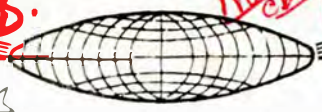


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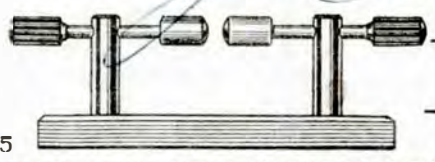
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

***** SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS INC. *****
P. O. Box 530 Santa Rosa, Cal. 95402 USA

I hereby apply for "LIFE" membership in the Society of "WIRELESS PIONEERS" (*) and certify that I meet membership requirements for classification marked below, by having held a commercial U.S. Gov't. operator's license and having been employed as a wireless(radio) telegrapher at a ship or shore station, handling commercial traffic by C.W. code. (Military operators are eligible if they can document service at stations which have handled a sizable volume of "PG" traffic). I agree to furnish records or documents if requested by the Membership Committee. I agree to keep my address current at all times and acknowledge failure to do so will be sufficient grounds to drop my membership. (*Short title).

Signed John W. Waters Date 9/29/68

SPARK GAP PIONEER
(Service prior to 1915)
 PIONEER 1915
(Service 1915 to 1925)



VETERAN
(Svc. 1926 - 1935 Incl.)
 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE
(Svc. after 1935)

HISTORY SHEET

(Please type or print)

WATERS Family Name
John Given Name
E Initial
"Doc." Nickname
"Q" Sine
Edna J. Wife
[redacted] City
Hemet State
Calif. 92343 Zip
[redacted] Tph (Area) No.

WIRELESS OR RADIO:

22 Sept., 1912 Date first license
Feb. 1912 Date assigned 1st ship
S.S. Hermosa Name ship/stn
BP Call
Navy or military assignment where "PG" traffic handled (attach documentation)

SHIP OR SHORE STATION/S WHERE YOU HAVE SERVED:

FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.	FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.
2/1/12	10/1/12	S S Hermosa			
10/1/12	10/18/12	S S Yale			
10/24/12	3/18/13	S S Siberia			

(Additional - use reverse side.)

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

FIRST CALL QW DATE Summer 1908 PRESENT CALL W6EC WORK FREQUENCIES QV
RADIO ORGANIZATION YOU BELONG TO: none 10 to 80 meters inclusive
MEMBER "CQD"ers CLUB ? (Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned ship)
NAME SHIP _____ DATE SOS _____ (Circumstances on reverse side)

WILL YOU SERVE AS OFFICER OR DIRECTOR ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS IF NOMINATED ? No
(Please use reverse side or additional 8 1/2 x 11" sheet/s for additional biographical data. We may use in future issues of "PORT O' CALL" et cetera).

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Society of Wireless Pioneers - California Historical Radio Society



- 1st. Ship: S. S. Hermosa, "BP" San Pedro -Avalon run, passenger vessel, small, no license required(Until 1 Jan.,1913.) Starting date in February., transferred to
- 2nd. Ship: S. S. Yale, San Francisco - San Diego, 1 October, 1912 to 18 October, 1912. Call "RY". Dan Walters was Chief Operator. To go on Yale I took out COS, Certificate of Skill in Radio Communication, on 22 Sept., 1912. In short time on Yale the Marconi Company took over from United Wireless. I still have one of the old United Wireless Telegraph Company plates from over a door of the "shack". Dan Walters took the other.
- 3rd. Ship: S. S. Siberia, "WU, later WWU", Pacific Mail combination freight and passenger vessel, San Francisco - Hongkong, via Honolulu, Japanese ports, Shanghai, and Manila. First trip, Chief Operator J. E. O. Lemieux. Second trip, I Chief Operator, and Assistant, Robert B. Black. Was required to be 21 years of age. Had my 20th. birthday in March, 1913 between Honolulu and San Francisco on return. Siberia service, 10/20/12 to 3/18/13. I then left the sea to go to college. On the way in, at Honolulu, took examination and received First Class Radio Telegraph Operator's License, signed by Lieut. L. M. Stevens, USN, 24 Dec., 1912.

Between trips I swapped with Larry Prudhont who had relieved me on the Yale. He wanted to spend New Year's Day in 'Frisco and I wanted to go down and see my girl in Orange. (Yeah! She is now my XYL, for over 50 years). On return I found that Malarin had had to send Prudhont out on the Rosecrans as an emergency relief operator; bound for Alaska. I had asked for an Alaskan run, so Malarin kidded me. I stayed with the Siberia. A few days later the Rosecrans foundered, with so far as Prudhont's parents or I ever learned up until recently, no survivors. The press so reported, as did the Coast Guard, at the time. Apparently my number was not up yet.

While on the Hermosa I worked the old Yosemite as she sent OGD and was going ashore off Long Beach in a bad storm....anchor wouldn't hold for long time. It finally caught, and saved her. We could not have helped as trying to get close to her we hit bottom and had to get out of there fast.

Have been a radio addict since January, 1908, on the air first in mid-summer of that year, with a 1-inch spark coil.

Have had many interesting experiences as ham, commercial and navy radio operator and officer. Made Captain in the USNR in Nov., 1945, just before leaving for home on terminal leave, after 5-1/2 years on active duty. Was Elec. IC (R) USNR in WWI, service ashore and on the Atlantic. Was on Guam when the Japanese party ended.

Learned to operate in the Kana Code (Jap) while on S. S. Siberia

John E. Waters
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Licenses (Exclusive of Amateur Class A, W6EC.)

1. Certificate of Skill in Radio Communication, Department of Commerce & Labor, Navigation Service, 22 Sept., 1912, R. Y. Cadmus, Los Angeles.
2. Radio Operator Commercial First Grade, Department of Commerce and Labor, #306, Lt. L. M. Stevens, USN, 24 Dec., 1912, Naval Radio Station, Honolulu.
3. Radio Operator Commercial First Grade, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation, #7515, R. B. Woolverton, Radio Inspector, 11 Jan., 1915, San Francisco,.
4. Radio Operator Commercial First Grade, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation, #13859, Ellery W. Stone, Ass't. Radio Inspector, Examining Officer, 20 Nov., 1913, Los Angeles.
5. Radio Operator Commercial First Class, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation, #2052, J. F. Dillon, Examining Officer, 5 July, 1922, Los Angeles. (Skipped WWI period.)
6. Radio Operator Commercial First Class, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation, #7346, Bernard H. Linden, Radio Inspector, 10 July, 1924, San Francisco.
7. Radio Operator Commercial First Class, Department of Commerce, Radio Division, #2911, Edwin W. Lovejoy, Acting Supervisor of Radio, 31 Oct., 1927, San Francisco.

Several others later, including some by FCC, never framed and mislaid. Undoubtedly among poorly filed records. One, in 1933, was for Commercial First Class Radiotelephone Operator as a separate license from my Commercial Radio Operator First Class also then in effect.

All commercial experience was "SPARK". In WWI had experience with the Poulsen Arc on USS Pennsylvania which was great when all the "alky" needed for its operation had not been diverted, misplaced and guzzled. It usually had been.

My original call as amateur was "QW", later "6QW", "~~W6QW~~", "then after WWI was "6EC", "W6EC", "nu6EC", and back to "W6EC" since. For some years I held "6XE", Experimental.

AND I CAN STILL HEAR IN MY MIND SOME OF THOSE OLD ROTARY SPARK GAPS, old "PH", "NU", et alles. Wish I had had a tape recorder in "them good old days".

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