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Please indicate at right - how many copies of this application form we may send you, that you in turn will mail to eligible friends? Your cooperation and yeoman duty WILL BE APPRECIATED. Thank You.

Addendum to membership application

Participation, special assignments:

Yes, but in my remote location it is doubtful that I could be of practical assistance in anyway.

Brief personal history:

I received my 2nd class commercial operators licence in '44 and worked for the Canadian Department of Transport at Pt. Grey Wireless Station (VAI) as an interceptor operator until Nov. '45. Was employed in similar capacity at #3 Special Wireless Station for the Canadian Department of National Defence from Dec. '45 until April '47. Application accepted by Scandinavian Shipping Authorities and flew to San Francisco to join the Norwegian M/S "Siranger" as ship's wireless officer, (Westfal-Larsen & Co. A/S of Bergen, Norway). Also served as captain's secretary and ship's purser. Sailed on this ship from April '47 until Dec. '50. The radio equipment was RCA as the ship was a ClA built in Beaumont, Texas. When I joined "Siranger" our regular run circled South America and back to the West Coast and then we were chartered for 2½ years and traveled everywhere but the South Pacific and Orient.

To me my entire 7 years as an active "sparks" were unusual and extraordinary but probably not in the sense that you refer to in your request for additional information. I heard SOS calls but my ship was never in a position to render assistance. The closest we came to a like situation was striking a sunken barge in a storm in the Gulf of Bothnia. The ship took on water but the pumps were able to handle it until we managed to get into drydock in a Finnish port. No personal honours or citations to report.

The only pictures I have are naturally those of "Siranger", radio shack and self - plus newspaper clippings and photos. I am not sure whether these would be considered of historic interest. Please let me know.

My husband and I now live in the West Kootenay area of southeastern B.C. on the shore of Kootenay Lake. It is so very beautiful here that we do not travel far anymore so I decided to bring the world to me and after all these years I have become an amateur operator. Page two

I have been sponsered in this application by my friend and fellow sparks, Elizabeth Anderson (2490V), who has been a 'ham' and SOWP member for several years.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Olive J. Roeckner Mirror Lake, B.C. June 19, 1978.