

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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ADDRESS REPLY TO

CO, USCG L. T. S.
Bonavista, Nfld.

12 July, 1949
File: 602

From: Commanding Officer, USCG L. T. S., Bonavista, Nfld.
To: Commandant (O)
Via: (1) LTJG B. B. Wood, USCG
(2) Commander, 1st CG District (o)

Subj: Commanding Officer; relief of

The provisions of Article 7-1-25 A., CG Regs., have been complied with in the relief of LTJG R. D. Parkhurst by LTJG B. B. Wood as Commanding Officer of this unit.

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1. A joint inspection of this station was made by LTJG R. D. Parkhurst, the officer being relieved, and myself as relieving officer. The station was found to be clean, well kept, and in excellent condition. The morale of the crew is good and all departments appear to be in as good condition as can be expected. It is apparent that the previous commanding officer, LTJG Parkhurst, has done everything possible to maintain this station in good order.

2. The following conditions exist, each one having been the subject of considerable correspondence, with no effective action taken to date:

(a) It is noted that no provision has been made in the matter of improving transportation facilities between the station and the town of Bonavista. A complete report of the situation is contained in a letter submitted by this unit to The Representative, Commander, 1CGD at Argentia, Nfld. Another report from that activity to Commander, First Coast Guard District dated 11 February, 1949, outlining the difficulty of providing transportation during the winter time, and suggesting possible solutions was submitted. Finally, a letter from the Commander, First Coast Guard District to the Commandant, dated 2 March, 1949, recommending the acquisition of a vehicle capable of operating in deep snow. It is urgently requested that some remedial action be taken, either in the acquisition of a suitable vehicle, or in making suitable arrangements with the Canadian government to keep the road plowed during the forthcoming winter.

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(b) Considerable difficulty is experienced in obtaining supplies from the continental U.S., particularly of non-stock items, such as spare parts for vehicles, and articles purchased in open market. Frequently such items are badly needed, and there is on file at this unit requisitions for supplies of the type described above that were ordered months ago, with no action taken to date. Whereas weather ships from Boston put in at Argentia at frequent intervals, and there is rail service from Argentia to Bonavista, there should be no necessity of waiting for a supply vessel before shipping supplies to this station.

(c) The trucks attached to this unit are in poor condition; this has been reported for some time in the motor vehicle reports. This condition is due to the fact that they are operated on unpaved roads; there is no garage; spare parts are not readily available, and it is a virtual impossibility to accomplish any maintenance work in the open during the winter months. A request for new vehicles will be forwarded by separate letter.

(d) The 16mm motion picture projector has been operating unsatisfactorily since November, 1948. Spare parts ordered at that time have not been received to date. A request for a new projector will be submitted by separate letter.

3. None of the comments above are intended in any manner to reflect to the discredit of the previous commanding officer. He has informed me of the above conditions and it is felt that they should be included in this report.

4. I have relieved LTJG R. D. Parkhurst as commanding officer effective this date.

B. B. Wood
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