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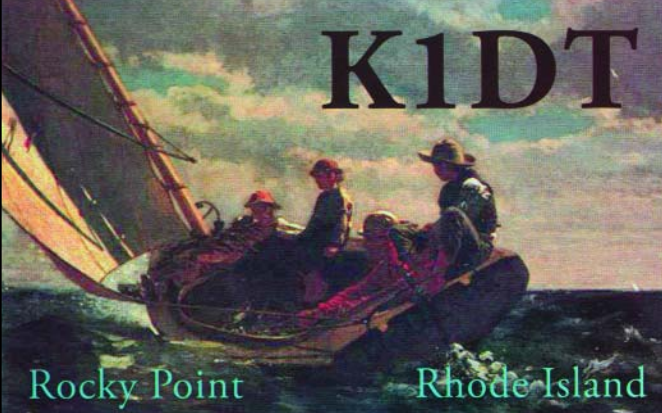


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RECEPTION1:00 P.M.
WELCOME Alan M. Ehrlich, WA2GDQ
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LUNCHEON 2:00 P.M.
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
ADDRESSRear Admiral J. Robert Lunney

MARCONI MEMORIAL AWARD PLAQUE
ROBERT L. SHRADER, W6BNB

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Francis T. Cassidy

GREETINGS FROM
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With all the headline news of piracy on the high seas and the hijacking of Merchant Marine vessels, along with demands for millions of dollars in ransom for their return, we have become well aware that the advances of wireless transmission with its ease of use by the common man has changed the public perspective of advantages brought by the discovery of wireless, especially on the high seas.

We note with a great deal of satisfaction in the view of professional wireless operators, when the Merchant Marine ships were staffed by Radio Officers whose devotion to duty and attention to details of communication knew by message format and “handwriting” or fist of a ship’s or shore station radio officer’s Morse sending routine, that security was in their hands with the Captain of the vessel.

Let us hope that our technology leaders recognize that with wireless advances, we have had digital advances and thus the utilization of cryptology by ships officers between ship and shore as well as ship to ship will, if implemented, on all transmission media, increase the duration of delay time for recognition of those communications intercepted by illegal recipients and provide another layer of security protocol in Merchant Marine communications and operations all over the world.

Last year I announced that the VWOA had established a *Database of Radio Officers Lost in World Wars* which it will post on their web site with a capability for SEARCH of Names, Ships, Dates, and Locations with adjustments for additions and corrections as they become available to VWOA.

This year we announce that VWOA has acquired the records of the *Marconi Marine Wireless Operators Lost At Sea* from 1914 to 1918 and this will be used in our file of *Radio Officers Lost in World Wars*.

J. Michael Shaw, VWOA Treasurer, has successfully spearheaded an effort on behalf of the VWOA members and Board of Directors of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association in presenting a **VWOA-donated copy** of Capt. Moore’s book, *A Careless Word, A Needless Sinking*, to the following organizations:

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USS MASSACHUSETTS Memorial Committee

Sydney, Australian National Maritime Museum
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Fraternally submitted,

Frank Cassidy

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

Alan M. Ehrlich

GREETINGS FROM
THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to everyone and welcome to our 84th Anniversary Awards Luncheon! This year's annual luncheon is unique. Our special guest speaker is Rear Admiral J. Robert Lunney, N.Y. Naval Militia (Retired). He will tell us about a miraculous rescue, not generally known to the public, that he participated in while on board the S.S. MEREDITH VICTORY off the Korea Peninsula near the end of December 1950.

Admiral Lunney was a Mate on board the 10,000-ton United States Merchant Marine freighter commanded by Captain Leonard La Rue when the ship and its crew performed an extraordinary rescue of 14,000 North Korean men, women, and children. The Chinese Communists charged that the civilians had been aiding the Americans and their allies, and had threatened them with beheading, even though they were supposedly on the same side.

The rescue operation, covering three days, is chronicled in a wonderful book titled *Ship of Miracles* by Bill Gilbert. It was not until August 24, 1960 that Captain La Rue was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal — the Merchant Marine's highest honor. A Gallant Ship Award plaque was authorized for the S.S. MEREDITH VICTORY by a special act of Congress, and signed by President Eisenhower. In addition, unit citations and ribbons were awarded to Captain La Rue and to all of his crew. This is a very historic first-hand account of the rescue and many thanks are due to Admiral Lunney and to our VWOA First Vice President, Rick Kenney, for introducing me to the Admiral at a Navy League Luncheon.

I would also like to convey my appreciation to our Chairman and Secretary Frank Cassidy and Assistant Secretary, Wendell Benson, for maintaining communications with our members and distributing our newsletters both electronically and through the mail. To all of our members, it is each one of your contributions that has made the VWOA such a unique and special organization from the period when "wireless" communication first started, to the present, and well into the future. Many new technical devices and spectacular upgrades of our present communications modes and technology have occurred since our last luncheon. Some of the more notable are:

- ∞ On March 25th, 2009 radio signals were sent to Venus from a ground control station in Germany with a 6 kilowatt transmitter on 2.4 Gigahertz and the return echo was received 5 minutes later to complete the round trip.
- ∞ Software-Defined Radio or (SDR) has made great advances. It was first envisioned by Joseph Mitola III, who formulated the idea of a mostly digital radio that could be reconfigured merely by changing the computer code running on it via its software, resulting in a smaller, lighter unit than ever produced before.
- ∞ The changeover of television broadcasting from analog to digital will free up a large segment of the existing television frequency spectrum for new and unique uses to provide additional information to listeners and involve a tremendous amount of new, upgraded television studio and broadcast transmitting equipment.
- ∞ Nanotechnology - ("Nano" is defined as one one-billionth (.000000001)). Scientists and researchers are now able to see atomic structures this small and manipulate individual atoms and molecules to build machines on the scale of human cells and create material that has novel properties.

This year our distinguished awardees were selected for their technical expertise, documentation of historical events and their involvement in educating others by authoring textbooks and personal involvement in practical training. Best regards to all of our members and colleagues from my wife Ann and I. 73's

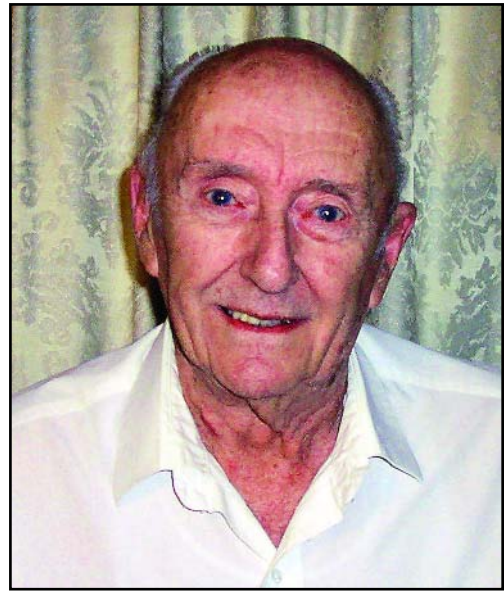
Alan Ehrlich

MARCONI MEMORIAL AWARD PLAQUE

ROBERT L. SHRADER, W6BNB



RADIO OFFICER IN 1934



W6BNB IN 2009

Bob Shrader obtained his first amateur license, W6BNB, in 1931 while still in high school. Studied Radio Communication at the Oakland Central Trade School prior to shipping out in 1933 to begin twelve years as a radio officer on several different shipping lines. He picked up the S.O.S. from the SS President Hoover when it was bombed in the Yangtze in 1937. During WW2, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Maritime Service (USMS) and from 1942 to 1945 he taught Radio and Electricity at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

From 1946 until 1969 he taught all radio licenses at OCTS which became Oakland Laney College. While teaching there he wrote his best-known book, *Electronic Communication*, which remains a popular textbook at many schools and is now in its Sixth Edition.

He retired from teaching in 1969 and built a home near Freestone, California. He joined the volunteer fire department and became Freestone's Fire Chief from 1975 through 1978. Following that, from 1979 to 1987, he was the Director of the Twin Hills Fire Department.

He has been married for 68 years and has two children.

In addition to the well-known textbook *Electronic Communication*, Bob has written several other textbooks on electricity, electronics, fire fighting, and radio license Q&A books. His magazine articles have appeared in *QST*, *CQ*, *73*, *Ham Radio*, and *Electric Radio*.

His radio amateur activities include starting 80- and 20-meter CW nets for the Society of Wireless Pioneers along with a Sunday Sideswiper Net. He remains active on one or more CW bands every day.

MARCONI MEMORIAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

EUGENE KAUDER, W4PRS



Eugene Kauder, was born in the Bronx but lived most of his youth in Brooklyn. He had just started high school when Pearl Harbor occurred. He learned the Morse Code while in high school but his only hands-on experience with radio at the time was building a crystal set to listen to the broadcast stations. His main interests at the time were electricity and auto mechanics.

After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Maritime Service (USMS) and was sent to Sheepshead Bay boot camp. The year was December 1944. After basic training in seamanship, lifeboat training, math, and technology subjects he was sent to the radio school at Gallups Island in Boston harbor. He earned his FCC 2nd Class Radiotelegraph license and graduated in July 1945 with platoon R-106.

His first ship was the *Skagway Victory* sailing from Seattle on assignment in the Pacific War Zone. The war ended but we kept going from island to island and returned via the Panama Canal in March. Almost an eight months voyage and we still had the same Military cargo aboard. Nothing was discharged and we were in the same situation as dozens of other vessels. He later qualified for DD214 USCG discharge for WW2 service.

Following WW2 he earned his radar endorsement and shipped out as radio officer in a career that would span five decades and included sailing on tankers, bulk carriers, passenger liners, and other vessels. He served on a series of Victory Ships including the *Virginia City Victory*, *Greeley Victory*, and *Longview Victory*. He spent the four years of the Korean War on ships carrying military cargo for the war effort.

Following Korea, he returned to tankers and then liners including ships of the US Lines and the Farrell Line. He was married in 1969 and his honeymoon was on the *SS United States*. When the “Big U” as she was known returned from that voyage in October 1969, it was laid up for good.

In April 1975 while serving on the *SS Pioneer Contractor* he participated with other US merchant ships in the massive evacuation of over 275,000 Vietnamese refugees before the fall of Saigon. In later years he served on several passenger ships as well as many other tankers and bulk carriers. He continued sailing until the introduction of GMDSS led to the end of the era of radio watch-standing and the role of the Radio Officer. After five more years as a Radio Electronics Officer — without the familiar radio shack — he retired.

He earned his first amateur license in 1950 as W2EZV, a call he held until his move in 1978 to Florida and acquiring his current call of W4PRS. He is active on the 20 meter amateur CW band as well as digital modes.

MARCONI MEMORIAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD PLAQUE REAR ADMIRAL J. ROBERT LUNNEY



Admiral Lunney was born in New York City in 1927. Enlisting in the Navy at 17, he served with the Naval Amphibious Forces on surrender and occupation duties throughout the South Pacific, earning the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. During the Korean War he served in the Military Sea Transport Service as a staff officer during the Inchon Landing, Hungnam Evacuation. He earned the Navy Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal with two stars, Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Citation, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. His Gallant Ship Citation commends Admiral Lunney for his participation in the massive refuge evacuation which is the subject of his talk at this year's luncheon.

His later Naval Reserve duties included ten years in Naval Intelligence, three tours in the Judge Advocate General Corps, and a tour as Staff Judge Advocate. He also served a term on the National Naval Reserve Policy Board. In 1987, after nearly 43 years of service, he retired from the Navy with the rank of Captain. The Governor of New York then promoted him to Rear Admiral in the NY Naval Militia, the naval force of the state.

In 1994 the Secretary of the Navy decorated Admiral Lunney with the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award — the highest form of public service recognition bestowed by the Navy.

He earned a BA degree from Alfred University and Doctor of Law from Cornell Law School. His law career includes service as an Assistant United States Attorney as well as private practice including founding his own firm focusing on litigation.

In 1963 he made headlines as the first lawyer to go south and provide legal assistance to civil rights groups and voter registration drives in Mississippi.

He is the past National President of the Naval Reserve Association. Some of his other civic and charitable activities include the Order of Malta, Knights Templar, Past National President of the General Society Sons of the Revolution, trustee of the Lavelle School for the Blind, Navy League of the US, Naval Order of the US, and Past National Director of The Chosin Few.

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

1925



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have made a special contribution to the success of the 2009 Awards Luncheon:

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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

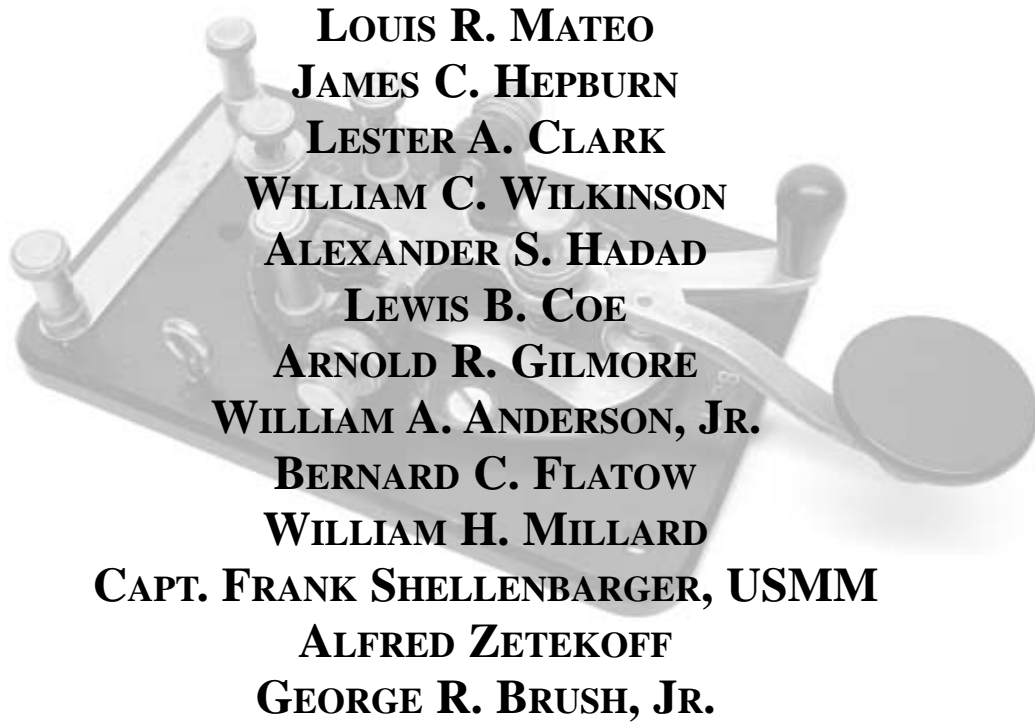
Maung Maue Htue, Marika
December 31, 1993 — North Atlantic

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

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Whose Keys Have Fallen Silent...*



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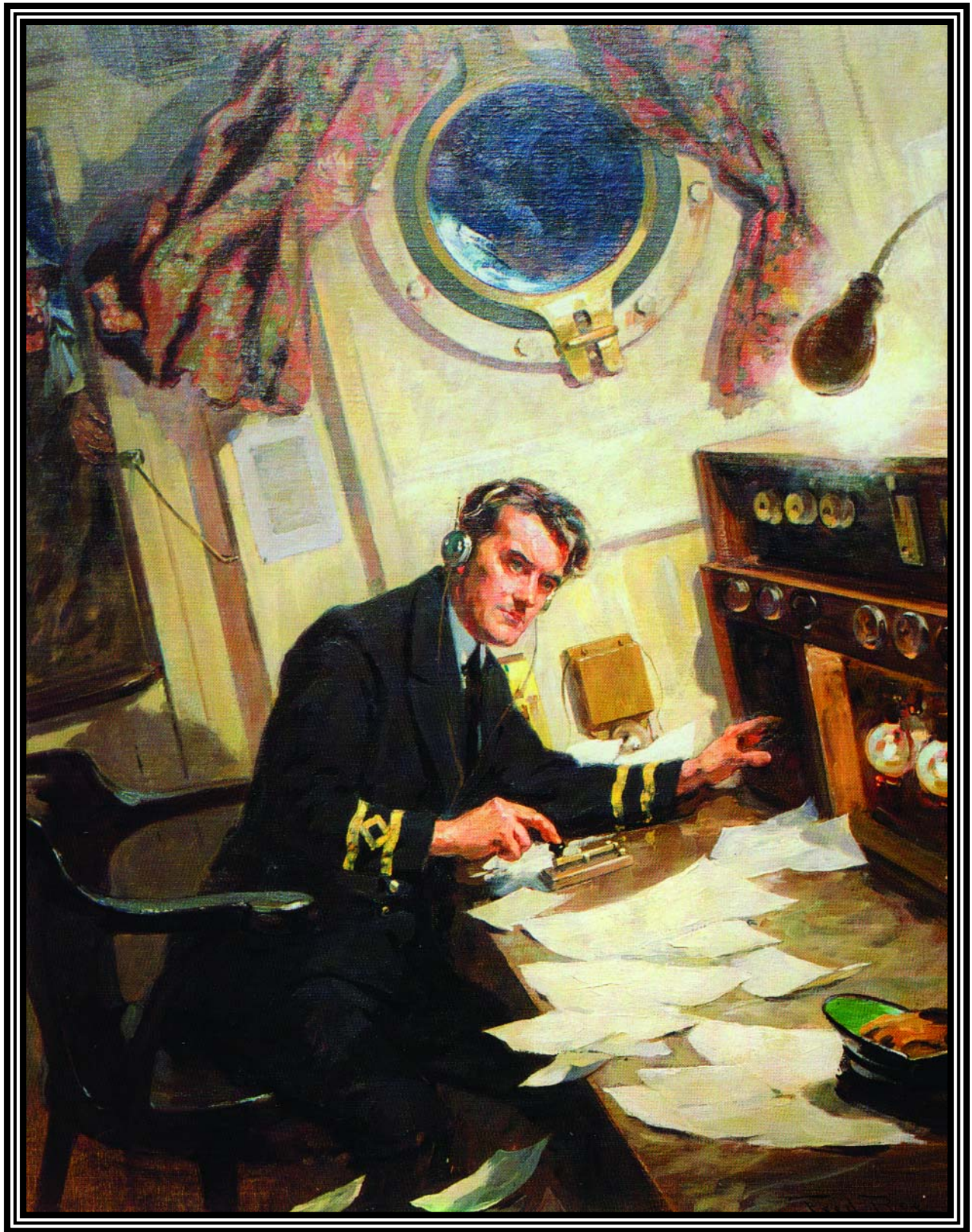
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From a painting by Frederick Roe (1864-1947), English illustrator and historical genre painter. Roe exhibited the picture at the Royal Academy in 1929 amidst that era's "radio boom." Today the picture is part of the permanent collection of the Grundy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