a few VWOA members have made extra efforts to introduce VWOA to wireless-related groups and individuals; there is little success to report. The feedback is one of lack of enthusiasm for participating in the preservation of the wireless traditions. They like the stories which are published, when received by VWOA, but resist the encouragement to provide “their own story.”

VWOA has been working on the digitizing of the awards *Yearbook* for about four years. I can now report that we have completed the recent past fifty years of publications. VWOA is considering offering to VWOA members a recorded CD with all this digital information on wireless history in return for a tax deductible, (as yet undetermined, monetary donation amount) to VWOA. Additional information will be available in forthcoming VWOA email newsletters.

Director Miles MacMahon has made great strides in obtaining information and providing direction on the restoration of the Wireless Operators Memorial Monument. The New York City plan, calls for its reinstallation in a new location, on *Heroes Walk*, at State and Pearl Streets, looking southeast (toward NYC harbor), west (toward Castle Clinton), northwest (toward Battery Place), and northeast (toward the Custom House and One Broadway) in Battery Park, NYC.

In Miles own words, “The Veteran Wireless Operators Association is pleased to endorse the proposal to install the Wireless Operators Memorial among the monuments on *Heroes Walk*. The new location provides a fitting setting for recognition of the dedication to duty and self-sacrifice that is embodied in the memorial.”

When the memorial was being designed and erected almost one hundred years ago, active wireless operators, serving at sea and in coastal stations, appreciated the honor and supported the funding of this tribute to those among their number who had died on duty. It became the focus of the professional community and helped forge the bonds that led to the foundation of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association. For all those years, it has remained a symbol of their spirit that guided the everyday practice of their skills in technology, communication, and service.

ALAN M. EHRLICH
PRESIDENT



Greetings to all of our members, friends, and colleague communicators, and welcome to our 85th Annual Awards Luncheon. This year, our Awards Committee has selected for recognition several extraordinary individuals who have devoted many years of unique and outstanding service to the maritime profession in both wartime and in peace. Our VWOA Awards Luncheons are always very special occasions, when we come together to honor and celebrate individuals who, by their knowledge, skills, and initiative have made very valuable contributions to our nation and our profession by their long service either on land, at sea, or in the air.

A special welcome to our guest speaker, William Miller, “Mr. Ocean Liner,” who has prepared a special presentation for us entitled, “Getting There - The Great Port of New York.” My wife Ann and I, while on board the Holland America Line’s *Veendam* (call sign PHEO) cruising to Bermuda, were happy to learn that coincidentally Bill Miller was scheduled to give a remarkable presentation. After speaking with Mr. Miller, he graciously consented to be our VWOA guest speaker at this Awards Luncheon.

In the last few years, the cruise ship industry has become very robust, with several large passenger ships being built each year. These vessels are engineering marvels and certainly inspire people to take pleasure cruises, thus creating, preserving, and expanding the skills required for the maritime industry for many years to come.

Our Wireless Operators Memorial Monument is still in a storage site maintained by the Battery Park Conservancy. The monument and its accompanying fountain will be re-installed at the park’s entrance at Pearl and State Streets. This new location was identified in the Conservancy’s “Master Plan,” which will place all existing monuments in a designated area called *Heroes Walk*, to maximize public viewing. The time frame for this placement is expected to be about two years.

I would like to offer a Bravo Zulu to Frank Cassidy, Wendell Benson, Douglas Stivison, Mike Shaw, Rick Kenney, and Miles MacMahon who have contributed much time and effort to the VWOA.

My wife Ann and I wish all of our members, friends and colleague communicators a healthy, happy, and successful year!

MARCONI MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

THOMAS ST. JOHN-COLEMAN



Thomas J. St. John-Coleman was inspired to follow a career as a wireless operator when he read Karl Baarslag's *SOS Radio Rescues at Sea*. He began his wireless training in 1944, but it was interrupted by service in the Royal Air Force (Signals). After the RAF, he completed his training and went to sea in 1949 as a radio officer. Coming ashore in 1953, he worked for the Reuter's and Teleradio News agencies and took a conversion course to Flight Radio Officer. It was in 1958 that he joined the UK Post Office/British Telecom Wireless Telegraphy Section where he would work for the next 26 years. During this period he served as radio operator at shore stations - Portishead, Land's End, Seaforth, and Anglesey; and eventually as Officer-in Charge at Cullercoats Radio. He then served as Radio Surveyor in Liverpool and Radio Assistant Superintendent for BT HQ in London. At the time of his retirement in 1984, he was Radio Superintendent (Head of Group) Medium/Short Range Planning. Following his retirement from BT, he worked in an accountancy firm for fifteen years. Currently he is active as a lay minister in the Anglican church busy with teaching, preaching, and pastoral duties.

**MARCONI MEMORIAL
MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT
PRESENTED TO
THOMAS J. ST. JOHN-COLEMAN
FOR 40 YEARS OF WIRELESS ACHIEVEMENTS
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SIGNAL IN WW II
RADIO OFFICER AT SEA AND UK POST OFFICE
AS RADIO SUPERINTENDENT HEAD OF GROUP
BY THE
VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION
JUNE 5, 2010**

MARCONI MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL OF SERVICE

CAPTAIN OLAV AUNE



Born in Norway, Olav Aune first went to sea as a teenager in 1938. Since then he has logged over 900,000 nautical miles. He is a graduate of the London School of Navigation and the Oslo Maritime School. He served throughout World War II, seeing significant action in the North Atlantic.

He has held an unlimited United States Masters License (Ocean-Unlimited) for over 50 years along with similar licenses from Panama and Norway. Over the span of 25 years he also earned no less than 49 First Class Pilots Licenses for various US ports and waters. In addition to serving on commercial tankers and cargo vessels, his career has also included nearly 20 years of service aboard US Navy vessels during the Cold War.

MARCONI MEMORIAL MEDAL OF SERVICE

PRESENTED TO

CAPTAIN OLAV AUNE

FOR 50 YEARS OF MERCHANT MARINE

SERVICE TO NORWAY AND THE UNITED STATES

IN WORLD WAR II, THE COLD WAR, AND IN PEACE,

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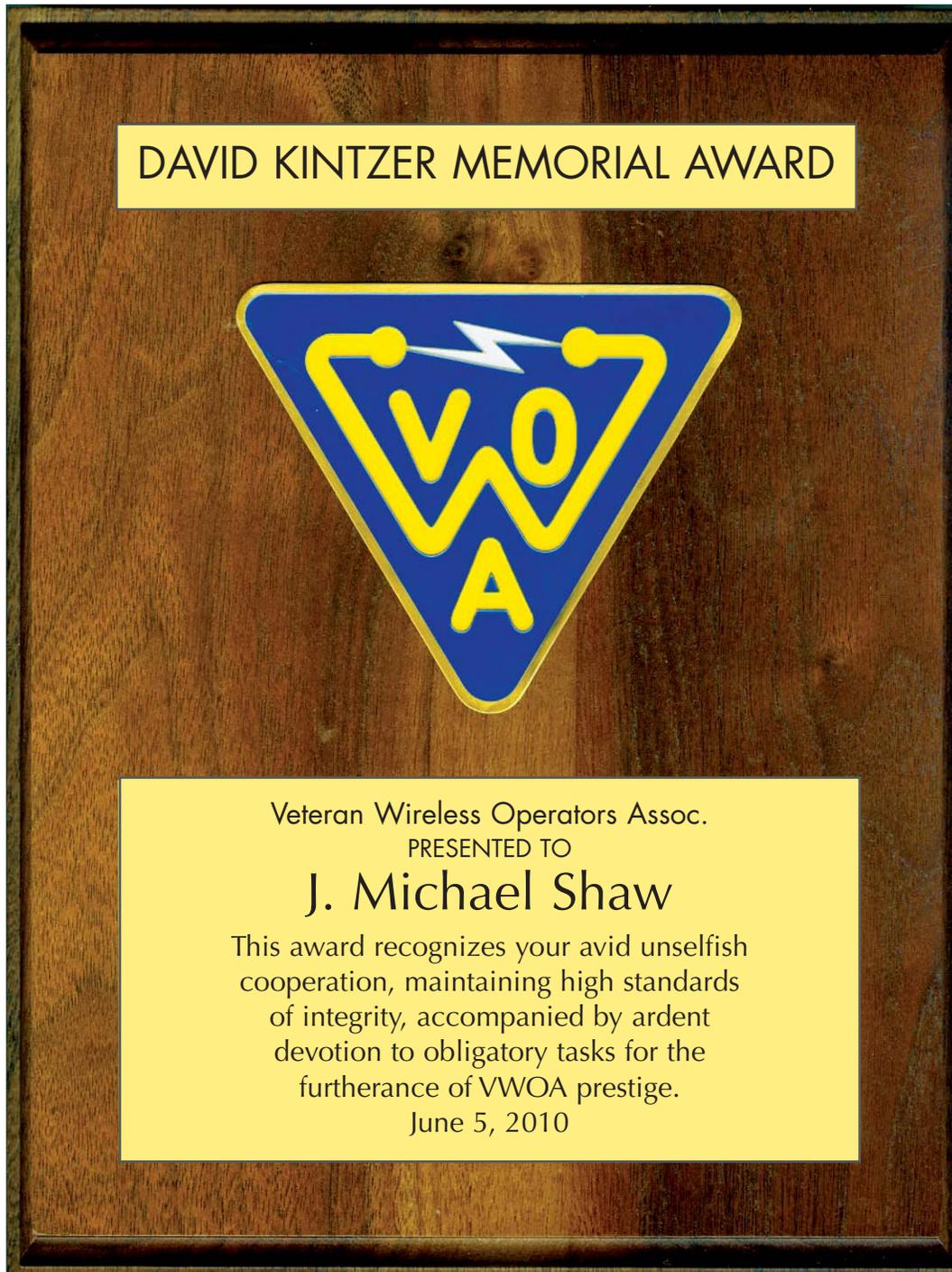
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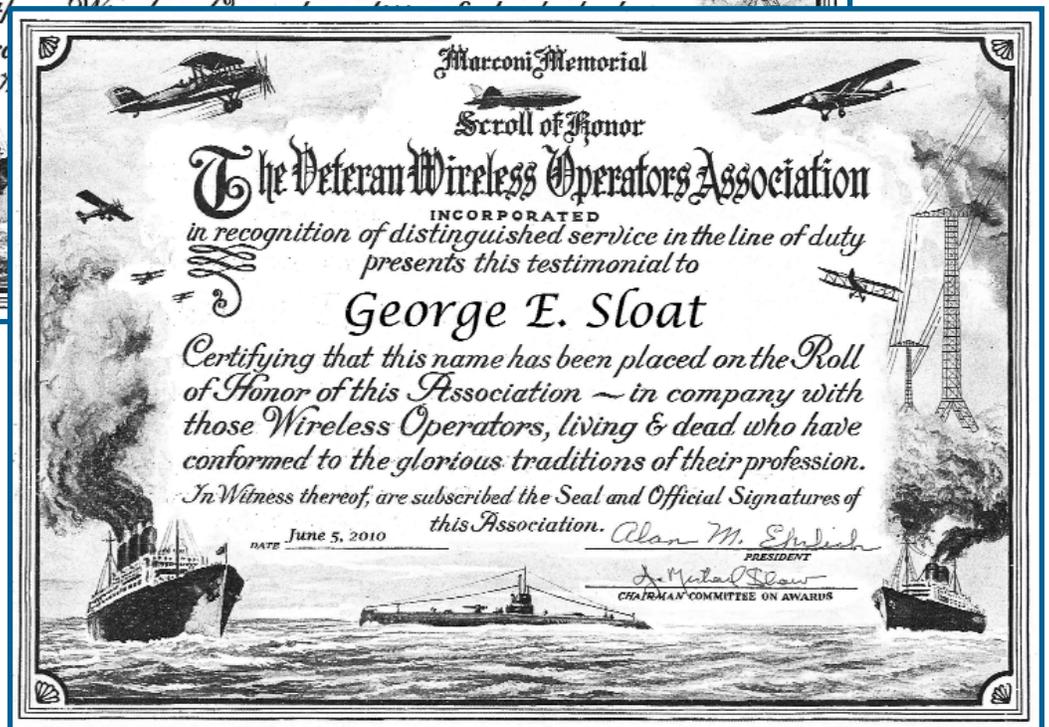
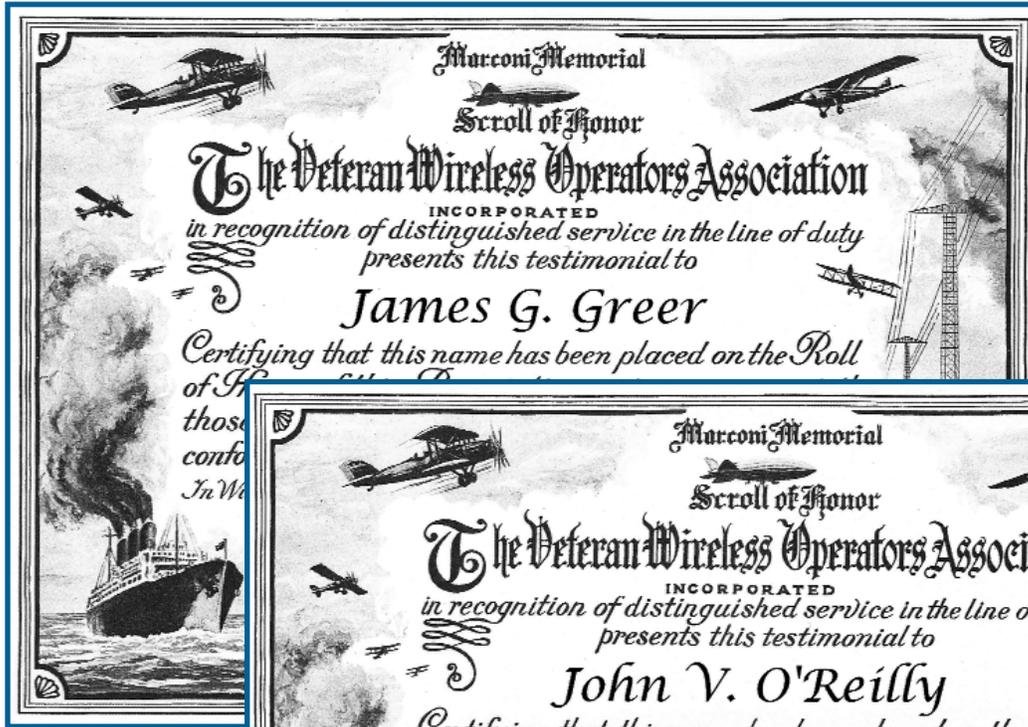


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GEORGE E. SLOAT



IN MEMORIAM

THE WIRELESS OPERATORS MONUMENT

BATTERY PARK, NEW YORK CITY

Jack Phillips, S.S. Titanic
April 15, 1912 — Atlantic Coast

George C. Eccles, S.S. Ohio
August 26, 1909 — Pacific Coast

Stephen F. Sczepanek,
S.S. Pere Marquette
September 9, 1910 — Lake Michigan

Lawrence Prudhunt, S.S. Rose Crans
January 7, 1913 — Pacific Coast

Donald Campbell Perkins,
S.S. State of California
August 18, 1913 — Pacific Coast

Ferdinand J. Kuehn, S.S. Monroe
January 30, 1914 — Atlantic Coast

Walter E. Reker, S.S. Admiral Sampson
August 25, 1914 — Puget Sound

Clifton J. Fleming, S.S. Francis H. Leggett
September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

Harry Fred Otto, S.S. Francis H. Leggett
September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

George Arundel Geare, Bark Manga Reva
November 1916 — Atlantic Ocean

Adolph J. Svenson, S.S. Hanalei
November 23, 1914 — Pacific Coast

James J. Curran, S.S. Moreno
June 12, 1917 — Off Azores

Russell A. Williams, S.S. Montano
July 31, 1917 — English Channel

Francis Joseph Doherty,
S.S. City of Athens
May 1, 1918 — Atlantic Coast

Boris Michael Dutko, S.S. Brindilla
December 1, 1919 — At Sea

Lawrence B. Robinson, S.S. Macona
January 17, 1920 — Swedish Coast

Emile H. Hulsemann, S.S. Cubahist
March 7, 1920 — Off Hatteras

John Frantsen, S.S. Grontoft
March 2, 1922 — North Atlantic

Ernest E. Dorsey, S.S. Swift Arrow
July 15, 1923 — Caribbean Sea

Fred Salim, S.S. Conejos
December 27, 1923 — Black Sea

Peter L. Bacuinka, S.S. Haleakala
September 8, 1926 — Atlantic Ocean

Lawrence M. Waring, Jr., S.S. Colopaxi
December 2, 1926 — Off Florida Coast

Charles F. Ruble, S.S. Elkton
February 1927 — Pacific Ocean

J. Maurice Black, S.S. David C. Reid
October 14, 1928 — South Atlantic

Michael Joseph O'Loughlin,
S.S. Vestris
November 12, 1928 — Off Virginia Coast



**Former Honorary President and radio pioneer,
Dr. Lee DeForest, SK, at the Wireless Operators
Monument**

Willam R. Robertson, S.S. Nevada
September 26, 1932

Russell L. MacDonald, S.S. Mohawk
January 24, 1935 — Jersey Coast

Ernest Edwin Dailey, U.S.S. Macon
February 12, 1935 — California Coast

Charles J. Taylor, S.S. Blairgowrie
February 26, 1935 — North Atlantic

Frank M. Caldwell, Jr., S.S. Iowa
January 11, 1936 — Pacific Coast

Papas Theodorou, S.S. Kyellne
April 11, 1938 — Atlantic Coast

Donald MacNeil, S.S. Tresillian
November 30, 1954 — North Atlantic

Swilhelm Siemens, Bark Pamir
September 21, 1957 — North Atlantic

Carl Johan Nielsen Dejlighjerg,
S.S. Hans Hedtoft
January 30, 1959 — North Atlantic

Raymond F. Brazner, S.S. Pine Ridge
December 21, 1960 — Atlantic Ocean

John B. Hilliar, S.S. Ambassador
February 18, 1964 — North Atlantic

Joachim Geissler, MV Munchen
June 25, 1964 — North Atlantic

Carlos R. Griffith, S.S. Panoceanic Faith
October 9, 1967 — North Pacific

Albert E. Merrikin,
S.S. Texaco Oklahoma
March 27, 1971 — Atlantic Ocean

Bente Knudson, Norse Variant
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Kari Bergelien, Anita
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Joseph Vyhna, S.S. Poet
October 24, 1980 — Atlantic Ocean

David Staier, S.S. Mezada
March 8, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

Paul Conaty, S.S. Elma Tres
November 26, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

Albion F. Lane, S.S. Marine Electric
February 12, 1983 — Atlantic Ocean

Danilos Pajaragan, MV Balsa 24
February 25, 1987 — North Atlantic

Maung Maue Htue, Marika
December 31, 1993 — North Atlantic

Hepolito Elanga, S.S. Polydoros
November 22, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Serhiy B. Bukov, S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Olexander V. Lango,
S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

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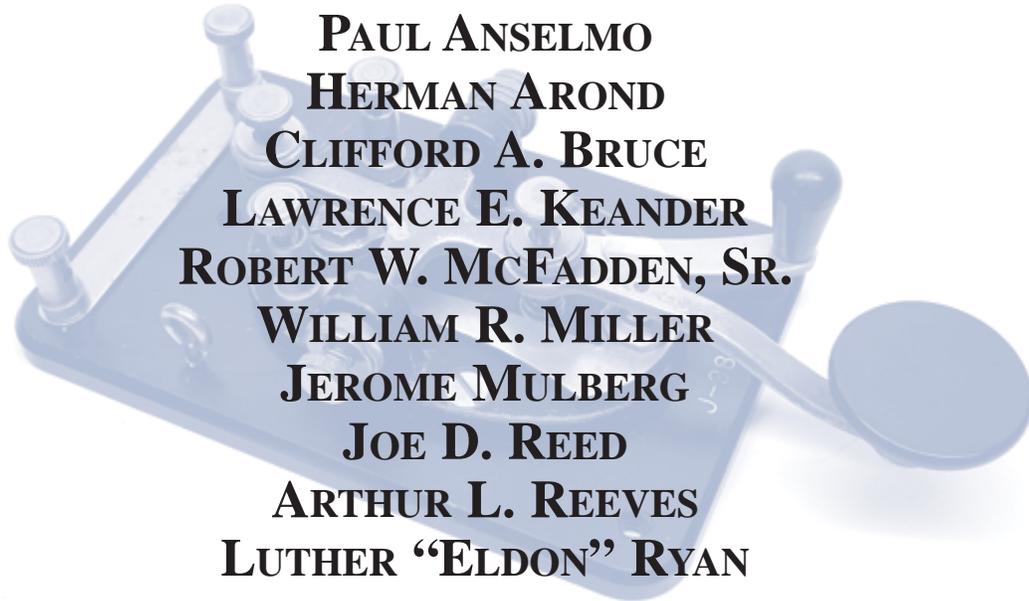


THOSE WHO ARE LISTED BELOW SENT “73 TO THE VWOA”
73 BEING WIRELESS CODE FOR “BEST WISHES”
VWOA SENDS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM “73” IN RETURN

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*We Remember Our Members
Whose Keys Have Fallen Silent...*



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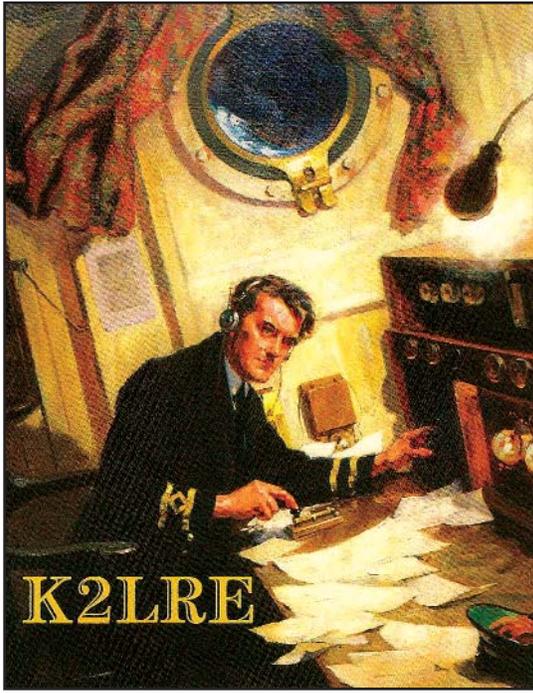
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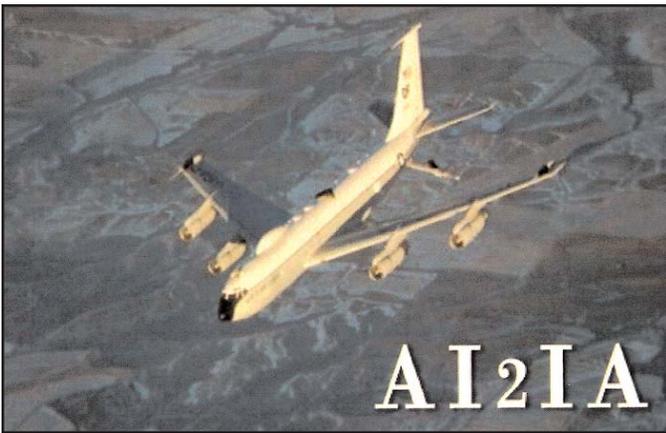
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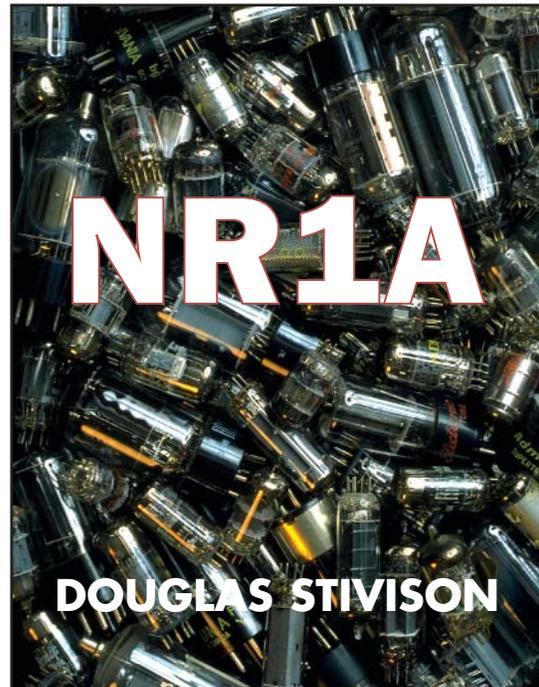
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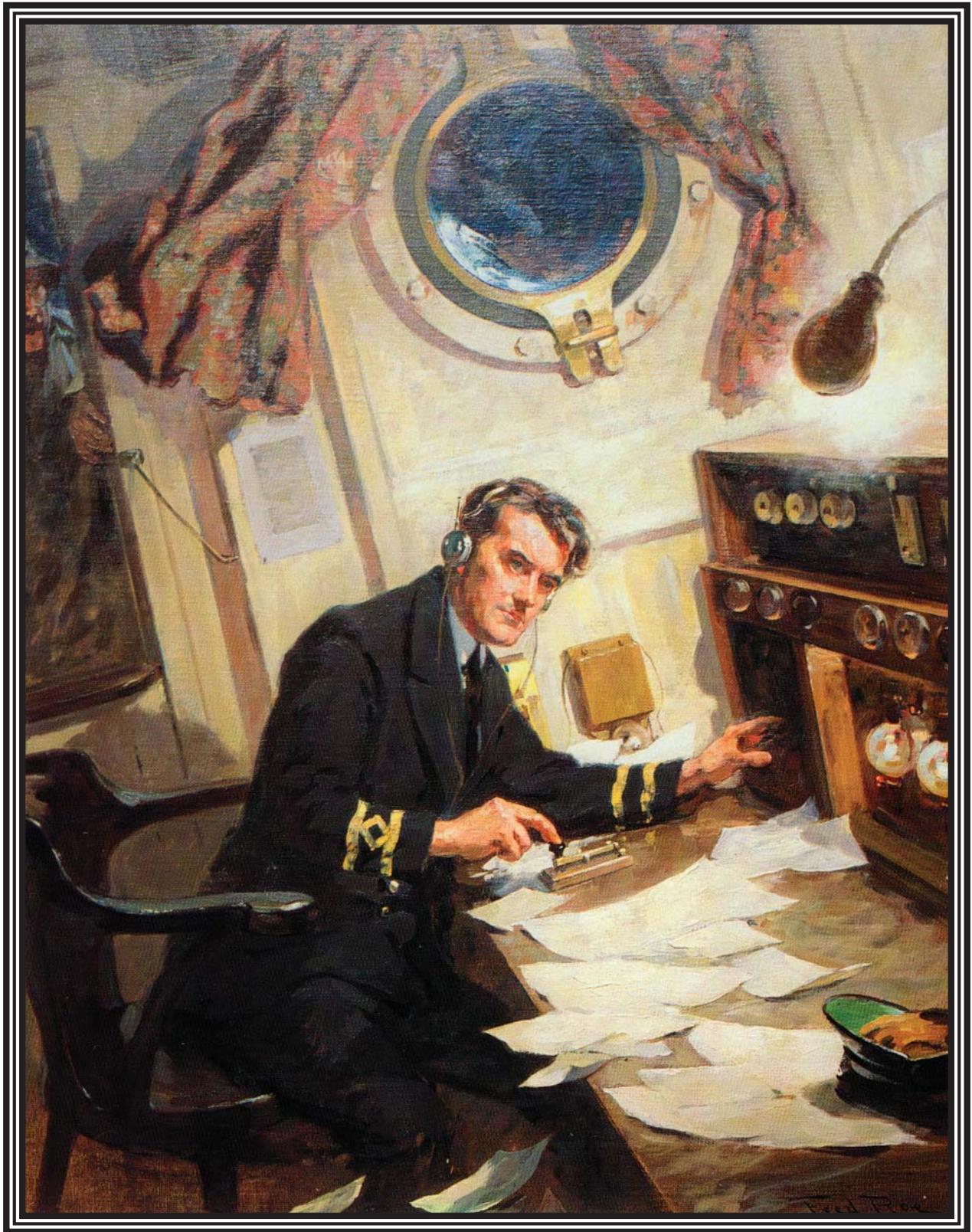
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“S.O.S.”

From a painting by Frederick Roe (1864-1947), English illustrator and historical genre painter. Roe exhibited the picture at the Royal Academy in 1929 amidst that era's "radio boom." Today the picture is part of the permanent collection of the Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool, England.