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From: Commanding Officer, CG Loran Transmitting Station, Bonavista, Nfld.
To: Commandant (O)
Via: Ensign R. A. Duin, 4085, USCG
Commander, First Coast Guard 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 B. B. Wood by ENS R. A. Duin as Commanding Officer of this unit.

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From: ENS R.A. Duin
To: Commandant (O)
Via: Commander, First Coast Guard District (o)

L. In a joint inspection of the station it was noted that in general all buildings and equipment were in good operating condition. It was agreed that the following items are in need of repair, replacement, or construction and that steps should be taken to obtain necessary supplies and material to complete such work: (1) Garage facilities are inadequate; only one garage exists at this time. This garage is attached to the engine room, both needing a complete roof repair job. The present garage also needs a new door. Due to the extremely high wind velocities which prevail at this station during the winter months it is felt that the garage should be fitted with a vertical-sliding overhead type door. In the fall of 1949 Commander, First Coast Guard District contemplated providing authorization to build a second larger garage on the concrete slab which already exists on the east side of the station; however, to date this authorization has not been granted. A second garage would provide housing for both vehicles attached to the station and this is believed very necessary especially in the winter months. (2) The main station load center is at present a haphazard switching arrangement located in the cramped space below the staff building. A 12 circuit 220/110 3-wire panel has been ordered and upon its arrival it is planned to relocate the load center at an accessible position inside the staff building. (3) At present no road exists from the main group of station buildings to the warehouse. Should the large truck be used to transport heavy supplies to the warehouse, a hard bed road would be needed. It is contemplated that station personnel will attempt construction of such a road if the necessary amount of gravel can be acquired. (4) At present a definite fire hazard exists at this station. The ground on which the station is built is of a peat composition and an adequate supply of water is not present; fire extinguishers are the only

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fire fighting equipment available. The only water supply is a small surface seepage well located below the station warehouse. This water is used for cleaning and sewage disposal purposes; however, should an emergency arise, it is felt that a small portable pump and necessary fire hose to reach all station buildings should be made available. (5) The commanding officer being relieved states that supplies procured from the United States are extremely slow in arriving. It is hoped when logistics vessels are not available that ocean station vessels be utilized as far as practicable for transportation of supplies to Argentinia.

2. No joint inventory of material and equipment was conducted. Should discrepancies exist, a letter report will be submitted within thirty days.

3. I relieve Lt(jg). B.B. Wood as commanding officer this date.

Robert A. Duin
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From: Commander, First Coast Guard District
To : Commandant (O)

Subj: Commanding Officer, USCG LTS, Bonavista, Nfld.; relief of

1. Forwarded. The following comment is made on the points raised in the basic letter by the new commanding officer.

(a) Garage Facilities

Headquarters has instructed the District to construct no new buildings or make any major improvements at any of the Newfoundland loran stations since it is expected that these stations may be transferred to Canada. The original request of the Commanding Officer to construct a temporary shelter adjacent to sleeping quarters was disapproved as being too hazardous.

(b) Alterations to Electrical System:

District files contain no information regarding the relocation of the switch panel. This will be investigated since the station does not have authority to make such a change without District approval.

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(c) Fire Pump:

There is not a sufficient supply of water at this station for a fire pump. The following is quoted from a letter to the District Commander on 10 January, 1950:

"Unless water is rationed the station well runs dry in the summer and winter. The condition is aggravated by an extremely dry summer or an extremely cold winter. The well is supplied by surface seepage, there is no spring. Under ideal conditions there is sufficient water for washing and toilet facilities. There is no water available in event of fire."

To develop a water supply that would be sufficient for fire fighting purposes at this station would entail funds in excess of the amount the District can afford. Furthermore, such a project is not in keeping with Headquarters instruction regarding improvements as mentioned under (a) above. It is felt that the only practical solution is the provision of an adequate supply of chemical fire extinguishers and the maintenance of a careful fire watch.

2. Ocean Station Vessels are frequently used to carry supplies to Argentina when such calls are made to that place.


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