



HEADQUARTERS  
BERMUDA BASE COMMAND, U.S. ARMY  
C/O POSTMASTER, NEW YORK, N.Y.

STATION MANAGER W X L Q  
AMERICAN EXPED STATION  
APO # 856 POSTMASTER, N.Y.

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MY DEAR RADIO FRIEND,

IT PLEASES ME UNENDING AND MAKES ME VERY HAPPY INDEED TO VERIFY YOUR RECEPTION OF OUR RADIO STATION W X L Q DOWN HERE AT FORT BELL IN BERMUDA.

YOUR LOG WAS PERFECT FOR THE TIME WE CAME THRU. YOU "SURE" WERE TUNED TO WXLQ "1240 ON YOUR DIAL". YOUR LETTER COVERED JUST ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING. YOU DIDN'T LEAVE OUT A THING, IT WAS REAL PLEASURE INDEED RECEIVING YOUR PERFECTLY WRITTEN LETTER AND CONGRATS TOO ON SPLENDID LOGGING O.M. AS YOU SAY, YOU RECEIVED A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE WHEN YOU HEARD OUR CALL LETTERS COME THRU, JUST AS BIG A SURPRISE I BET, FOR US TO LEARN THAT OUR SIGNAL REACHED INTO YOUR DOMAIN. IT WAS A FINE TWO WAY SURPRISE IF YOU ASK ME.

GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE, I BELIEVE THAT ALL SHOULD GO TO OUR TECHNICIAN IN CHARGE OF THE RIG. IT WAS SGT METZNER WHO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER FROM A PILE OF SPARE, BROKEN AND PERSONAL PARTS AND SOME G.I. EQUIPMENT. HE STARTED THE SET GOING AND HAS KEPT IT GOING NOW FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS. THE CONGRATULATIONS YOU OFFERED ON OUR FINE, EFFICIENT TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT CERTAINLY WELL DESERVINGLY GO TO HIM. MY JOB IS TO RUN THE STATION AND DO ALL THE PLANNING AND TALKING. BETWEEN THE BOTH OF US WE MANAGE SOMEHOW. YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO LEARN TOO, THAT OUR SIGNAL WAS NOT COMING FROM A 250 WATT OUTFIT, BUT RATHER THEN A MERE "50" WATTS. HAVE WE BEEN COMING THRU OTHER MORNINGS AS WELL OR WAS THAT JUST AN ACCIDENTAL SKIP???

I'M HONORED TO BE YOUR ONLY REPRESENTATIVE FROM BERMUDA IN YOUR FILES. I'M GLAD THE FIRST ONE WAS AN AMERICAN ARMED FORCES STATION. LATER ON, YOU MIGHT ADD ANOTHER FROM HERE TO YOUR FILES, FOR WHEN WE GO OFF THE AIR WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, A CIVILIAN BERMUDA GOVERNMENT RIG WILL TAKE ITS PLACE.

I'M SURE YOU'RE INTERESTING IN SOME OF THE VERY ALL-IMPORTANT FACTS BEHIND OUR OPERATION AND SOME OF THE TECHNICAL DOPE, AND HERE IT IS....



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STATION WXLQ IS AN ARMED FORCES STATION, ONE OF THE MANY SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD. WE'VE BEEN LOCATED RIGHT ON THIS SPOT FOR ALMOST 18 MONTHS. THIS OUTFIT HERE AT FORT BELL IS MAINTAINED BY THE SIGNAL CORPS AND OPERATED BY SPECIAL SERVICE.

WE OPERATE ON 1240 KCS, HAVE A 6V6 CRYSTAL CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR. BUFFER 6L6 DOUBLING, FINAL PARALLEL 807'S. "50" RPT "50" WATT OUTPUT AS TO POWER AND A 1/4 WAVE INVERTED L ANTENNA ABOUT FIFTY FEET ABOVE GROUND. MODULATION 4-6L6 CLASS AB2 PLATE. WE USE A TURNER #99 DYNAMIC MIKE IN OUR STUDIO, OUR TWO TURNTABLES HAVE "GREENFLYER" MOTORS, USING S-12 PICKUPS. WE HAVE A 4 CHANNEL MIXER STUDIO AMPLIFIER AND A 4 CHANNEL MIXER REMOTE AMPLIFIER. ALL THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND HOMEMADE BY SGT JOHN METZNER. WE USE ARMED FORCES RADIO TRANSCRIPTIONS AS THE BACKBONE OF OUR PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND WE REBROADCAST SPECIAL EVENTS, NEWS ETC FROM ARMED FORCES RADIO STATION WOOW N.Y. 11870 KCS. HERE ARE THE HOURS OF OUR OPERATING SCHEDULE. NOTE ALL TIMES ZEBRA.

0930-1115 ZEBRA  
 1400-1715 "  
 1900-2315 "

FOR LOCAL BERMUDA TIME, IT WOULD BE THUSLY:

0630-0815  
 1100-1315  
 1600-2015

IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO NOTE, THAT WE ARE LOCATED ON THE TOP OF A CORAL HILL MAKING FOR A VERY POOR GROUND SYSTEM. WE DO HAVE A VERY INTERESTING LOOKING STUDIO WITH PIN-UPS COVERING JUST ABOUT EVERY INCH OF OUR WALL SPACE. REMIND ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT SAME SOME TIME.

WELL OLD BEAN, I GUESS THAT'S THE DOPE YOU WANTED. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR WONDERFUL LETTER, HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN WITH FURTHER NEWS. SGT METZNER AND YOURS TRULY, BOTH OF NEW YORK CITY, JOIN IN WISHING YOU THE BEST WITH LOADS OF 73'S.

MOST SINCERELY

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 SGT MARTIN WERTHEIM

THE "VOICE" AND STATION MANAGER BEHIND WXLQ