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THE BRANT ROCK TRANS-ATLANTIC WIRELESS STATION IN THE YEAR 1905 WHERE COMMUNICATION HISTORY WAS MADE BY MR. PANNILL WHILE WORKING WITH PROFESSOR R. A. FESSENDEN AND OPERATOR WESCOE.

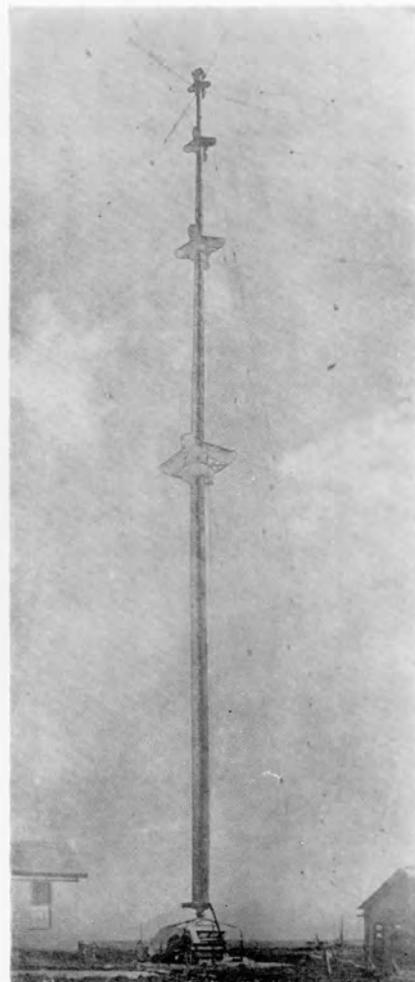
Charles J. Pannill enlisted in the United States Navy in 1898 for the Spanish-American War, and served as telegrapher for the Commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard and the Coast Signal Service.

Throughout the years 1902-09, he was associated with Professor Reginald A. Fessenden in the early wireless experiments carried on at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, and at Brant Rock, Massachusetts and Schenectady, N. Y. It was at Brant Rock that the historic tests in wireless communication resulted in establishing communication across the Atlantic Ocean to Scotland. During this period he installed the first wireless equipment aboard a United States battleship, and at Sandy Hook, N. J., also inaugurated the first overland communications by wireless telegraph between New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Following these noteworthy achievements, Mr. Pannill entered the Masie Wireless Telegraph Company,

the first marine commercial company on ships.

In 1912 he received the first United States Radio Operator's License Certificate and a few months later U. S. Radio Operator's License No. 1, issued under the enactment requiring licensing of Radio Operators. In the same year, he joined the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America, and served as Superintendent Southern Division of that Company, with headquarters at Baltimore, Md. until World War I was declared.

Entering the United States Navy again in November 1914, as Expert Radio Aide to Rear Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, USN, first Superintendent of Naval Radio Service, at the historic station "NAA", Arlington, Virginia, he assisted in the establishment of the Naval Communication System. Later he wrote the "Commercial Traffic Regulations of the Naval Communications Service," which was published by the United States Government Printing



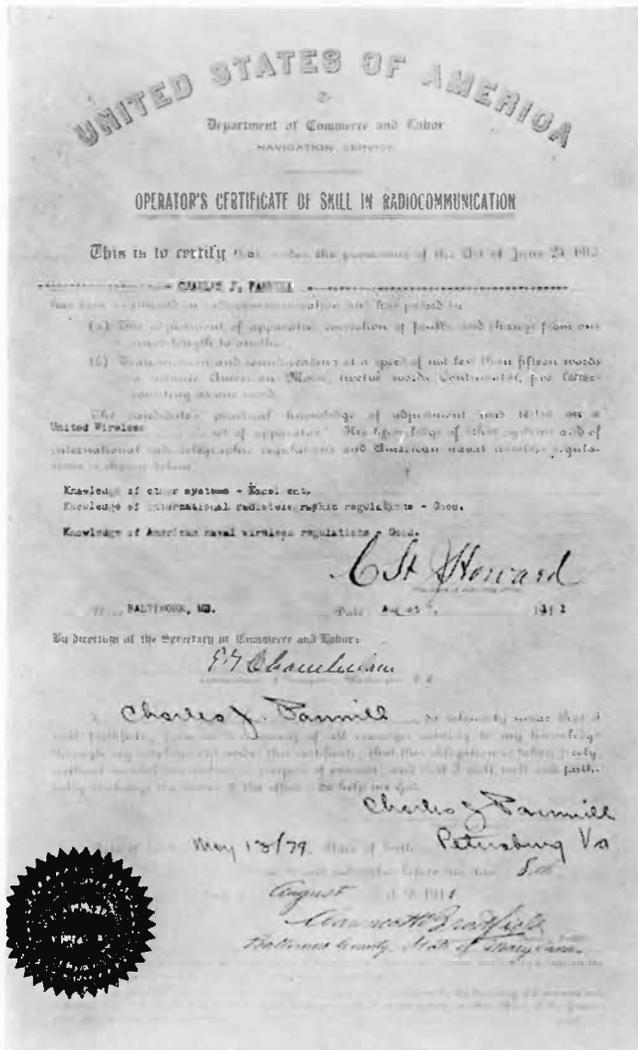
THE MAIN TRANSMITTING ANTENNA AT THE BRANT ROCK STATION USED IN TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNICATION.

Office in 1915, and is still in use. The "Naval Radio Service" was changed to "Naval Communications Service" in 1916 and moved to the Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Mr. Pannill soon advanced to the post of Assistant to the Director of Naval Communications, where he remained until 1919, when he resigned to again enter commercial life.

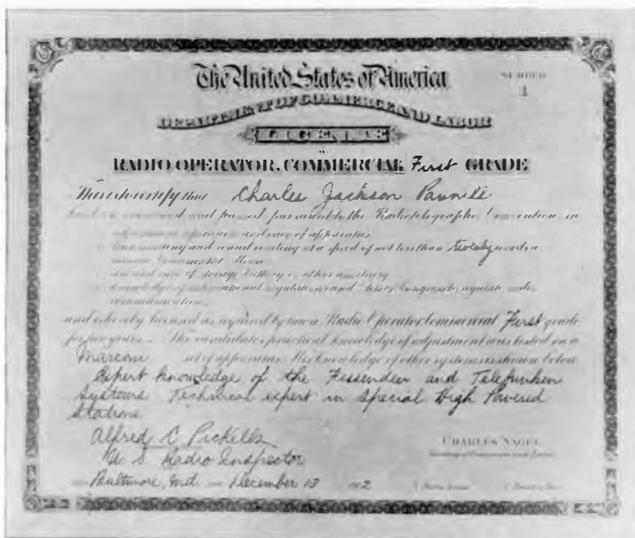
Following the termination of World War I, Mr. Pannill became Vice-President and General Manager, and Director and subsequently President, of the Independent Wireless Telegraph Company, Inc..

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Communication Firsts



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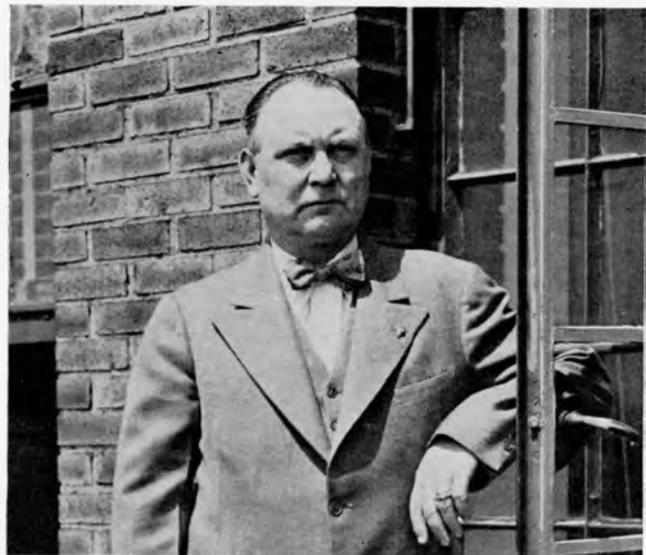


THE FIRST LICENSE ISSUED FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATOR.

Personal Assistants



WM. F. AUFENANGER, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.



T. E. FLYNN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.



H. T. LAWLESS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

President Charles J. Pannill

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for the period 1919-27 and served the Mallory Industries, Incorporated, in the capacity of Director. He was a delegate to the International Radio Conference in 1927. January 1, 1928, he began his association with the Radiomarine Corporation of America as Vice-President and General Manager and Director. He became Executive Vice-President in 1931, President in 1935, and is currently filling the responsibilities of that position.

Mr. Pannill is also President and Director of R.C.A. Institutes, Inc.—since 1932 to date; Chairman of the Board of Editors of RCA REVIEW 1936-42; Member of the Advisory Committee, RCA Laboratories, Incorporated, 1941-45; and Member of the RCA Advisory Board 1935-40; Member RCA Pension Board 1941-45. 1946 Member RCA President's Advisory Council. 1946 Member, RCA Trade-Mark Committee. During World War 2, under Mr. Pannill's management Radiomarine Corporation of America was awarded the Army-Navy "E" flag with four stars, the Maritime "M" flag with five stars, the Victory Fleet flag, the Red Cross Blood Donor Award and a letter of commendation from the Navy Department for the training of several thousand radio operators in a special school established by RCA

Institutes. In 1937 he was decorated a Chevalier of the First Order of Leopold for his work in International Marine Communication. The Veteran Wireless Operators Association awarded him the "Marconi Memorial Gold Medal of Achievement" at its Annual Meeting, February 11, 1943.

Mr. Pannill is a Fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers; Member, Society Naval Architects and Marine Engineers; Member, New York Maritime Exchange; Member, Board of Managers, Seaman's House, New York; Member, Cosmos Club, Washington; Governor, Propeller Club of the Port of New York; Life Member, Veteran Wireless Operators Association; Member, India House, Whitehall Club, Rockefeller Luncheon Club, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Lake Placid Club. Hobbies: — Golf, hunting, fishing.

Out Of The Past

RCA Family Circle
November 1938

Mr. Charles J. Pannill, President of Radiomarine, announces a new radio service for the Great Lakes. Tests have been initiated of special radiotelephone equipment for communication from Great Lakes vessels to radio telephone shore sta-

tions on the American as well as Canadian side of the Great Lakes. Sets have been installed on seven of the larger ore carriers and Mr. H. B. Martin, Assistant to Chief Engineer Byrnes, together with Mr. William Todd of the laboratories, are conducting tests from various points on the upper lakes.

January 1937

FCC reports tests of new Radiomarine automatic alarm satisfactory—Radio proves highly effective in flood rescue work.

March 1937

FCC approves automatic alarm: Radiomarine prepares for hundreds of installations.

May 1937

C. J. Pannill, RMCA president, decorated by Belgian King for services to radio.

January 1938

Through the good efforts of J. A. Pohl, Radiomarine's Superintendent at New Orleans, a contract to supply direction finders to fifty-three vessels was closed with Lykes Steamship Company.

January 1937

Radiomarine's treasurer, William Vogt, is spending all his spare time studying Social Security problems, and by the first of the year had collected data which he is making available to the Radiomarine boys.

Safety Committee Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Safety Committee was held on Friday May 3, 1946. Safety Director DeVore spoke briefly on accident reports, first aid treatment and instruction and the use of all safety equipment.

Assistant Safety Director James Gray announced that the reports from all Safety Supervisors showed no major accidents and a minimum of minor accidents. Supervisors were instructed to see that all safety equipment be used and proper precautions exercised by all employees at all times.

Following a short discussion on the plans for the coming month Director DeVore announced that a pamphlet on "Rules of Safety" would be distributed in the near future.