



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

& HISTORY SHEET

SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

P.O. Box 530 Santa Rosa, Calif., U.S.A. 95402

LEAVE BLANK

NO. 488-56P

DATE 10/7/69

\$ 7.00

CARD

POC 10/14/69

FG 10/14/69

I hereby apply for "LIFE" membership in the SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS and certify that I meet requirements for membership in classification marked below. I have held a valid R-T license of Commercial Class (unless employment antedates license requirements). I have worked at a ship/shore station open to "PG" traffic. Military personnel exempt from license requirements if so assigned however they may be required to furnish proof of such assignment or suitable documentation to Chairman, Membership Committee. I AGREE to keep my address current on the Society's records and acknowledge failure to do so as sufficient grounds to drop me from membership. I am enclosing check or money order (Make out to the Society) in the amount of \$7.00 covering \$2.00 non-recurring initiation fee and \$5.00 dues for current year.

DATE Oct 4 '69 SIGNED Geoffrey H. Lloyd☒ SPARK-GAP PIONEER (Service PRIOR 1915) PIONEER (Svc. 1915-1925 Incl.)VETERAN (Service 1926-1935 Inclusive) PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE (After

"GRACE" 1935)

HISTORY SHEET

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

LLOYD Family Name Geoffrey Given Name H. Initial "Geoff" Sine GL Wife Name Mildred

RR-One, Box 80-A Street or P.O. Box # WAILUA City HI State 96791 Zip 634-361 Tph. A/C number 808-634-361

ASSIGNMENT RECORD/S

November 12, 1913 - Marconi System, (British) F.J. Nichols, for Secretary, G.P.O.
April 2, 1914 - Telefunken System First S.J. Burrow, Examining Officer London
DATE FIRST LICENSE NO. CLASS. SIGNED BY Siemens Brothers & Co.
June 10, 1914 S.S. Tamaha GSG Woolwich, England.
DATE ASSIGNED NAME OF FIRST CALL NAME OF OPERATING
FIRST SHIP SHIP LETTERS COMPANY (RADIO)

SHIP OR SHORE STATIONS WHERE YOU SERVED:

| FROM | TO | NAME SHIP/SHORE STN & CALL | FROM | TO | NAME OF STATION & CALL |
|----------------|---------|-------------------------------|------|------|--------------------------|
| 6-10-14 | May | Tamaha, Shabonee, GSG-GSS | 1922 | 1923 | RESTORER WLU |
| | 9, 1919 | Euryades, Protesilaus YRG-GSC | 1923 | 1923 | PAUL SHOUP KDTE |
| May 1919 | 6-21 | SS ALAMEDA WAA | 1923 | 1927 | Mamulani, Manoa, ? |
| Summer of 1922 | | M.S. ANVIL ? | | | Matsonia, Maui WMO |
| | | | | | Maunawili, Maui WMP, WMR |

MEMBER SOS/CQD'ers CLUB ? (Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned Ship)
NAME OF SHIP DATE SOS (Details on Separate sheet)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES ?

Your first call _____ Date ? _____ PRESENT CALL _____ SINCE _____ FCY's _____
Do you wish to join the Society's C.W. NET ? _____ If "YES" we will have C.O. send you operating details and keep you posted on activities of the WP CW NET.

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO ? (PLEASE CHECK)

____ ARRL. ____ OOTC. ____ QCWA? ____ ERC. ____ VWOA. ____ IEEE. ____ AFCEA. ____ IRE
____ AWA. ____ DeF. P. ____ (X)URTA. ____ MTC. ____ ROU. ____ ARA. ACA.
____ MARS. ____ WCARS. ____ SARO. OTHER ? (List) _____

PARTICIPATION

Would you hold a Chapter or National Office in the SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS if nominated ? Prefer not. If "YES" what type of activity would you enjoy most ?

____ Organizing; ____ Records; ____ Secretary; ____ Treas. ____ Correspondent.
____ Editing Society Publications. ____ C.W. Net (Operations); ____ Awards.
____ Historian. ____ Book Reviews (Subject) _____ Promotion _____
____ Membership; ____ Travel Program. ____ Entertainment. ____ OTHER.

RECORDS & HISTORICAL DATA.

Do you have pictures of early wireless installations, stations, ships, etc., that you would either loan or donate to the Society ? If so would you please catalogue, if not too much work, particularly names of ships and installations which we might call for in covering various stories ? (Use 8 1/2 x 11" sheets if necessary).

All pictures and historical material were destroyed in a series of three Tidal waves which hit the area where we live with greater force than elsewhere ON THIS ISLAND. I have access to some sources where part of these may be recovered. Am working on it.

Do you have any books on communications (wireless and radio) plus early day catalogues you would donate or loan the Society ? Do you have nautical books including old files of magazines, articles on ships etc., you would donate or make available for loan to the Society ? (Kindly list)

Probably NOT. Would have to search in archives and other safe places where such historical books might be found.

(Use extra pages as necessary)

Would you undertake SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for PORTS O' CALL ? What subject would you like to write about ? NO Can you cartoon or draw (illustrate) for us ? NO

Can you furnish current addresses of those who you think qualify for membership but do not find on the Society's roster ? May we use your name as sponsors ?

| NAME | STREET | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----|
| Done 12/10/17/69 Charles PENHALLOW Secretary | c/o Hawaiian Telephone Company | Honolulu, | Hawaii. | |
| Harry BUSH Gen. Mgr. & VP | ITT | Honolulu | Hawaii | |

ADD SHEETS AS NECESSARY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT.

G.H. LLOYD RR ONE BOX 80-A

WAIALUA

September 25, 1969.

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Dear Dick:-

Hawaii 96791

Thank you for your punctilious reply to my first letter. Your kindly and prompt interest was much appreciated and much more so that newspaper clipping from the Call Bulletin of October 10, 1925. Although I have never kept a scrap book THAT is something that I shall value very highly and thanks, again, for letting me keep it. I was proud to show it to the fellows at KHK and, of course, they were all intrigued. Despite our never having kept a scrap-book we did have several albums of pictures from my quite lengthy sea-going experiences. These were stored in bottom drawers and, unfortunately ALL were totally destroyed in that April 1st 1946 tidal wave which wrecked our beach-shack home. Had they been stored higher up -- say, in the ceiling (!) they might have survived. As it was all my photographic memoirs of my five years on British vessels, my long trip on the RESTORER (WIU) with early pictures of the Islands and, more interesting of cable repairing on the ship and the entire Cable-Company-owned milieu at Midway, were all gone. Likewise the photographic records of my 2 years on WAA running up to Anchorage & way ports up & down in Alaska -- all gone.

Well we had two destructive tidal waves since then but did not have to do any house-rebuilding, although the 1952 one took thousands of tons of sand from our beach in front. It has never returned and we had to put in a sea-barrier.

Congratulations on your reaching 75 and for looking as well (and handsome) as you do in those pictures (at KPH) in Ports of Call and for being able to work, even part-time, in the Marin County Sheriff's Department. I'm a great believer in staying at work.

At the time of the Oct 10, 1925 picture I was still pretty much of an English, newly acclimated, immigrant, although I gained my full citizenship papers earlier in that same year. I suppose I have my English accent still, although I do not realize it myself until I hear myself on a tape recorder. The reason I'm working at KHK is chiefly because the entire former-glorious business at Kahuku (KU) (which made around \$200,000 monthly in 1965) dwindled to nothing by 1967 with the installation of two multi-channelled submarine cables and the advent of the satellites. RCAC petitioned to close KU in 1967 and the FCC finally granted this in May 1968. This left the Marine Facility alone and only 5 men were retained chiefly because the others simply could not handle marine work. Hence, KHK gets short and even before KU was closed down, I was hired back, after $4\frac{1}{2}$ years of retirement in 1967, and worked 7 months. At that time it was scarcely worth it as my Social Security was docked and the additional taxes were high. I was called back because I am the good Operator which YOU demanded of all those fellows that worked on the Matson ships in those far-off 1920s. So this time, when one of their best men became so sick that he almost died, I was called back again on June 22 this year to allow the others to take vacations after theyd offered the job to the former KU unemployed who had seniority over me and who frankly gave up because they couldnt handle it. For you must know that KHK is now, at long last, making money enough to support itself -- though I dont know how RCAC figgers on THEIR BOOKS at NY. In any case I'm still there and the length of time I'll be there will depend on whether this very sick man will be able to resume duty. He's still very weak -- he almost died 2 months ago, lengthy kidney trouble, but is going to try out on a part time Maintenance & Repair basis starting Oct. 1st. They give me the most difficult watches which are, generally the day watches from 8 to 4, although I've worked quite a few 4 to Mids and I say proudly that I'm more than able to withstand the demands that a one-man madhouse can put upon me !! Also, I dont lose any Social Security NOW being 72. I married in 1939 -- not the same gal I fell for in 1923 in HU while on the WIU, but a Western girl, born Montana, raised in Seattle. It has been a pretty fine deal - at least for me!

OVER

Here, my boasting ends. Actually, I've been, I suppose, pretty much of a failure most of my life except for being a good Marine man. When Red Roy took me into the Point to Point business in June 1927, they soon found that, while FAIR, I didn't have the caliber for a really 1st class PTP man as my co-ordination with the typewriter was never (and never will be) perfect. I could read the slip OK, also punch a Kleinschmidt, but even to change to another typewriter was always a source of trouble to me, so, come 1931 when RCAC was using the hatchet and my "contract" expired I was dropped by jolly old Thompson H MITCHELL for whom I've always entertained considerable respect and not a little affection. *by H.W.*

Ultimately (after 2½ years on Honolulu's Police Department, Radio Division) I ended up with one of the worst outfits possible -- GLOBE WIRELESS and spent almost 20 years there ending up in the City Office as Commercial Mgr and Asst. District Manager. It was hopeless in Globe -- always was after the grand Old Man Robert Dollar died. They never spent a nickel on the system and we sold our personalities, where we could, against the superb REAL mechanized service being offered by RCAC and MacKay. Finally I quit in disgust and went to RCAC as Relief Marine Operator (3 days per week) and Relief Technician downstairs (KU) (two days per week). By that time I was 62 and nobody at KU needed to fear I might take their jobs or anything like that, so I can certainly say these were about the happiest of my life. They even re-instated me in their Retirement System in view of my former 4½ years with them and upon retirement at 65 I got a "pension" of \$7.60 per month plus hospital benefits. This is enough to buy 1 fifth of Johnny Walker per month! Eight months after I quit, Globe was absorbed by American Cable (I.T.T.) and most old-timers proved eligible for pensions. I might have kicked something into the river but later found that this pension was based on some deduction from Social Security or rather they deducted a portion from the pension commensurable with the SS a pensioner was getting - so I found I hadn't lost much! Anyhow, I'm not sorry -- at least not yet! Our beach property here was large enough to install a spare rental cottage. This has been continuously occupied by good tenants and brings in a regular monthly consolation for self & wife.

During my stay with Globe I was "Chief" at Kaena point and had the job of restoring the station to full activity in 1945 building up eight transmitters from scratch and putting them on the air. Early in 1946 they sent down some other guy to become Chief but he took the passage money & went on a binge, so I stayed on, with 3 assistants until 1951 when a real engineer came down (they were attempting multi-channel stuff, filters etc in a cheap way) and took over. Not wishing to hurt my feelings they gave me the job in the City Office and here I was out on the street fighting for business against fellows like Geo. Blackmore and Reginald Goring. I stuck it out until 1959 and whenever the DM -- a hell of a swell guy went on 3 months vacation, I had to run the goddam place -- and did. Had to fire several guys too!! Oh Well.

In connection with your research on early "wireless" in the Islands, on my last day off, I visited Hawaiian Telephone's Library and was given access to a fantastic hoard of material chief of which was John Balch's Scrap Book. From this I found you were correct. United Wireless had had so much trouble with fake stock selling, decided to open their Island activities in 1899 by making some kind of agreement with De Forest and the outfit down here (inspired by a Honolulu resident known as F.J. Cross) was floated under the name of De Forest. Despite this, Cross sent for Marconi experts to select points on the various isles to open stations. A bubonic plague delayed arrival of the Marconi "experts" but they got down late in 1900-1901 set up the stations at the points you mentioned AND NOT A GODDAM SIGNAL WAS EVER PASSED BETWEEN THEM. Late in 1901 another "expert" from Marconi named Gray used a Kite and portable transmitter and changed locations of nearly all the stations and some kind of a half-effective communications system was started. This failed financially 2 or 3 times, was refinanced, once by the Sugar Plantations, again by the Govt (Hawaiian monarchy) and then went FOOF again. Then John Balch bought it out and finally got the system (inter-Island) working around 1908. I imagine this would be when Tsbell first came although there was no mention of him I could find in Balch's Scrap except that he was employed by United Wireless in San Francisco and made a public statement printed in SF Examiner. Of course, we live 40 miles from Honolulu & I could only spend about an hour there. *Last Friday*

All of what I've told you is to be found in THE STORY OF THE HAWAIIAN TELEPHONE CO but not in the detail that it is found in Balch's Scrap Books and in the various invoices and expense accounts, minutes of meetings -- in which Isbell's name DOES crop up more than once. But it would take many weeks of research to get it all in order.

Actually, in the Scrap Book a clipping from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of October 14, 1912 states that Arthur Isbell and wife, of the American Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., arrived in the Islands to investigate certain matters in connection with various real estate companies for the construction of ~~an~~ a Trans-Ocean Radio Stations of gigantic power. He came on SS STERRA and apparently did not stay very long - believe he left on the same vessel when she returned to SF. This article mentions that Isbell had been in the Islands "some years previously" and had NOT, at this former time, been connected with the Marconi Company. The amazing part of the whole Transoceanic picture is that the Federal Telegraph Company, using the Poulsen arc, commenced building a station near Kaneohe (actually at Heeia). This was reported in THE ADVERTISER, June 3 1912. Early Sept, 1912 clippings claimed Fed. Telegraph Co had made many successful night time transmissions between HONOLULU and SF and "officially" opened a night service between the 2 cities on September 4th, 1912. On Sept 6, the Marconi Co brought two different suits against Federal Telegraph for infringements of patents but could not close them down. Apparently it didn't "faze" Fed. Telco. Sid Maddams was the Manager down here at that time as he was many years later when KacKay Telegraph was activated. The US Govt completely bought out the Federal Telegraph Stations here during the War No I and never returned them. When Fed. Tel's descendant MacKay re-opened here (with Sid Maddams as Manager) by that time vacuum tubes had made the Poulsen Arc obsolete but Maddams actually exchanged messages with Washington DC from Honolulu (night low freq) before the huge Marconi Station was built. *at KU*

It was built, finally, and formally opened Sept 24 1914; Edmond Slaughter, Engineer in Charge at Kahuku and there's pictures with hundreds, headed by Governor Pinkham, shown in the clippings in Balch's Scrap Book. Well, Sid Maddams died about 6 or 7 years ago and Haraden Pratt, whom you mention in your letter, died three weeks ago.

This brings us down to the Wireless Pioneers: It seems that I know at least 15 or 20 of the fellows in the organization and that I "ought" to belong. However, I am NOT a "ham" and am far too deeply involved in other things -- have been for years -- to ever become one. I hesitate to join because I might become "involved" which I simply cannot do; yet if I don't become involved, what would be the use of joining? Does this S.O.W.P. mean so much to you that my membership is important? If so I'd be glad, indeed, to send in the necessary -- but dunno if I can fill in the application accurately. I have no copy number or other info to prove when I got my first license. In the U.S. my first license was given in S.F. around late 1914 or early 1915 when Woolverton was the Dept of Interior's Chief Inspector and Ellery W. Stone his Assistant - this long long before FCC. But I believe I have my first (and only) English license issued in November 1913 - its probably in our Safe Deposit box. IF this sick man returns and is able to make it, I MAY take a run up to SF to hear some of their Opera Season. I was there on the first night Sept 25 1923 when they first opened, also 2nd and 3rd nights and have been many times since BUT IF THEY WANT ME to continue at KHK, I will of course, stay on there, *as long as needed*

Chief on WHEX

Visited Bill Freeman (a S.O.W.P.) in Tripler Hospital here last Friday where he's recovering from his 1st coronary thrombosis - evidently a light one as he seems OK. He was with us the night of Dec 7th at the Globe Station at Kaena Point, 1941. ~~Some~~ Edward George Lindsay *Globe* - also on your lists. If I should come up, will I be able to see you? I generally stay at a home near Ghiradelli Square, close to the bus and street-car lines. In any case, I can tell you it did my old heart good to hear from you and if this SOWP is, indeed, YOUR BABY, I'll sure get myself into it. Thanks again for that picture - it certainly thrilled me and very best 73s. Last saw Watson in 1957 after his operation & have since been told his "retirement" is complete - *whatever that means.*

Geoff (Always signed G L)

Thursday Morning,

Dick:

Hope my long-windedness doesn't bore the hell out of you. This morning I am mailing, to you slow freight, a copy of THE STORY OF THE HAWAIIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY. Also inclosed is a List of my Tape Holdings (not ALL of course, It's a brochure we exchange with other collectors which, of necessity, cannot be alphabetical. Probably it won't interest you in the slightest but it'll give you an idea of what I've devoted about 40 years of my spare time to !! And I hope you can pass it along to some music-lover who is also a tape collector and thereby obtain NEW and possibly valuable contacts for exchange. In return for this, I figure what the hell? at my age I could be "off the scene" any time and so will not hesitate about joining SOWP -- hopefully without involvement !! So in a day or so will send FG an application and the necessary, together with a few possible prospects. Here in town Harry BUSH, a V.P. now of I.T.T. itself and managing the local I.T.T. office and an ardent ham. All his buddies from old-MacKay - Phil LEIGH, Art Enderlin, Warren Clarke are in it. Why not he? Possibly another name or so. The KHK group, while not all that "young" feel they are of another generation. The E.C. Les Leigh is definitely not interested in joining. I'll try the others but I'm not too good a persuader. As for Watson -- you remember what an old rake and rascal he used to be. He took his ulcer operation real hard and changed completely. When I saw him in 1957 -- (wife & I lunched with him at old SOLARI's) he was a totally different. Had done pretty well in stocks (which have always been my Waterloo) and was definitely off likker for the rest of his life and definitely off WORK of any kind, giving the idea that when he went to that Old Man's Home that it was the same as Sir Lancelot going into Glastonbury Monastery -- absolutely through with the affairs of the world. I've never heard from him since. He was a strange guy and I always thought of him as a FRIEND - he was kind and helpful to me on many occasions particularly 1951 when Globe disposed of me as Chief at the Kaena Point station. But there was always something crafty and withholding about Tom. I only hope he thinks as well of me as I do of him ! I don't even know his address or how to reach him. Am trying to remember the last time I saw YOU. ?? You must have returned Navywise around 1926 - real early ? Fill me in if you have the time and inclination.

73s

Since the mails are so unreliable these days I've insured your pkg so pls ack. so I can throw away the tag!
GL.

FG

phoned to Frank 9/26/69

Wolcott got DIVORCE

LYMAN FRANKLIN IS Dead

Rifby moved no address

Lloyd pls send air mail
aptn to HU right away

Frank's grandson considered
as FG & Mary out - fine
Smart youngster got it all
1st time



Richard Johnstone K6FZ
67 Heather Way
Larkspur, Calif. 94939

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DEDICATED — to the men who "went down to sea in ships" as Wireless Telegraphers and all those who have earned their living "pounding brass" as wireless or radio ops since the day of Marconi.

Member Correspondence

67 Heather Way
LARKSPUR, CALIF. 94939
30 SEPT 1969

Dear G.H.

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter of 25 September. Very very interesting account. Am sure glad I kept both copies of that newspaper account.

I am sending your letter to Bill Breniman and to Frank Geisel as it contains much that will be of interest to them, especially about the early HU "wireless days". Am glad the story was not all wrong about Isbell. However G.H. I have found that research after the death of those who were "the ones" is a minus quantity. It takes hours and hours of investigating, and then not too accurate.

Jack Balch offered me a job at KHK in 1914, but knowing that I was booked for KPH, after passing Malarin's famous "Morse-Continental" test, turned it down.

Of course your membership in the S.O.W.P. is important. I sent Frank Geisel a rush message to air-mail you an application quick---if you hav'nt done so---get that apkn back to Frank soon as possible. Then write a letter to Tom Watson and tell him "he is not too old to join with his old wireless friends". This I will appreciate, and ahead of time I congratulate you on becoming a member of the "SOCIETY of WIRELESS PIONEERS".

Of course I want to see you when you come to the Coast. We are but 17 miles away from S.F. We have no available guest accommodations, as it is a small house, but less than 2 miles away are several motels.

My wife, Phoebe, and I will be more than happy to meet and greet you and Mrs Lloyd, believe you me. Any of the other boys down there who CAN join the S.O.W.P.---just send their names to my friend Frank Geisel.

So with the best wishes for health and happiness, and look forward to meeting you in person. It has been a great treat to again hear from you

73

Jack

PLEASE REPLY-ATTENTION:
Frank Geisel
2816 Tice Creek Dr., #6
Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595



(cl)
LLOYD #428-SGP

17 Oct. 1969

Dear "GL":

Your "Application/History" dated Oct 4th was rec'd here today, after QSP from Bill Breniman from Vancouver Washn! Its a real pleasure to enclose your membership card, certifying you are #428-SGP, first ship 1914- SS Temaha/GSG.

To understand the confusion and delay connected with your processing you should know something of geography and our procedures. Our HQ at Santa Rosa (Sonoma Co) where Bill Breniman does preliminary processing, is 80 miles from my home in Walnut Creek (Contra Costa Co) and "RJ" at Larkspur (Marin Co) is approx 40 mi from us.

Your Oct. 3rd letter to me was rec'd at S. Rosa on 7th, QSP, but not rec'd by me until 13th because we had been away on a trip. Meanwhile, you also wrote to RJ on Oct. 3rd- I have not seen this, but RJ sent me copy of his reply which also not rec'd by me until 13th. So... my "XQ" to you on Oct. 15/1700Z via KPH/KHK. Followed by my memo of 16th. To compound delay, Bill Breniman left S. Rosa Oct. 8th for "Vacation" trip to Oregon and Washington, back early in Nov. Apparently he carried your application along with mass of other "WP" papers. During his "Vacation" he has arranged Chapter organization lunches at Portland and Seattle. This after he put in weeks of 12-16 hour days getting out his marvelous "WP Roster/Directory 1969". He does it ALL BY HIMSELF. Might mention, he handles all business matters, all "WP" publications, including art work, enormous related correspondence. An incredible guy.

So now, you can appreciate why it must have seemed right hand literally knew not what did the left, etc.

Very impressed with your distinguished Wireless SVC. Yes, Mano is "WMQ"- Did a stint on her with Vernon Goldsmith whom you must have known. He died 4 or 5 years ago. In 1926 he persuaded me to work at KPH, then at Marshall "Marconi", bringing my bride to utter isolation.

Rather surprised RCA Global lets you work after 65. But then, like Sarnoff, you may be indispensable ?

I have mailed our info, applications, etc to Penhallow, Bush in Hono. If they do not join within reasonable time, pls "Work" on them ?

Regret that Bill Breniman's unique, inimitable publication "Ports O'Call" issue #2, Summer 1968, & #3, Winter 1968-69 are now completely out of print. Hence, unable to send copy of #3, with the KPH/KHK QSO, to Harry Bush. Perhaps you can loan him your copy which understand you have from Les Leigh. Or arrange loan from other Hawaiian members: G. Warren Clark #219-P, Kailua. George Chinn #212-P, Hono. Paul Fenner #43-SGP, Hono. (Full ads in 1969 roster which you should now have?). Might note, that members before #190 have both issues, those from #190-#362 have issue #3 only. We also have a circulating loan copy of #3, but it moves slowly.

We do have good supply of "WP Roster/Directory 1969". Available to members for \$1.00 each (Barely covers handling cost) Send us order, with name & ads of prospective new member, we then send from HQ with your compliments.

Incidentally, would like to increase our Hawaiian membership, at least to 10 or more so you could form a local Chapter. Pls send me names/ads of any prospects? Also, pls use your missionary talents to persuade Les Leigh (He thinks he is not a "Pioneer"- but he most certainly is) and Walt Hofmann, others at KHK to join us.

AE KPH we have 8 members, including Manager Bill Hayton #130-PA, a very good friend.

With reference some of names you mention. Jocko Parachini died in 1967. I wrked with him for many years at KPH and in WW2 at SF MRI (I became a "Radio Inspector" while KPH was closed!) Also with Wayne Helfer, and Zerbe- latter at SF MRI. Around 1927 I worked with Sid Blank at KPH. He was on midwatch, opened his eyes at dawn one morning, saw cow staring at him. He quite at 8 Am, I have not seen or had other QSO with him since. Find an "S. Blank" listed in SF phone directory, 1203 37 Ave. Could be? Will try ads.

Bob and Warren Simpson both worked with me at KPH- Bob early 30's his brother from 1961 until his retirement early this year. The Henry Wieher we know has one arm, he was at our picnic Aug 23rd. The other names -no info, Bill will carry in his next "QTH?" column.

Extremely sorry to learn Bill Freeman was put in drydock. Please keep us posted on progress. Any idea how long expected remain at Tripler Hospital?

Bill plans on fulfilling many member requests for articles on various coastal stations. Can you help with story on KHK and Globe KYG? Also perhaps Mackay/ITT/ short lived Hawaiian station (Marine) I am working up data for KPH. Incidentally Walt Hofmann sent me KHK snapshots about 8 years ago, does it look much same, one pix included Jack Irwin! Who once told me "Dave Sarnoff was mere office boy for me"

From us all ,

"73"

72

cc: WAB
RJ

PS: Just learned that Paul Gray #162-P, EIC BL/RS recently took early medical retirement.

"GL" How do you like the new RCA "Image"
As you know, for years the Intl Communication
carriers have deleted ref "Radio" in advertising=
Now, in fact, Radio just about phased out for Intl
to cable/satellite modes.

CX: Will talk on this situation personally--most unfortunate and
unnecessary to have a guy like this wind up his card "Pls adv acceptance
or otherwise of my status when convenient & if disallowed pls
return remittance" !

Frank Geisel
2816 TiceCreek Dr#6 WalnutCreek CA 94595

LLOYD #428-SGP

#428
SGP

"GL" de "PG" Oct. 20 1959

U.S. Mail

Tks for your Airmail card of 17th.

By now you should have my various recent letters etc wherein
noted you are one of our honored, prestigious "SparkGap" "Pioneers" #428-SGP.

Regret that confused correspondence implied any question as to your
"WP" Eligibility. This was never in doubt, we did need to know approx
date of your first ship/or station and its name so that membership card
and "Well Certificate" (This will come to you within next month or so
when Bill has time work on a batch of them) could be made out

We have quite a few members who have lost all their records, some in
ship wrecks, others by other reasons. One of my old friends, Louie
Jorquera WP #216-P, first service Chilean ship- retired as EIC FRC at
Fairbanks 2 years ago, went to sea- while on trip, the disastrous
earthquake/flood wiped out all his belongings- only foundations intact-
including all his wireless records. We are not sticky on requiring
"Documentary" proof except in rare case of obvious phoney. If a guy
tells us his approx Svc info-we accept it!

Tks for info on Bill Freeman. What is his address until returns to WHEX?
That "Myocardiac infarction" sounds bad! Sri Hospital Svc bad-
More anon, QRL (Like always) Write soon. 73 28

"GZ"

Oct. 16 1969

LLOYD #428-SGP

Dear "GL":

Per my "XQ" 15/700Z via KPH/KHK, and enclosed "Acceptance" Letter we are most happy to welcome you into "WP" as member #428- SGP.

At this writing, no response my "XQ" assume you are away from home.

Your letter of Oct 3rd delayed reaching me. We were away on a trip- aggravated by other factors will tell you about later.

There is no hurry on full information on your wireless service. We have tentatively put you in "Spark Gap Pioneer" (Before 1915) category assuming you had some service on your 1913 English license. However, when receive your data, we will send you membership card- cannot make this out until have date, and ship or station of your first wireless service.

My sorry to learn ~~Frank~~ that Bill Freeman hospitalized. Waiting for info from you as to present status. RJ wrote to him, and our Secty will also send card- but hope he is now out of Tripler.

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"73" *Pa*

cc: RJ *CX*

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October 3, 1969.

RR-One, Box 80-A, Waialua,
Hawaii, 96791.

10-7-69

FG:-

must copy out
has info
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10/14/69

Received your urgent material yesterday -- October 1st. Hell ! I don't know what all the haste is about. I am unable to fill out your forms for reasons explained to RJ. I have no records whatsoever of my U.S. Licenses. Only know my first one was early 1915 in San Francisco when Woolverton, Ellery W. Stone & Miss Frost were running the Dep. of Interior Office that administered all Wireless doings. I received my very first license in November 1913 in Liverpool, England and believe I still have that at the bottom of some Safe Deposit vault in Honolulu - which is an 80 mile round trip drive from our home. Working, as I ^{AM} ~~have been~~ at Kahuku. (KHK), this is something we cannot do without a day or so "off". Will try to get you the info soonest. Let me know what you will "settle for" as I may not remember all the call signs and exact dates I was on various ships. RJ can vouch that I DID have a license prior to meeting him in 1923 when I came down from Seattle, well recommended by Stella Cayo for whom I'd been working on the Cable Repair Ship RESTORER WIU, in 1922-23. RJ put me on the SS PAUL SHOUP call (I'm hazy about this) KDTE, I think ! Next the MANULANI (call letters forgotten) then the MANOA (WMQ), MATSONIA (WMP) and finally the MAUI (WMR) which was about the last time I saw RJ before losing contact for 44 years ! I met you, once, at corner of Geary & Mason one evening in 1951. Forget who introduced us - I'm sure you don't remember at all. In those ^{earlier} ~~early~~ days I believe a fellow named Parachini was Chief at KPH, - a swell guy to meet, as I recall. I knew Wayne Helfer pretty well, also Zerbe. In Hawaii here you might give me the addresses of those SOWP guys. Have you tried ¹¹³⁰ Charles PENHALLOW, Secretary of The Hawaiian Telephone Company, Alakea Street, Honolulu - one of the early founders of the Hawaiian Tel's Wireless System. Also Harry Bush, now a V.P. of I.T.T. also Manager of their local office. ^{715 Bishop St. Honolulu 96813} All Harry's buddies, Phil Leigh, Art Enderlin etc are in SOWP - why not Harry ? Tempt 'em with that issue that was at KHK with pictures of the 60 year anniversary of the KHK-KPH contact in 1908. Healey Morris, I first met in 1922 but have seen very little of him since.

OVER

2 known Sid in CAA
Cx

I was with Frank Rutzen on the MAUI for awhile. Does anyone know what happened to him?

There's also another old-timer named Sid BLANK who is around the Bay area still who used to be on the MATSONIA WMP in the old days, a good operator. I've searched all thru my address books for his address but to no effect. He worked for ABC for years with Watson at KGO and is now retired. I last saw him January 12¹⁹⁶⁷ in SF when he visited me where I was staying, just off Bay Street, but evidently I've lost track of him.

I note Phil Thorne, once of WMP is already in your ranks - plus many others I used to know. Sailed shipmates with a Henry WIEHR -- dunno if its the same one; also Robert Simpson was a shipmate. What happened to Eddie Smith and Don MAIRR of the old WMR etc?

Well, I hope this seven bucks takes the edge off your urgency and let me know what the limit is for the dope on the application.

Y ours with 73s,

GL

GL

Geoffrey H. LLOYD,

*135-P
S.O.W.P. William Freeman, another old friend of mine is in Room 244, Ward 20, Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii, here with a coronary thrombosis - fortunately mild and would like to hear from friends during his adolescence. We've been up to see him and RCA Communications Inc, sent him a lot of flowers but imagine he'd like something more personal. I will try to see him during my "break" which is coming up next week. Saw him once and he appears to be doing OK.

96819 SENT CAMP Lloyd
QSP. TELL Lloyd.
DID 10/16/69

Sent card to Freeman

10/20

Oct. 16 1969

LLOYD #428-SGP

CX

Dear "GL":

Per my "XQ" 15/700Z via KPH/KHK, and enclosed "Acceptance" Letter we are most happy to welcome you into "WP" as member #428- SGP.

At this writing, no response my "XQ" assume you are away from home.

Your letter of Oct 3rd delayed reaching me. We were away on a trip- aggravated by other factors will tell you about later.

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cc: RJ/CX

Q#1.

Done 10/17-78

Copy to
Bill B.

Larkspur 20 Oct 69

Dear Frank

Tnx copy ltr fm Geofry LLOYD HU---passed it on
for Bill's info too.

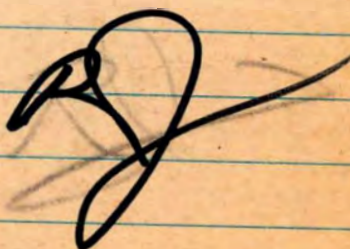
When you write to Jeff., Here are some answers
to his questions---It will save you time.

Lot of the answers can be found in P.O.C. but Geofry
probably has no copy of # 1 and # 2

1. Eddie Smith, formerly my partner on WILHELMINA (wmo)
Suicide jumped off ADML FARRAGUT (Waf) about 1926 or so.
2. HENRY WIEHR---Yes thats the same fellow. Is now amateur
W6HKM lives Crescent City. I talk to him every week in
Morse code. Nice guy. Thats WIEHR was on PRESIDENT WGP
3. PHIL THORNE Lives in Berkeley. Member SOWP address in
Roster Directory Living with his Sister.
4. FRANK RUTZEN-----DON MAIR-----I HEARD both had passed
on but having made one serious mistake on hearsay, am not
going to say anyone is DEAD until proof is received.
I "Heard" that one member was dead---and Lo and Behold
he was very active---but my lack of proof made a lot of
work for Bill B and the printer---so no one is DEAD until
proof is positive.
5. Sydney Blank---last heard of him on PRESIDENT wgp but have
no record after that

I find the ROSTER And DIRECTORY very helpful and have added
an index to the first page., as follows;

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Society Of Wireless Pioneers • 14

DEDICATED — to the men who "went down to sea in ships" as Wireless Telegraphers and all those who have earned their living "pounding brass" as wireless or radio ops since the day of Marconi.

Member Correspondence

67 Heather Way
LARKSPUR CALIF
3 OCT 1969

Mr. G.H. Lloyd
WAIALUA Hawaii.

Dear G.L.

Your letter 3 Oct.

Do not worry about license numbers or your lost records, destroyed by an act of God.

The newspaper article which I sent you for keeps, (lucky I had two of them) was proof that you were an operator on the SS MAUI in October 1925.

Handwritten: No See This
Handwritten: No See
I sent my copy of that article to Bill Breniman and to Frank Geisel for their information and return. That is proof enough that you were a licensed "wireless operator". I can very readily swear or assert that you were employed by the R.C.A. and assigned to several ships as "wireless operator".

request Now if you want to write F.C.C. in Washington and them to send you a record of licenses issued to you that can be done. One of our members Everett G. Henry is in the F.C.C. Washington FCC office and can easily confirm your license data.

I presume Frank Geisel sent you the ROSTER and DIRECTORY. If so you will find Tom Watson address on page 24 under NON-MEMBERS. Page 46 lists address and phone number of R.J. (Phone 924-2460)

No, there is no problem about your application., and my own personal congratulations on being a member.

With 73's

1 — 4 — 3 — 1
Handwritten: 10/17/69

PS- If you do not have ROSTER & DIRECTORY which shows all members-addresses-etc etc---let me know RJ



OCT 15 1969

XQ XQ

HONOLULU FOR KHK

15/1700Z PLS QSP GEOFFERY LLOYD QUOTE QSL YOUR OCT THIRD
LETTER DELAYED BECAUSE HAVE BEEN AWAY ON TRIP PLS NOTE YOU
ARE NOW SPARK GAP ~~WIRELESS~~ WIRELESS PIONEER NUMBER 428
ASSUMING YOU HAD SOME SERVICE ON YOUR 1913 ENGLISH LICENSE
DETAILS IN LETTER FOLLOWING STOP PLS VIA KPH ADVISE IF
BILL FREEMAN IS STILL IN HOSPITAL AND FOR HOW LONG ALSO
~~IF~~ THIS IS WP MEMBER NUMBER 135 OF REEDLEY CALIF WHO IS *cfm*
CHIEFLURLINE/WHEX 73 ALL SIGNED FRANK GEISEL KPH UNQUOTE
TKS OMS

FG KPH OCT 15

SERVICE RECORD CONTINUED:

#428-568

Removed from SS Maui in June 1927 to work in Traffic Department RCAC at 28 Geary Street, San Francisco.

Was on the Manila circuit most of the time and do not remember the call signs of the stations we were keying. However the San-Francisco-Honolulu power station signed KGI, as I recall.

Transferred to Hawaii in early 1928. By this time High Frequencies were being established and it is impossible to remember the call signs of the stations we controlled from the Point to Point Office. The Low Frequency Alternator station used the call KIE, if I remember correctly, and was still in use when my contract expired and I was "laid off" in February, 1931.

From May 1932 until September 1934, I was employed by the Honolulu Police Department solely for the purpose of their being able to hang my Radio License at the location of Police Radio KGPQ.

In 1935 and 1936 I was working for Press Wireless in Honolulu. Again, I cannot remember the call letters of the stations we controlled or copied. Believe one of them was KOS.

From 1936 to 1939 was radio Operator on the U.S. Lighthouse Tender KUKUI, WWIX.

In July 1939, I went to work for Globe Wireless at their Kaena Point Station. There we acted as PTP Operators as well as shift-engineers and Marine Radio Telegraphers. The Marine Station signed KYG but this facility was closed down shortly after the outbreak of World War II -- I mean the entrance of the United States into World War II on December 7, 1941. I remained at the Kaena Point Station, with the exception of two years (1943 and 1944) until 1951. During this period the call letters of the various frequencies in use changed from simple calls like KMU, KDO, KKW, KKZ etc to a combination of Letters and numbers, such as KUH-43, KUH52 etc.

Early in 1952 I was transferred into the City Office of Globe Wireless in Honolulu but since the control of the Kaena Point transmitters had been shifted to that office, again my license hung on the wall there.

I stayed on in administrative and commercial functions at Globe, utilizing my license several times a month for part time relief etc, until July 1959.

July 5, 1959, I returned as a Marine Telegraph Operator and relief Technician at KHK, working KHK three days a week and down stairs with the PTP transmitters the remaining two days.

Retired November 1st, 1961. Have occasionally been recalled in an emergency for relief work at KHK.