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COLLAPSE OF THE FAEROES LORAN-C TOWER

The Bjde Faeroes Loran-C Station Antenna Collapsed without warning on 28 March 1962. At the time of this disaster the wind velocity was from 40 to 45 mph with heavier gusts. There was ice and snow loading on elements of the tower. An inspection of the debris showed that wire clamps on the antenna guys slipped.

On 28 March the system was ordered to commence operation as a triad using the Jan Mayen Station as the new master. The system was in operation in this manner on 29 March.

Due to the loss of the Faeroes Loran-C Station there was a loss of ¹ navigational information in the northern area. However, full accuracy operation under the present manner is expected in 2 or 3 days. No charts or tables are available for general use.

It is anticipated that it will take 4 to 5 months to replace the tower.

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