

Radio Sealers Saw Action

Radio sealing was of paramount importance in effecting Port Security. In the Port of Boston, 11 June 1948, this activity was assigned to the Temporary Reserve and that duty was carried on in a highly efficient, successful and commendable manner by radio amateurs and men with commercial radio experience.

Primary duty of the Unit was to board cargo vessels of all nationalities, fishing vessels and other craft, upon authority of the COTP, to be sure that all transmitting radio apparatus aboard was "sealed" so that it could not possibly be used at unauthorized times. A brass tag attached with the seal read: *Do not break seal except in case of emergency, distress or enemy action - U. S. Coast Guard.*

An interesting feature of this duty was being "in" on the excitement of making up convoys—seeing the ships "loaded to the gunwales" with tanks, jeeps, ammunition — and seeing those who would "carry through."

Waterside

On the alert! Cruising patrol craft kept watch over piers, sheds, coal wharves, ammunition docks, shipyards, drydocks, the Navy Yard, ships at anchor and islands of the Harbor. They kept close watch for fires, sabotage, menaces to navigation and dumping of oil or refuse. They went to the assistance of boats in danger, rescued crews and pulled many from the water.



Gig on patrol is in constant radio communication with the Base.



RADIO SEALING UNIT

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