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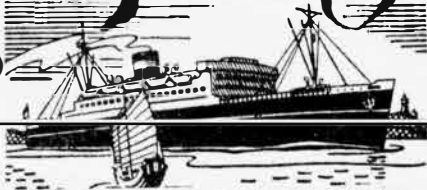
## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

\*\*\*\*\* SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS \*\*\*\*\*  
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 requirements for classification marked below, by having held a valid government radio-telegrapher's license unless employment antedates license requirements. I certify that I have earned my living during this period as a wireless or radio operator assigned to a ship or shore station open to commercial "PG" traffic. (Operators with military experience are eligible if they have served at installations handling "PG" traffic without license requirement if they can document). I agree to furnish records to substantiate if required by the Membership Committee. I agree to keep my address current on the Society records and acknowledge failure to do so as sufficient grounds to drop me from membership.

Signed Bernard H. Linden Date August 20... 1969

☒ SPARK GAP PIONEER  
(Service prior 1915)  
PIONEER  
(Svc. 1915 to 1925)  
(Inclusive)



VETERAN  
Svc. 1926-35 Incl. ☒  
PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATE  
(Svc. AFTER 1935)

"BAB"

### HISTORY SHEET

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Linden Bernard H. Bab HP \*\*\*\*\*  
Family Name Given Name Initial Nickname Sine Wife  
Alta Loma, California 91701 714-987-3766  
City State Zip Tph: A/C & No.

DATE OF FIRST LICENSE July 3, 1912

DATE ASSIGNED FIRST SHIP

Operator's Certificate of Skill in  
NO. None CLASS Communication

NAME OF SHIP SS. Foraisc

R. Y. Cadmus, U. S. Wireless Ship  
SIGNED BY Inspector

Western Steam & Nav. Co.

CALL LETTERS Don't recall

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.
Served on ten different ships during the period, latter part of 1912 and/or early 1913 to April 29, 1916. See letter of transmittal and other attachments to which reference is made therein for particulars concerning ship service. The letter bears the same date as this application.					
(Additional - attach 8 1/2 x 11" sheets,					

### AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

See enclosure

Any frequency under self chosen  
calls H. and SAT

FIRST CALL

DATE

PRESENT CALL

None

WORK FREQUENCIES

RADIO ORGANIZATION YOU BELONG TO: Honorary member SOBA STT CPSRA

MEMBER "CQD'ers CLUB ? (Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned ship)

NAME SHIP                      DATE SOS                      (Details on separate sheet)

WILL YOU SERVE AS OFFICER OR DIRECTOR ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS IF NOMINATED ?

(Please use additional 8 1/2 x 11" sheet/s for additional biographical data or record of experience we might use in future "PORTS OF CALL" or the WIRELESS PIONEER.)

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## SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

1. If you would like to contact old friends or shipmates, the Society through its CENTRAL ADDRESS BUREAU (Rosters and Directories) is perhaps the most effective organization of its kind in the world.
2. Are you a PROFESSIONAL ? If so, you will enjoy the prestige of being listed in the Society's roster/s and directories. The Society of Wireless Pioneers limits membership to those who have actually earned their living at one time in their lives by working as a Professional "brass-pounder" in handling "PG" traffic. Since many facilities of the USCG, Navy, USLHS and others in addition to strict commercial organizations also handled commercial traffic, you may qualify.
3. The growth of the Society has been nothing short of phenomenal. In less than one year, we have become perhaps the largest organization of its kind in the world and listing among its members some of the most prominent names ever connected with the profession.
4. The Society's "PORTS O' CALL" in only a few issues has become the most talked above publication in the communications field. It has been received with great acclamation and demand has been so heavy for copies that they have literally already become a "collector's item".  
  
Each issue has been crammed with nostalgic memorabilia, pictures and anecdotes of the days of "Wireless" plus stories about "Marconi-men", Wireless Operators/Radio Officers, equipment old and new - ships past and present. The recent decision of Author Henry Dickow to donate his fabulous collection of material he had planned to include in his book - "TALES OF THE WIRELESS PIONEERS" for use in "PORTS O' CALL" will give our readers and members an opportunity to read these absorbing stories.
5. Membership in the Society will help to perpetuate the memory and heritage of all wireless pioneers and assist in providing suitable awards or recognition for outstanding accomplishment/s in the field of communications, especially the use of C.W. and the involvement of life and property.
6. Acceptance by our Membership/Credentials Committee will make you a "LIFE MEMBER" of the Society and will retain your name on our roster and directories even if you do not pay annual dues. Annual sustaining dues will be necessary however to receive the Society's publications and releases. Such dues will be kept at the lowest possible figure.
7. The Society will sponsor meetings and trips of interest for its members. We have already had several well-attended and highly successful such "get-to-gether's". They were highly enjoyed by all. Enjoy the fraternal comradeship in meeting old friends, as well as meeting those who are still employed in the profession to learn "first hand" the changes that are taking place in the communications field as well as a report and review on things nautical.

There are many other benefits in joining the Society. Since the organization is NON-PROFIT and NON-POLITICAL with most work "donated" your investment is returned many times over in pure service and enjoyment. SO...JOIN TODAY !!!

400-568  
Alta Loma, Calif. 91701  
August 20, 1969

Dear Officers and  
all other members  
of the Society of  
Wireless Pioneers.

Thanks very much for any favorable action you may take on the  
enclosed application, dated August 20, 1969, for membership in  
the Society as a Spark Gap Pioneer.

One Xerox copy of each of the following issued to me is attached:

1. Operator's Certificate of Skill in Radiocommunication  
issued at San Francisco, Calif., July 3, 1912.
2. Radio Operator, Commercial First Grade License,  
No. 1771, issued at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 23,  
1912. See service record on back.
3. Radio Operator, Commercial First Grade License, No. 7420,  
issued at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 23, 1914. See  
my complete ship service record on the back thereof.
4. Certificate of Proficiency in Radiotelegraphy granted,  
March 16, 1914, by the Postmaster-General, Melbourne,  
Australia.
5. Bay Counties Wireless Telegraph Association of California  
Station License, No. 24, issued Dec. 16, 1913.

There is also enclosed a personal check, dated, August 20, 1969,  
in the amount of \$25.00, to the order of the Society. Please  
reimburse "Dick" Johnstone for his telephone call to me; retain  
the remainder.

When time permits, I will furnish material that may be of  
interest to many.

Regret very much that I will not be among those present August 23,  
1969; a fond embrace for each and everyone of you.

Yours truly,

  
BERNARD A. LINDEN

BAY COUNTIES  
WIRELESS TELEGRAPH ASSOCIATION  
—OF—  
CALIFORNIA  
STATION LICENSE

This is to Certify that Bernard H Linden is granted  
STATION LICENSE No. 24

BY THE  
BAY COUNTIES WIRELESS TELEGRAPH ASSOCIATION

*This License will be revoked for non-compliance with any of the following:*

1. *Impression Seal here did not show thru on this Xerox copy. The date 1907, when organized did.* International Regulations or
2. Acts of Congress to regulate Radio Communication
3. Constitution and By-Laws of the Bay Counties Wireless Telegraph Association

Arden Pratt President  
Sam M. Clement Secretary

*These certificates were not issued until much later, see date of this one, 1913*  
Date Dec 16 1913



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Department of Commerce and Labor *← Note!*  
NAVIGATION SERVICE

OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE OF SKILL IN RADIOCOMMUNICATION

This is to certify that, under the provisions of the Act of June 24, 1910,

Bernard H. Linden

has been examined in radiocommunication and has passed in:

- (a) The adjustment of apparatus, correction of faults, and change from one wave-length to another;
- (b) Transmission and sound-reading at a speed of not less than fifteen words a minute American Morse, twelve words Continental, five letters counting as one word.

The candidate's practical knowledge of adjustment was tested on a General set of apparatus.\* His knowledge of other systems and of international radiotelegraphic regulations and American naval wireless regulations is shown below:

Familiar with Continental Code, American Naval regulations, changing from one wave length to another. Has a fair knowledge of the general principles of the wireless apparatus.

Place SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date July 3rd, 1912.

By direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor:

E. M. Oberholser  
Commissioner of Navigation, Washington, D. C.

Bernard H. Linden, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully preserve the secrecy of all messages coming to my knowledge through my employment under this certificate; that this obligation is taken freely, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office: So help me God.

Date of birth Nov 24, 1893

Place of birth San Francisco, Cal

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d

day of July, A. D. 1912

[SEAL.]

E. M. Oberholser  
Notary Public.

# Certificate of Proficiency in Radiotelegraphy

GRANTED BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

This is to Certify that, under the provisions of the Radiotelegraphic Convention, Mr. *Bernard H. Linden* has been examined in Radiotelegraphy, and has passed in—

- (a) The adjustment of apparatus.
- (b) Transmission and sound-reading at a speed of not less than 20 words a minute.
- (c) Knowledge of the regulations applicable to the exchange of radiotelegraphic traffic.

The candidate's practical knowledge of adjustment was tested on a *Telefunken* set of apparatus.\* His knowledge of other systems is shown below.

*Marconi satisfactory*

It is also certified hereby that the holder has made a legal declaration that he will preserve the secrecy of correspondence.

Signature of Examining Officer

*Thomas Buchanan*

*John H. B. B. B.*

Secretary, P.M.G.'s Dept., Melbourne.

*16th March 1914*

(Date).

Signature of Holder

*Bernard H. Linden*

Date of Birth *24th November 1893* Place of Birth *San Francisco*

*U.S.A.*

\* It is not intended to limit the employment of the holder to a particular system, but merely to indicate the particular system in which he was tested for adjustment of apparatus.

SUPPLEMENT TO U. S. CIVIL SERVICE, "APPLICATION  
FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT", STANDARD FORM 57  
BERNARD H. LINDEN - DECEMBER 16, 1955.

← Note date! BNL \*

My interest in radio began, as a pioneer, about the year 1904, within two years after the completion of the first commercial radio station on the Pacific Coast. However, I did not become seriously inclined until several years later.

I established a small experimental, research and manufacturing plant in Oakland, California, during the year 1909, and at that time constructed and operated a 5 kw transmitter under the calls "H P" and "S A F". This was some time before any radio legislation had been enacted by the United States. \*\*

*Legislature of California*

\* I was one of the early members of the Bay Counties Wireless Ass'n., organized in 1907, the first association of its kind on the Pacific Coast and, it is now believed, first in the United States, possibly in the world; as I recall, the Society of Wireless Telegraph Engineers, which incorporated in 1908 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, became the Institute of Radio Engineers to which I was a member for several years during the organization's early activities.

I obtained in 1912 an "Operator's Certificate of Skill in Radiocommunication", the first form of radio operator license issued by this government, and, subsequently, a number of regular commercial radio operator licenses.

On March 16, 1914, I was granted by the Postmaster-General, Melbourne, Australia, a "Certificate of Proficiency in Radiotelegraphy".

I held experimental and amateur station licenses, W6XBL and W6ZC, respectively, which were first issued to me years ago.

I established a very successful radio and electrical retail store under the name of Warner and Linden at 350 Market St., San Francisco, California, during the year 1921, which, I believe, is still doing a prosperous business at a different location on Market Street, under the name of Warner Brothers.

I was a night class radio instructor for the University of California, Extension Division, and the Polytechnic High School, San Francisco, California, for approximately six months each. The periods were within the years 1917 to 1919.

At the conclusion of business on April 16, of this year, I had had 38 years service with this government activity, all of which, except about 7 years, was as head of districts; the 7 years as senior inspector. My headquarters were in San Francisco, California, from April 17, 1917 to

(The info. contained herein may  
be of some interest.)  
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to February 1, 1933. During this time, while in charge of the old Sixth District, comprising the states of California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada, and the Hawaiian Islands, monitoring stations were established at Larkspur and San Pedro, California, and a sub-office at Los Angeles, California. Since being transferred as Inspector in Charge from the present 12th District to the present 11th District, a ship inspection office, a sub-office and a monitoring station have been established within the 11th District, at San Pedro, San Diego, and Santa Ana, California, respectively; the monitoring station, which includes a 110 acre tract of land purchased by the Government to serve in lieu of the San Pedro Station.

During my years of service, I have been in charge of and engaged in practically all classes of field work, which has required supervision of personnel, extensive contact with the public, solution of engineering problems, precision engineering measurements, and familiarity with all kinds of radio equipment and with international communication treaties and conventions and U. S. Communication laws, rules and regulations. The contacts with the public include meeting and conferring with high officials of commercial organizations, and those of foreign as well as of our Federal, State, County and Municipal governments. Such conferences at times places one in a position somewhat similar to an expert radio consulting engineer. Other cases require one to act as an official mediator where the opposition is often bitter and where the decision may cause favorable or unfavorable comment as to the attitude of the Federal Government. Considerable tact, judgment and experience are required to properly dispose of a delicate situation; conciliate all parties concerned and at the same time keep in mind the technical and popular sides of radio so as to act with fairness to everyone concerned.

I held a Commission in the ORC-Sig. of the U. S. Army for 10 years.

Without having filed application therefor, I was considered by the then President of the United States for a Commissionership on the Federal Radio Commission to fill the unexpired term of Col. J. F. Dillon, deceased.

I have a fair knowledge of woodworking and woodworking machinery, having obtained much of this as a young man from my father and his father who devoted their lives to the woodworking business; also of internal combustion and steam engines and the mechanics of automobiles.

There will be found attached hereto, photostat copies of letters of recommendation which were prepared to accompany an application which I expected to make for a commission as Lieut. Commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Although the application was not made, it is believed that the contents of these letters are pertinent to this report.

\* This is a Xerox copy of a report made Dec. 16, 1955. I continued in charge of the 11th District until my retirement EOB, July 31, 1961 when I was in my (45th) forty-fifth year of service with the Commission.