

From .... The Fleet Communication Officer, East Indies Station,

Date .... 24th September, 1949.

To .... Mr. Parkin, Commissioned Electrical Officer, (Radio), Royal Navy.

Instructions for visit to Aden Wireless Stations.

1. On arrival at Aden, you and the ratings under your command are to report to the Resident Naval Officer, Aden (Lieut. Commr. N. Quill, Royal Navy.)
2. The R.N.O. Aden has been requested to :-
  - (a) Arrange accommodation.
  - (b) Provide you with a copy of Admiralty Letter R.E.277/49 dated 14th March, 1949.
3. The object of your visit to Aden is as follows :-
  - (a) To provide answers to the questionnaire in A.L. R.E.277/49 dated 14th March, 1949.
  - (b) To overhaul wireless equipment and diesel generator installed at the transmitting station, (Isthmus.)
  - (c) To complete the installation of any transmitters partially installed.
  - (d) To instal any transmitters in store provided time and labour permits.
  - (e) To muster and record details of all technical equipment and any other equipment necessary to establish naval communications, which is in store at Aden.
4. Admiralty approval has been given for you to remain at Aden for approximately 2 months to complete the work detailed in para 3. You are to report briefly by signal to C in C E.I. and, after one month, whether you consider that the transmitting station can be brought to a reasonable state of readiness within the two months allowed.
5. You are to contact the Chief Signal Officer, R.A.F. at A.H.Q., Aden and arrange for the care and maintenance of the Transmitting Station to be continued after your departure. You are to bear in mind that owing to short age of skilled R.A.F. Personnel, the maintenance to be expected is the switching on of the transmitters once weekly but you are to leave instructions for attention to any important maintenance tasks which you find to be necessary.

6. On completion of your duty at Aden you are to return to U.K. as arranged by R.N.O. Aden, reporting your arrival to the Captain, H.M.S. Collingwood.

7. Radio Electrician J. Robb P/MX 292691 and Leading Supply Assistant F.J. Timms D/SMX 812213 are also to return to U.K. reporting to their respective depots.

8. Chief E.R.A. F.C. Goodyear P/MX 47318 is to return to Ceylon (H.M.S. Highflyer) for further duties at Ceylon North Transmitting Station. He is to be released from duty at Aden as soon as you can dispense with his services.

9. REPORTS.

(a) Copies of your answers to the questionnaire referred to in para 3 (a) are to be forwarded to the addressees of A.L. R.E. 277/49 dated 14th March, 1949 and to the Director of Radio Equipment, Admiralty.

(b) A report of the condition of the Transmitting Station and equipment on completion of your visit is to be forwarded to the same authorities, together with the information required under para 3(d) and any other relevant information which will facilitate the opening up of the Aden Wireless Stations in an emergency.

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