



HEADQUARTERS PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER



APO 834
c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La.
7 November 1945

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Mr. David F. Thomas
Official Longwave Listening Post (I.DX.S.)
Proctorville, Ohio, USA

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Reference to your letter dated 29 October 1945, in regard to verification of reception of the Armed Forces Radio Stations, Panama Canal Department. The Armed Forces Radio Stations commence their broadcasting activities at 5:30 A.M. each morning. The opening signature from 5:30 A.M. to 5:31 A.M. is the "National Emblem March", followed by identification and frequency of station. After the conclusion of station identification, the early morning program "Sunrise Salute", a two hour record show for members of the Armed Forces stationed in this area, is transmitted. This program is based, more or less, on the musical clock; when the correct time is mentioned after each recording.

The Armed Forces Radio Stations, Panama Canal Department, of which there are four; two operating solely for the entertainment of Spanish speaking troops in this area are stations WVUB and WVUC, each operating with an output of 250 watts on a frequency of 1420 kc and 1480 kc respectively. The Armed Forces Radio Stations, English language, operate on an output of 5 kw. The type antenna used is a vertical tapered tower antenna, self-supporting and 279 ft. in height. APRS are the call letters we use for the stations in the Panama Canal Department, although we are authorized to use WVL. The Armed Forces Radio Stations, English language, also broadcast simultaneously on 2.39 megacycles with an output of 400 watts. All studio equipment is RCA, the latest and finest available.

We would appreciate your sending us whenever possible any information pertaining to the operational activities of the Armed Forces Radio Stations in this area.

Sincerely,

MARK A. BRAYNES,
Major, A.U.S.,
Radio Section.

Incl: 1 Program Schedule