



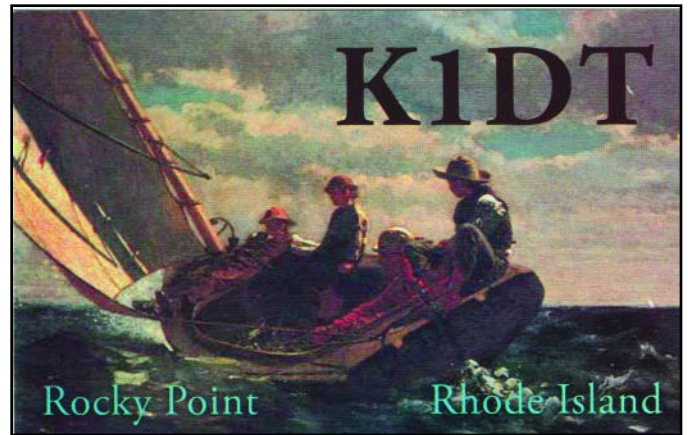
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD PLAQUE
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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This past twelve months produced a definite interest by *VWOA Newsletter* readers, both domestic and international, of the VWOA member-generated stories of *A Celebration Of The Past In Wireless*. The strong response from readers of these personal memories revealed a growing interest on the part of our members to search for the details of the many radio officers who lost their lives during the wars. The individual names of these operators do not appear on the VWOA Wireless Memorial Monument in Battery Park. Instead, there is a plaque recognizing the loss of all war time operators as a group.

Richard H. Singer, K6KSG, made a statement, posed the question, and made a personal effort to correct the situation with the following request sent to VWOA Director John Dziekan:

“Here are a few names I know who were lost at sea in World War II. Are they included in the VWOA registry of radio officers lost while serving their country? If not I will compile the list that are in the two books I have from World War II and send them off to the VWOA so that these souls will be recognized for their service.”

In the 91 years since the Wireless Operators Monument in Battery Park, New York City, was first dedicated on April 15, 1915; the list of radio officers memorialized there has grown to include fifty names. In addition to the operator's name, the monument lists the name of the vessel and the date of sinking. Radio officers of all nations have been placed on the Monument after thorough investigation by the VWOA Monument Committee.

Due to the large number of lives lost and the previous unavailability of documentation during war time, individual names for World War I and World War II radio officers were not placed on the limited space of the existing Wireless Operators Monument. Their recognition was covered in a large plaque on the Monument with the following listing:

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF
THOSE WIRELESS OPERATORS
WHO MADE THE
SUPREME SACRIFICE
AT THE CALL OF DUTY
WORLD WAR I, 1914 - 1918,
WORLD WAR II, 1939 - 1945,
THEY, DYING SO, LIVE!

With the advent of the Internet and the establishment of a VWOA web site, the VWOA is using this technology to give recognition to those radio officers who lost their lives in past wars.

The VWOA has established a Database of Radio Officers Lost in World Wars which it will post on the VWOA web site. The database will offer the capability for searching by names, ships, dates, and locations. In addition, the database will be able to be expanded and corrected as new and more complete information is discovered.

Miles MacMahon, former First Vice President of VWOA, has been spearheading the implementation of this exciting project for our organization. Please provide him and the Committee with your expertise when requested and we will have a new Perpetual Wireless Operators Memorial Monument to Memorialize the Loss of Radio Officers around the World.

Frank Cassidy

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

ALAN M. EHRLICH



GREETINGS FROM
THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! And welcome to all our members, friends, and guests at our 82nd Annual Awards Luncheon.

The VWOA Annual Awards Luncheons are always very special occasions. The speakers, awardees, members, and guests present always make it a very pleasant and memorable event. Each year, we showcase a different aspect of history, technology, or innovation.

Our first speaker today is Mr. William H. Terbo, the closest living relative of Nikola Tesla. Mr. Terbo is Executive Secretary of the Tesla Memorial Society.

Our second speaker is Mr. Joseph R. Kinney, Chief Engineer of the Hotel New Yorker, who has collected, restored, and displayed hundreds of significant artifacts of historical radio receiving and transmitting equipment, as well as documents allied with the hotel's involvement in radio. It is also noteworthy that Nikola Tesla spent his last years at the hotel. I am sure that everyone will enjoy this special presentation.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the very fine work of Francis Cassidy who, as Chairman of the Board, as Secretary, and as Editor of our newsletter; has guided the work of our organization and has redesigned and enhanced our newsletter, bringing it into the modern age of E-mail distribution.

I also commend and thank Wendell Benson, our Assistant Secretary, who has spent countless hours on the computer and telephone to research and round up the "lost sheep" of our membership and to update the E-mail database, thus providing the membership with the means to communicate easily with the VWOA Board of Directors.

The newsletter content, highlighting the experiences and thoughts of our members during their involvement in communications in both war and peace make very interesting reading and add a historical significance to the part that wireless played in everyone's lives. I hope that many more of our members and friends will continue to send in the stories of their wireless experiences. They are all very valuable for that period of wireless history.

At one time there was a small plaque on the wall of the Seamen's Church Institute reading room. It was one that I always glanced at when I was in the room. It stated: "Good news to a person far away from home is like cool waters to a thirsty soul." (The author is unknown.) As a result of the developments of yesteryear, today we can communicate to nearly any place on the globe via satellite telephone depending on wired and wireless communications to relay the message.

My wife Ann and I wish all VWOA members, friends, and guests 73's and best wishes!

Alan Ehrlich

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD PLAQUE

WILLIAM H. TERBO



William H. Terbo is the closest living relative of Nikola Tesla and a Founding Director, Chairman of the Executive Board and, since 1998, Executive Secretary of the Tesla Memorial Society, Inc. The Society, founded in 1979 and incorporated in 1980, is the oldest U.S. based international organization in continuous operation honoring and perpetuating the memory and ideals of the great electrical scientist and inventor, Nikola Tesla.

Being the closest living relative of Tesla has afforded Mr. Terbo two distinct advantages in efforts to reestablish Tesla's significance in the creation of the modern technological world. First, Mr. Terbo is called upon in the name of the family to accept honors accorded to Tesla or otherwise honoring Tesla. Second, the media coverage of these events generates requests from reporters, writers, and video documentarians for information, assistance, and participation in their efforts.

Among the more notable events honoring Nikola Tesla at which Mr. Terbo represented the family were: Tesla's induction into The National Inventors Hall Of Fame, the observance of Tesla's 125th Birthday, the issuance of the Tesla Commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp, and the reception for the PBS documentary *Tesla, Master of Lightning*.

Mr. Terbo's grandmother, Angelina, was Tesla's eldest sister and his father Nicholas J. Trbojevich (Tesla's nephew and thirty years his junior) was a world-known research engineer, mathematician, and inventor. Mr. Trbojevich held about 150 U.S. and foreign patents, including the basic patent for the hypoid gear, found in the great majority of the world's automobiles since 1930. Mr. Trbojevich was the only other member of the extended family who was technically educated and the only family member to join Tesla in America (in 1914.) The Tesla family tree is a sparse one. Tesla never married. As he often said, marriage and discovery are both full time jobs. Tesla's three sisters had a total of ten children and today there is only one living cousin, Jovan Trbojevic of Chicago.

Mr. Terbo was born in 1930 in Detroit, where his father's seminal work in gear design was most utilized. With such a history in science and engineering, his higher education was simply a matter of "what engineering school to attend" rather than "what profession to follow." After graduating from Purdue University, Mr. Terbo spent a number of years in the missile and space industry in Los Angeles, co-founding businesses in solid-state electronics and cryogenics. Since 1973, and until his retirement in 1990, Mr. Terbo had been associated with the development of data oriented services for international telecommunications carriers.

Mr. Terbo speaks regularly on the personality, ideals and accomplishments of Nikola Tesla. In the past thirty years he has given more than 150 interviews, spoken to at least one hundred symposia, conferences or other events and made on camera or voice-over appearances in about twenty video documentaries for domestic and international network television. He has a personal archive of approximately 10,000 Tesla-related items.

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HONORS

WILLIAM H. TERBO

FOR HIS PERSEVERING EFFORTS IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT NIKOLA TESLA A WORLD-RENOWNED INVENTOR, PHYSICIST, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WITH NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISCIPLINE OF ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM. HIS EFFORTS AT PRESERVING HISTORY, PRESERVES THE MEMORIES FOR ALL RADIO AND WIRELESS PIONEERS.

PRESENTED JUNE 16, 2007

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD PLAQUE

JOSEPH R. KINNEY



Joe Kinney was born in Nashville and raised in Memphis Tennessee, attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Christian Brothers College in Memphis. He has always been interested in history and recently discovered his own birth father and mother and learned that his birth mother won several high awards for activities in Native American issues. His Father was most proud of landing in North Africa in WWII and marching across Africa, through Sicily, and all the way to Berlin.

After college he traveled all over the United States as well as a large portion of the world including living in Asia for four years. His wife is from Japan and they have four children.

Joe spent ten years in the machine tool and machine shop field, most notably producing the suspension arms for the first version of the Abrams Tank employed in the first Gulf War. For the past twenty years he has been a facility engineer, with a specialty in industrial ammonia refrigeration and taught the New Jersey state license course for ammonia system engineers at Bergen Tech.

For the past eleven years he has been the chief engineer at the New Yorker Hotel, where he has collected nearly a thousand items of memorabilia and historical information about the hotel including information about the original wireless and shortwave system which was connected to every room.

The November 26, 1929 issue of *Power Magazine* reported that "To provide for the entertainment of guests, an extensive radio system has been installed. Every guest room has been equipped with a loud speaker and radio receiving equipment has been installed that will allow the guest to select any of four programs."

The April 1930 issue of *Popular Science Magazine* describes radio room on the 41st floor of the hotel with five broadcast receivers and a sixth short-wave set to pick up European radio programs. Sixteen power amplifiers delivered the signals to the rooms and public areas throughout the hotel. The article mentioned that all the radio equipment would be shut down to eliminate interference in the event of a distress call from a ship at sea.

The February 1936 issue of *Short Wave Craft Magazine* describes W2DLG the 5-meter station installed by the members of the "Garden City Radio Club" on top floor of the New Yorker Hotel. The eight-foot two-inch half-wave antenna was mounted on a standoff attached to the "N" on the prominent New Yorker Hotel sign which is visible for miles. A November 1931 article in *Radio-Craft Magazine* described the public address sound amplifier at the new Yorker Hotel that included speakers in every room with a six-position selector switch to choose the desired station.

I have several CDs of recordings of the broadcasts of big bands performing in the New Yorker's Terrace Room. Artists include Shep Fields and His Orchestra, Milton Saunders, Johnny Long, Bob Crosby, and Benny Goodman.

For ten years, Nikola Tesla lived in the New Yorker Hotel and he passed away in his room 3327 on July 1, 1943.

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

HONORS

JOSEPH R. KINNEY

FOR HIS PERSEVERING EFFORTS OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS IN COLLECTING, RESTORING AND DISPLAYING MEMORABILIA OF THE 1930'S WIRELESS AND SHORTWAVE SYSTEM INSTALLED AT THE NEW YORKER HOTEL. HIS EFFORTS AT PRESERVING HISTORY, PRESERVES THE MEMORIES FOR ALL RADIO AND WIRELESS PIONEERS.

PRESENTED JUNE 16, 2007

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

DAVID KINTZER MEMORIAL AWARD



THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

1925



2007

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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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**

William 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 Dejligbjerg,
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

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

1998

Harold G. Syptak
John C. Abernathy

1999

Chester L. Migden
Bernard Pemberton

2000

Henry R. Kuhn
William Jones
Henry Paulisen
Alfred L. Ritter

2001

Sidney Cooley
James E. Glendening
Carl Hammond
Edgar S. Johnson
Paul J. Nicholson
CAPT Leonard Raish
Slaughter Reed
John H. Reynolds
William H. Robertson
Arthur Sims
David Warshaw

2002

Waldo Clark
Fountain Davenport
Adrian J. Good
Chris Wincey
Lester B. Rauber
John J. Kelleher
LCDR Gerald R. Gavin, USN
Robert McGraw
Gene F. Smith
Cyril Malcolm
James A. Johnson

2003

Nelson W. Treadway
Gene G. Goings
Maxwell Cooper
Peter Froloff
Charles T. Flagler
LCDR. R.A. Langdon, USN
Earl W. Korf
Mervyn E. Macleod

2004

Charles P. Krause
LCDR Isaac C. Bemis, USN
Julius J. Altman

Melvin L. Grummet
Clarence Seid
John E. Sandison
Clyde C. Upchurch
Terry L. Perrault

2005

CDR Charles F. Concannon
Charles L. Tate
LCDR Morris H. Blum, USNR
William C. Bohn
John E. Coleman
Paul D. Kirrkamm
Aaron Weisbrot
Walter Scheffe

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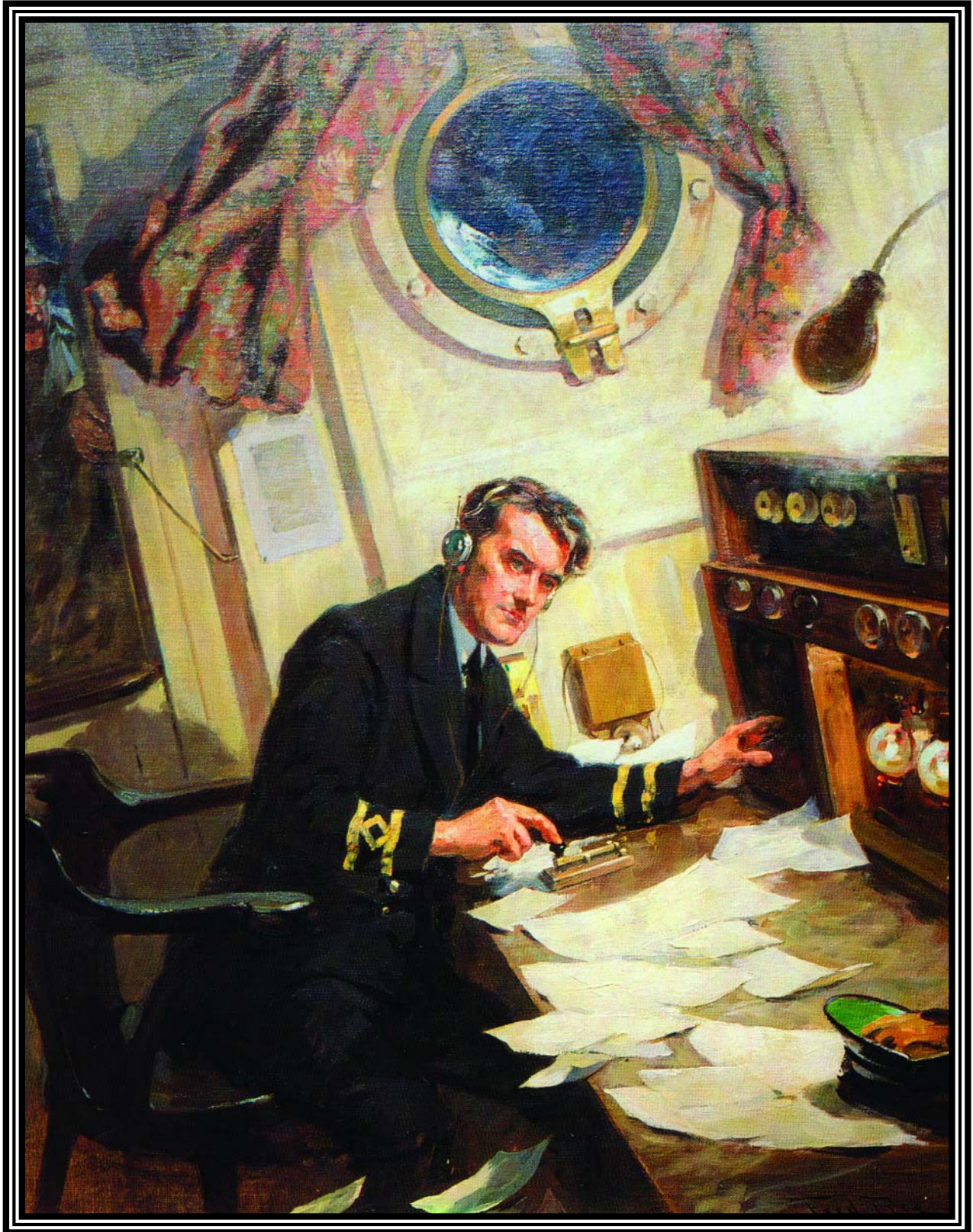
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