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Wireless Tel. Instruction for Postal Officers

Submit recommendations as to length of course & text books.

W.P. Bottomley. 1. Read

The G.P.O. consider that men who has obtained cert. in Technical Telegraphy in month's instruction at a Wireless School would be enough: two months would be necessary for a man who had not obtained such cert. The course at a Wireless School should be followed by one week's instruction in the practical side of the subject at a wireless coast station.

Candidates should then be sufficiently advanced to obtain the P.M.S.'s Certificate.

Two Text Books are suggested.

? ask recd of Gov/6274/EAP, and copies of comm with G.P.O. suggest that only those who have

obtained certificates in technical telegraphy and who have read the text books referred to in the S.P.O. letter should be recommended for Wireless Instruction during their leave. Say that in these cases the S.P.O. would propose that for

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for one month's instruction at a "Widow's School"  
should be paid and arrangements made for  
their attending for one week at a S.P.O.  
Widow's Coast Station, - Subsistence allowance  
at the rate of £2.2.0 a week while attending  
both courses, and 3<sup>rd</sup> class railway fares  
to and from the place of instruction at the  
beginning and end of the course in each case  
[These allowances have been granted to men  
attending at S.P.O. Coast Station, of  
Downer File 1536, Macdonald File 4974]

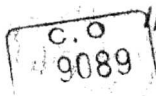
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As to 1 we had better leave the fares  
free to reason and other in special cases  
- we don't know how many of our men  
are certified & returned. Allegedly.

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H. J. R.  
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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo regarding the instruction of officers of the East African Postal Service in wireless telegraphy, I am directed by the Postmaster General to say, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that, while much depends upon the individual, it is considered that for a smart telegraph operator who had already obtained certificates in technical telegraphy, one month's instruction in an efficient wireless school should suffice. If he had not the qualification indicated by such certificates, two months would probably be needed.

The Postmaster General ventures to suggest that the best course for officers wishing to acquire a knowledge of wireless telegraphy would be to attend a wireless school until sufficiently advanced to obtain the Postmaster General's certificate. They should then, it is thought, attend at a wireless coast station for about a week in order to obtain some practical experience of the working of such a station and the handling of traffic.

The following books are recommended for preliminary reading:

(1) Handbook of Technical Instruction for  
Wireless Telegraphists

by J.C. Hawkhead.

(Marconi Press Agency Limited,  
Marconi House,  
Strand, W.C.)

Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

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(2). Wireless Telegraphy

by W.H. Marchant.

(Whittaker and Company,  
2 White Hart Street,  
Paternoster Row.)

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*E. Frabb*

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Sir,

I have the honour to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your despatch, No. 96,  
of the 29 of January, and to  
~~inform you that~~ transmit  
to you ~~for your~~  
information, copies of  
forms with the P.O.  
on the subject of the  
instruction of officers  
of the E. A. Postal service  
in wireless telegraphy.

If you require the  
forms, you may apply to the  
officer in charge of the  
Post Office, P.O. 9089

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Mr. H. Bedford

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instructions I shall be  
prepared to approve of  
the payment of the cost  
of instruction at a  
Wireless School, and  
to arrange for these officers' ~~attendance~~  
attendance for one week  
at a \$70. wireless coast  
station. Such officers they  
would receive a substantial  
allowance at the rate of  
two guineas a week while  
attending the courses together  
with their railway fares (3  
days) to and from the  
place of instruction at the  
beginning and end of the  
course.

3. I have, however, to suggest  
for your consideration, that  
only officers who have obtained certificates  
in technical telegraphy & who have  
read the text books referred to by  
the \$70. should be recommended  
to receive the instruction