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"HAM" OPERATORS' LICENSES EXTENDED

The Federal Communications Commission today announced adoption of General Order No. 115 reinstating all amateur radio operator licenses which have expired since December 7, 1941 and extending such operator licenses for a period of three years from the date of expiration shown on each. In the same order the Commission provided that all amateur operator licenses, expiring between May 25, 1943 and December 7, 1944 inclusive, are hereby extended for a period of three years beyond the expiration date on each license.

In the interests of national security, the Federal Communications Commission (in Orders No. 87 and 87-A adopted December 8, 1941 and January 8, 1942 respectively) has halted all amateur radio station operations, and Commission Order No. 87-B (adopted September 15, 1942) discontinued the issuance of all amateur station licenses. The Commission, however, at the request of the military, has continued its policy of issuing new or renewed amateur operator licenses.

Since present conditions make it difficult for amateur radio operators who are in the armed services or engaged in war work at locations distant from their homes to make timely applications for license renewals, the reinstatement of amateur operator licenses which have expired since December 7, 1941 and extension of such operator licenses expiring not later than December 7, 1944 were authorized by the Commission.

Provisions of the Order do not apply to any amateur radio operator license which has been voluntarily surrendered by the licensee or which has been, or may hereafter be, finally suspended by Commission order. Nor does the Order apply to any amateur radio operator licensee who has failed to comply with FCC Order No. 75 (regarding citizenship).