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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS OF THE SEVEN SEAS, 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 Rob Palmer Date MAY 10, 1968

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



VETERAN.
(Service 1926 to 1935 incl.)
 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE
(Service after 1935)

HISTORY SHEET

(Please type or print)

PALMER ROBERT S BOB AE NONE
Family Name Given Name Initial Nickname Sine Wife
17211 SECOND AVE WEST BOTHELL WASH 50011 () NONE
Street or P.O. Number City State Zip Tph (Area) No.

WIRELESS OR RADIO:

SHORE 1915 SPRING 1916 SS JEFFERSON WAJ
Date first license Date assigned 1st ship Name ship/stn 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.
1916		SS DOLPHIN WAU	1917		MARCONI SEATTLE SHOP
1916	1917	SS AIKI WNK	1917		SS YOSEMITE WQY
1917		SS JEFFERSON WAJ	1910		MARCONI SEATTLE SHOP
1917		SS AIKI WNK			

(Additional - use reverse side.)

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

FIRST CALL R OR AE DATE 1909 PRESENT CALL W1ED WORK FREQUENCIES 3600 1073

RADIO ORGANIZATION YOU BELONG TO: NONE

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 GOVERNORS 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).

IN COMPLETE HISTORY WOULD FILL A LARGE BOOK, IT THIS WILL DO FOR NOW.

ALSO DID A LOT OF WORK ON RADIO DIRECTION FINDERS, INSTALLED AND CALIBRATED MANY OF THE FIRST IN THIS AREA.

WAS ON SS AIKI THREE DIFFERENT TIMES WITH OTHER JOBS BETWEEN,
 WAS ON SS YOSEMITE THREE DIFFERENT PERIODS WITH WORK IN S.F. OR
 SEATTLE OFFICE OR SHOP BETWEEN. WAS ACTING MANAGER MARCONI
SEATTLE IN THE FALL OF 1918 WHEN HENRY BARKER WAS ON VACATION,
IN FACT WAS THE WHOLE MARCONI OFFICE AND SHOP FORCE AT THAT TIME.
 A VERY BUSY TIME FOR ME. NEXT YEAR BACK ON YOSEMITE AGAIN, THEN
 S.F. SHOP WITH JOHN SABO AGAIN. THEN IN FALL 1919 TO SEATTLE
 SHOP WHILE JOHN SABO WENT TO NEW PORTLAND OFFICE AS MANAGER.
 JOHN DID NOT LIKE THE J.P. MORGAN CONTROL IDEA COMING UP UNDER
 NEW GE RCA DEAL SO RESIGNED. JOHN AND I WERE GOOD FRIENDS AND WE
 BOTH DIDNT LIKE WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THE COMPANY BUT I ACCEPTED
THE JOB AS PORTLAND MANAGER EVEN THO THE TECHNICAL AND PATENT
CONTRACT REQUIRED BY GE VERY UNDESIRABLE FOR ME AND HAS CAUSED
ME GREAT LOSS IN LATER YEARS. IN THE SPRING OF 1921 FELT I HAD
 TO LEAVE THE PORTLAND OFFICE FOR SEVERAL REASONS, ONE THAT I WANTED
 VERY MUCH TO CONFER WITH ENGINEERS OF SPERRY GYRO IN NEW YORK ON
 DISCOVERIES AND WORK I HAD BEEN DOING FOR SOME TIME IN GYRODYNAMICS.
 AS MANAGER AT PORTLAND ASSIGNED MYSELF TO SS LIVINGSTON ROE KDOD
 FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK, THIS NEW SHIP WAS PUT ON EUROPEAN RUN OUT OF
 EAST COAST PORTS THAT ENABLED ME TO VISIT MANY SHOPS AND LABORATORIES
 IN ENGLAND, GERMANY, SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, ITALY AND OTHER COUNTRIES
 WHERE I WAS ABLE TO GET SOME HELP AND GOOD ADVISE IN CONNECTION
 WITH MY LIFE WORK IN PHYSICS. AFTER SOME TRIPS TO SOUTH AMERICA
 I RETURNED TO THE PACIFIC COAST IN SUMMER OF 1923. HELPED
FREDERICK SIMPSON FORMER CHIEF ENGINEER & V.P. OF KILBOURNE & CLARK
ASSEMBLE AND MAKE TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS
2 TUBE OSCILLATOR CIRCUIT THAT WAS BEING PATENTED AT THAT TIME,
LATER IN 1926 THESE PATENTS WERE SOLD TO CAPTAIN DOLLAR FOR \$25,000
AND BECAME THE BASIS ON WHICH GLOBE WIRELESS WAS FORMED.
 MY LIFE AND WORK HAS BEEN VERY COMPLEX WITH EXPERIMENTAL WORK
 IN PHYSICS GOING ON ALL THE TIME WHETHER I WAS ASHORE OR ON A SHIP.
 WAS USUALLY ABLE TO GET ON SHIPS WITH GOOD MACHINE SHOPS AND
 ENGINEERS WHO WOULD LET ME USE THE LATHE TO MAKE MY EXPERIMENTAL
 PARTS. AFTER COMING BACK FROM EAST COAST WAS ON SS JUNEAU,
 THEN SPRING 1924 ON MV ALASKA STANDARD KFTJ, THEN ON SS ODUNA KDID
 IN SUMMER OR FALL OF 1924, THEN IN SPRING OF 1925 IN S.O.R.S. SHOP
 WORKING FOR G.V. WILTSE, THEN ON SS ODUNA AGAIN, THEN TO SHOP
 AGAIN, AFTER K & C AND SORS FOLDED UP AFTER CANCELLATION OF
SHIPPING BOARD CONTRACTS LATE IN 1925 WILTSE STARTED UNIVERSAL RADIO
CORPORATION AND I HELPED HIM WITH SOME OF IT FOR A TIME. THEN
 IN FALL OF 1926 ON SS DENALI KDFU MADE A TRIP TO NEW YORK AS THERE
 WERE A NUMBER OF THINGS I HAD TO ATTEND TO THERE, KDFU AN ARC SHIP
 WAS THE LAST SHIP I WAS ASSIGNED TO AS AN OPERATOR. AFTER RETURNING
 TO SEATTLE WORK IN THE UNIVERSAL SHOP FOR A TIME AND THEN WILTSE
TOOK EXAM FOR RADIO INSPECTOR AND GAVE UP UNIVERSAL RADIO. IN
 1927 PALMER AND WEST, MARINE RADIO CO. WAS FORMED FROM WAR #1
SURPLUS I HAD BEEN BUYING SINCE THE WAR, THE OLD K & C LABORATORY
GEAR AND WHAT WAS LEFT OF UNIVERSAL RADIO CORP.
IN MY MARCONI & K & C SHOP DAYS I INSTALLED ABOUT 35 SHIP AND LAND
STATION EQUIPMENTS, REPAIRED AND TUNED HUNDREDS OF SETS OF ALL MAKES.
IN PALMER AND WEST DAYS ENDING IN 1949 DESIGNED, BUILT OR REBUILT
OR INSTALLED ABOUT 25 COMPLETE EQUIPMENTS FOR SHIPS OR ALASKA STATIONS
AND REPAIRED AND TUNED MANY SETS.
 I HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY BEFORE RADIO, BUT THE
HISTORIC WORK OF ARTHUR ISBELL AND LAWRENCE MALARIN ON OCTOBER 12, 1908
IN COMMUNICATING FROM S.F. TO HAWAII STIRRED MY IMAGINATION AND THESE
MEN BECAME GREAT HEROES TO ME LONG BEFORE I WORKED FOR THEM. I HAVE
 MADE MY LIVING AT COMMERCIAL WIRELESS ALL THESE YEARS BUT MY REAL
 INTEREST HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN GYRODYNAMICS AND MAGNETISM WHERE I STILL
 WORK.