

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Loran Transmitting Station
Box, 205, Hobe Sound, Fla.

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From: OinC, Loran Transmitting Station, Hobe Sound, Fla.
To: Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard (OAN)
Via: Commander, 7th Coast Guard District (oan)

Subj: Officer in Charge; relief of.

Ref: Regulations, USCG., Art. 7-1-25.

1. Relief of Officer in Charge has been effected this date in accordance with reference article.
2. There are no registered publications held by this unit.
3. A joint inventory of commissary supplies was held 1 May, 1951 and commuted ration mess was found to be in good status financially and otherwise. Duties as commissary officer were tendered and accepted.
4. A joint physical inventory of public property was held by the relieved and relieving Officers in Charge. The Record of Public Property is complete and up to date.
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MPS, Hobe Sound, Fla.

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In accordance with reference article, section (A)(1), the unit was jointly inspected and the following conditions and discrepancies were noted:

(a) GROUNDS--Sections of property overgrown with weeds and grass, driveways and parking area ill defined and rutted. Several small pine trees growing on ground system.

(b) BARRACKS--Requires considerable interior painting and cleaning, plaster walls have cracks in most rooms and in need of repair. Several window screens torn and punctured and in need of replacement. Roof only partially painted.

(c) EQUIPMENT BUILDING--Requires painting of exterior. Paint is original coating and is "chalking" and thinning. Old equipment building, a quonset hut, requires some maintenance, rusting in spots. This building is however no longer needed by this unit.

(d) FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT--Various foam and CO₂ extinguishers sand buckets and garden hose, placed in and around buildings. Fire extinguishers locations not marked. Major fire protection is local (Hobe Sound Co) fire truck. This is necessary due to low local water pressure and lack of fire mains.

(e) HANDTOOLS--In good supply and condition with exception of tools for maintenance of Auxilliary power equipment and vehicles.

(f) VEHICLES--Station complement includes a Jeep and Pickup (½ ton), only one vehicle assigned at present. Ford ½ ton pickup is in fair condition, requiring considerable parts and repairs.

(g) POWER--- Normally good but subject to frequent interruptions. Station power units provide power for the operation of Loran equipment automatically upon commercial power failures. Power units newly installed and are mechanically in excellent condition. Operation electrically uncertain, often requiring manual switching.

(h) ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT--In good condition excepting antenna tuning unit and accessories. Accessories in need of inspection and cleaning. Transmitting antenna poles have deep vertical grain splits.

(i) PERSONNEL--Morale low due to inability to obtain leave. In the past leave has been lost by some personnel due to accruing maximum sixty(60) days.

(j) GALIEY RANGE--In poor condition, rusted and parts missing.

(k) SECURITY---Conditions considered adequate in view of semi-isolated situation and infrequent transients.

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Listed discrepancies have been noted and the following action is or has been taken;

(a) Grounds-- Grass and weeds being cut as time and personnel permit. Power lawn mower not sufficiently rugged for station needs and several breakdowns have occurred. Mower is presently secured, awaiting various parts. Driveways have recently been improved by spraying with used motor oil which binds the sand but more oil is needed.

(b) Barracks--Exterior of building recently painted and paint presently on hand for interior painting. Plaster cracks are generally small and were caused by stress on building during tropical storms. Complete maintenance of buildings beyond capabilities of unit due to insufficient personnel. Roof paint has been requisitioned several times but amounts ordered were only partially received. Sufficient paint for completion was received this month.

(c) Equipment building--Arrangements presently being made for painting by Miami Base personnel. This building was ~~been~~ completed approximately May 1950.

(d) Firefighting equipment--Local firefighting equipment of modern type, with chemical and water tank believed sufficient. Extinguishers mounted on brackets and readily visible and markings not deemed necessary.

(e) Handtools--Major repairs to vehicles and auxilliary power equipment considered beyond station personnel capabilities and deemed unnecessary to have complete tool supply.

(f) Vehicles--This station has had only one vehicle in operation (or available) since December 1949. Vehicle requirements at this station include watch relief transportation, garbage and mail runs, and pickup of commissary and other supplies at points from Stuart, Fla to W.Palm

Beach Fla. Also occasional trips to Miami for administrative work and small stores. Constant use of present vehicle has forestalled proper maintenance. Parts and repairs to this vehicle has recently been requested.

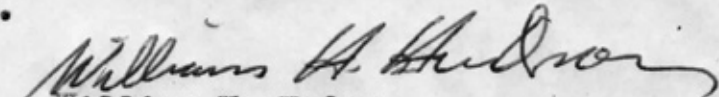
(g) Power-- Power failures generally due to power line insulator arcing (from salt spray) and electrical storms. Major difficulties with auxiliary power units are due to improper operation of relays, sticking, etc.

(h) Electronic Equipment-- Off Air time has been requested for cleaning, inspection and replacement as necessary of tuning unit, antenna downhauls and blocks. Vertical grain splits have been reported several times in Loran Operation and Engineering Report and have been pointed out to District Office personnel.

(i) Personnel-- Leave has been granted at this unit as often as station complement and work permitted. It has been necessary to curtail leave to a great extent due to small arms practice, hurricane season, and generally due to insufficiency of personnel in number and ratings.

(j) Galley range-- Replacement range presently on order and delivery expected within thirty (30) days.

(k) Security-- No comment.


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CC: Cdr. Ft. Pierce Group

Ind-3

From: Commander, 7th CG District
To: Commandant (OAN)


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1. Forwarded.

2. (a) The barracks building is leased and will have to be vacated in about a year. It will be maintained with the minimum expenditure of funds.

(b) Vehicles: The vehicle presently assigned is being repaired by a local garage. A second vehicle will be assigned.

(c) Personnel: The complement is now filled. They were down previously due to rotation of ETs between 7th and 14th Districts.


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Chief of Staff