

Switch to shore-to-ship . . .

As a ship's radio operator you've seen the world and now you'd like to settle down, see more of the wife and kids, follow sport at first hand or take up new hobbies, cultivate your garden . . . This is the opportunity to take advantage of your qualifications and experience, to keep in touch with the sea but switch to a secure shore-based job.

. . . or start on an interesting career

As a young man you're attracted by the idea of going to sea but you also like the good things of life ashore. . . Perhaps you want to marry. . . In any case, this opening could provide the ideal compromise for you. The work is more interesting than on most ships – and you can of course get home often from a coastal station.

Also if you would like a spell at sea, you can volunteer to serve on one of the three Post Office cableships now in commission. (Strictly, any radio operator may be required to serve on a cableship but this is almost always on a voluntary basis).

You can apply at any age from 19, provided you are properly qualified, and the pay is good from the start.



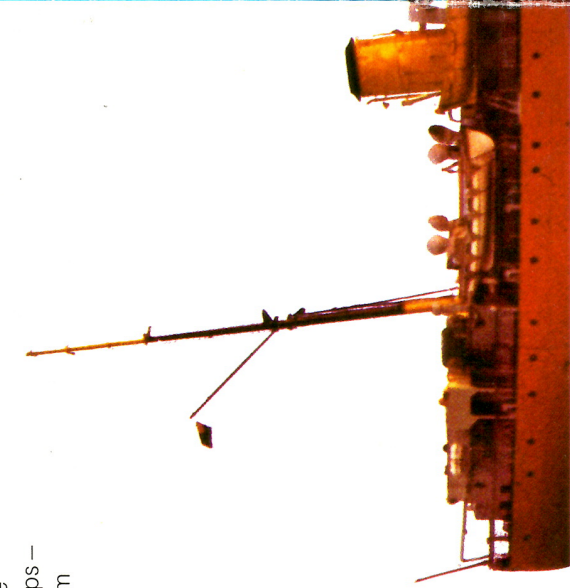
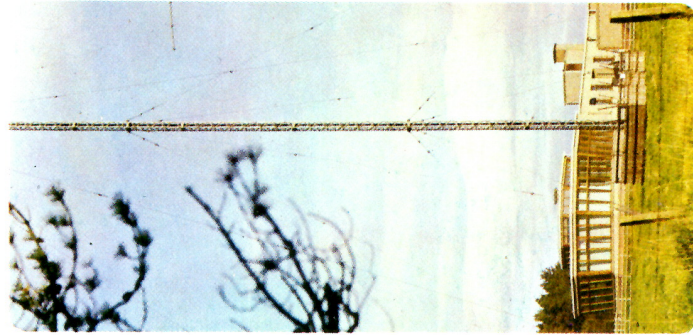
Requirements

Qualifications needed are a UK General or First Class Certificate of Competence in Radiotelegraphy or the equivalent certificate issued by a Commonwealth Administration or the Irish Republic.

You need to pass a medical. Full initial training will be given for six to eight weeks at the Burnham Radio School in Somerset. The first year of service is a trial period during which time you will have to pass certain tests.

Working hours

The basic working week is 40 hours excluding meal breaks. Attendance may be at any time during the 24 hours and the rest day may be any day during the week. Work on some bank and public holidays will also be involved for which special compensatory payments are made.



Coastal stations

The map shows how the 12 stations are positioned at intervals round our coastline. They keep in touch with sea-going vessels of any size from small yachts upwards and with oil rigs. They maintain constant watch for distress calls and provide vital everyday communications by radiotelephone, radio-telegraph and radio-teleprinter. Most activity is at fairly short range but Portishead maintains a worldwide service to ships of all nationalities.

