



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

## SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

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

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NO 480-P  
DATE 12-21-69  
\$ 7.00  
CARD ☒  
REC add 10-18  
FG 12-21-69

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 Dec 12-1969 SIGNED CS Fuller



☒ SPARK-GAP PIONEER (Service PRIOR 1915) ☒ PIONEER (Svc. 1915-1925 Incl.)  
☒ VETERAN (Service 1926-1935 Inclusive) 1914-1923 ☐ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE (After 1935)

### HISTORY SHEET

Fuller Cecil S X Dorothy  
Family Name Given Name Initial "Handle" Sine Wife Name  
2126 33rd Ave Seattle WA 98199 ATD-6289  
Street or P.O. Box # City State Zip Tph.A/C number

### ASSIGNMENT RECORD/S

Nov 6-1930 8140 Scout Ship L.I.G. Der Quier  
DATE FIRST LICENSE NO. CLASS. SIGNED BY  
See file S.S. USAT Thomas ATU/WXM US Army  
DATE ASSIGNED NAME OF FIRST CALL NAME OF OPERATING  
FIRST SHIP 1915 SHIP LETTERS COMPANY (RADIO)

### SHIP OR SHORE STATIONS WHERE YOU SERVED:

| FROM        | TO | NAME SHIP/SHORE STN & CALL        | FROM | TO | NAME OF STATION & CALL  |
|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|------|----|-------------------------|
| <u>1915</u> |    | <u>USAT Thomas</u> <u>ATU/WXM</u> |      |    | <u>Ft Brownsville</u> ? |
|             |    | <u>Ft Bliss Tex</u> <u>WZO</u>    |      |    |                         |
|             |    | <u>Ft Sam Houston</u> <u>WUT</u>  |      |    |                         |
|             |    | <u>Ft Huerfano</u> <u>WZP</u>     |      |    |                         |

(Additional - use back side)

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

WAB REV. 5/14/69



PLEASE COMPLETE

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES ?

Your first call W7BSM Date ? 1955 PRESENT CALL Same SINCE 1955 FCY's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you wish to join the Society's C.W. NET ? Yes 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 ? Yes. 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).

Sorry have none

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)

Sorry none

(Use extra pages as necessary)

Would you undertake SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for PORTS OF CALL ? What subject would you like to write about ? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you cartoon or draw (illustrate) for us ? \_\_\_\_\_

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 |
|-------------------|--------|------|-------|-----|
| <u>Sorry - no</u> |        |      |       |     |
|                   |        |      |       |     |
|                   |        |      |       |     |
|                   |        |      |       |     |

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

2126 33rd Ave West,  
Seattle Washington - 98199  
Dec 17, 1969

Dear Bill:

*Returned 12-22-69. (22 documents)*

The attached file most certainly shows that I am not a qualified applicant for membership in the Society of Wireless Pioneers, however it just might qualify me for an associate membership of some kind. I most certainly hope that I can be affiliated with the local group here, under Gord Pascoes guidance. I enjoyed very much the luncheon here a few weeks ago, to which you so kindly invited me; and the whole group were most friendly and typical of old time radio men - so I'd like to attend more of their gatherings if there is a legal way to get me in as a member or otherwise.

I was assigned to the field radio section of Field Company E, Signal Corps in Honolulu from October 15th, 1915. At Fort Shafter to April 1st, 1917, after the outfit had been returned to El Paso, Texas, to help run down Poncho Villa, who had raided Columbus, N.Mex, during that period. My transfer from Fort Mason Calif to Honolulu in October, 1915 was on the U.S. Transport Thomas, and I stood several watches, mostly on the mids, under the regular assigned Chief Opr, named Ira Kilbury, Master Sergeant. During this 5 day voyage I handled considerable traffic ship to shore and ship to ship, but I was not licensed in any manner and just filled in. I was a qualified Radio and Land line radio man, as the file will show.

I am enclosing my check for \$7.00 for 1969 dues and membership, if I am at all eligible for any kind of association. The file is not of any great importance any more, but if you will hang onto it I'll pick it up some day.

Please excuse this haphazard letter. I'm rushing it a bit to get things going one way or the other before the Holidays are over. I'll do better next time. Give my kindest regards to Ruth.

73

*Cecil S. Fuller*

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PS - The second paragraph outlines ALL of my radio experience aboard a ship - so if you are so inclined just wad the works in another envelope and hold it 'til I can pick it up again. There may be a record of some kind in the Signal Corps files, or log books of this ship board experience, but it might be no longer in the files. I believe the THOMAS was junked many, many years ago.

CSF



Cecil S. Fuller,  
Sergeant Svc Co No 7 SC.

*Stationed in*  
In charge of post telegraph office, Presidio of Monterey, California,  
from October 1st, 1914, to October 1st, 1915.

In radio section, Field Company E, Signal Corps, from October 15th, 1915,  
to April 1st, 1917. During this time I became acquainted with the field pack  
set then in use, and the two kw. Telefunken wagon set then in use.

Assisted in the construction of 10 kw. Lowenstein set at Fort Huachuca,  
Arizona, from April 1st, 1917, to December 23rd, 1917.

On duty as radio operator, Fort Bliss, Texas, from December 24th, 1917, to  
May 15th, 1918.

On duty as clerk and telegraph operator, District Signal Office, El Paso,  
Texas, from May 15th, 1918, to September 15th, 1918.

On duty as student, Officers Training Camp, Camp Meade, Md., September 20th,  
1918, to December 14th, 1918, on which date I graduated and was commissioned  
as Second Lieutenant, Signal Reserve Corps.

December 14th, 1918, to February 15th, 1919, straight duty with 14th  
Service Company, Camp Meade, Md.

February 20th, 1919, to November 1st, 1919, duty as radio operator,  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

November 5th, 1919, to January 10th, 1920, duty as radio operator,  
Fort Brown, Texas.

January 15th, 1920, to April 1st, 1920, on duty as student, Camp Alfred  
Vail, N.J. Graduated there as Expert Military Telegrapher.

April 5th, 1920, to November 1st, 1920, on duty as radio operator, Fort  
Sam Houston, Texas.

November 1st, 1920, to July 21st, 1921, on duty as telegraph operator,  
post telegraph office, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Discharged July 22nd, 1921, and worked as telegraph operator for the  
Western Union Telegraph Company, Oklahoma City, Okla., until February 4th,  
1922.

Re-enlisted February 8th, 1922, and assigned to duty at the radio station,  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as radio operator.

May 7th, 1922, to November 17th, 1922, duty as telegraph operator and  
operator in charge, Post Telegraph Office, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Certified John MacD. Thompson - D.J. Carr, Co. Signal Corps.  
Dated Aug. 10 1918 - Fort Sam Houston Texas. "Qualifies as "Expert" in both  
Morse and Continental telegraphy", also qualifies in tech branch of art.

1922. Seventh Svc Co. Signal Corps, Ft. Sam Houston. Mar 1 1922. Qualification  
EXPERT MILITARY TELEGRAPHER. BY JAMES LAWRENCE, CAPTAIN SC. COMMANDING.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES.

CERTIFICATE OS SVC. TELEGRAPH OP AND TRAIN DISPATCHER. No. 13688. Oct. 2 1931  
El Paso Division. Del Rio and El Paso.

1942. Secret assignment for war.

Installed Army Radio Equip New Providence Nassau. E. H. Smith

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RR. MTN DIV. SMITHERS B.C. MARCH 22 1914.

Certificate of Examination. Satisfactory as Operator for Grand Trunk Pac. RR.

April 5 1918 Vancouver B. C.

Recommendation from Yukon District, Dominion of Canada, Svc. with Dominion  
Govt. telegraph system.

Commercial License. Nov. 6 1930 at New Orleans La. issued by Louis J. N. der  
Treil (?) Commercial Second Class. 31

Service at Albuquerque N.M. 1927-33 signed by N. W. Bliss.

Note to F. G.

Noted! 92

This guy has ALWAYS been too modest. He discounts about 95% of everything  
he has coming or is qualified in. Certainly the opposite of the average run.

I have known him for going on 40 years. He has held many high positions in  
the CAA, in fact I relieved him as Chief Operations Branch, CAA in the Seattle  
Regional Office of CAA about 1952 or 51. We have flown all over the country  
together.

He is a fine pilot.

Has a ham radio set.

Well know throughout the CAA Service.

W.A. B.



FULLER

Bill:- These pictures substantiate one of the statements in an attached letter to the effect that I was honest, loyal, hard worker and very efficient, etc —

This picture shows me on extra stable police in Ft. Stagner, Hawaii, for several Sundays & Holidays account AWOL for one day while with Field Company "E" in 1915



much the same story here except I was AWOL for several days in El Paso, after returning from Mexico, where I was with General Pershing's army trying to catch Pancho Villa in 1917

[4] shows me