

Even so far away as Cuba the Reserve brings cheer and entertainment. One of the enthusiastic members is Frank H. Jones, who works for a sugar company at Tuinucu, in the heart of Cuba, and where there is no "great shakes" in the way of entertainment. Mr. Jones gives radio dances; he has a regular dance program card for the guests, even to the pencil tied on by a frazzled string; the card is filled out by the guests, the names written on the ruled lines—and then the little brown building under the Statue of Liberty tunes up and far away on the sugar plantation light-hearted merry-makers glide into each other's arms.

Many have the idea that since the Reserve broadcasting is done on 1,450 meters that a small receiving set will not suffice, but this is not true. Here is a letter that refutes this argument, from an amateur in Jersey City:

"I wish to let you know that I have only a small crystal set without any honeycomb attachment, and I can pick up WVP almost any time I wish to."

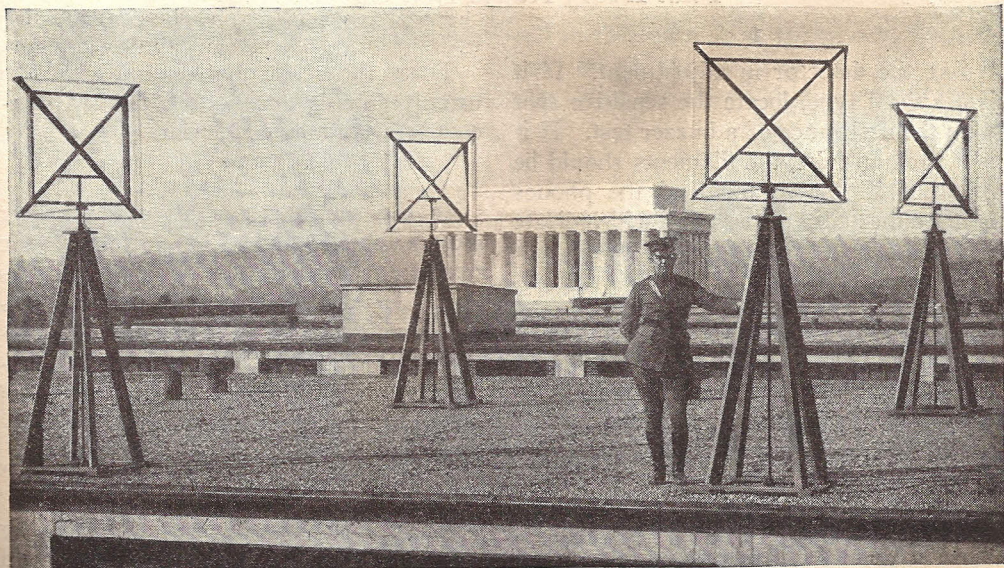
Members of the Amateur Radio Reserve are all of the better class radio enthusiasts. They are experienced men

(there are no women) and must, according to the rules and regulations of the body, have had a year of radio. They pay a dollar a year dues, which doesn't begin to pay the expense. This the army contributes for the great help the members are giving in relaying messages. If a member wishes a "station certificate" he sends fifty cents additional; then he has something worth while to hang on his walls.

The members are all civilians, but if at any time war's black cloud should settle over the country, the members of the Amateur Radio Reserve will be given the first opportunity to take up work in the Signal Corps—and the Signal Corps is becoming of constantly increasing importance in time of trouble. The little station certificate will then mean something.

Thus has it grown: nightly it relays messages for the government free of charge, and nightly furnishes entertainment and instruction for thousands, until now it is one of the real factors in the radio world.

And the baby was just a year old last June!



*The first photograph of the army's permanent Radio Central in Washington, D. C. These loop antennae pick up signals that come from distances up to 6,000 miles.*