



#265 KNIGHT, John Capt. USNR Ret., W6YY, Ex=4DX, 3AHE, 2ALU, W2JJ, W3JJ, K6IG. Handle "John". Born Oct. 18, 1906. First 2-way wireless contact 1920. Occup: Radio, Television Engineer, Captain, U.S.N.R. 1920-28 4DX, Greenville, S.C.; 1928-46 2ALU & W2JJ, E. Orange, N.J.; 1947 W3JJ, Washington, D.C.; 1948-W6YY; DXCC Honor Roll (phone), Past President and First Recipient DXer Award, So. Calif. DX Club; past President Society of Television Engineers (L.A.); Member SMPTE and AIEE; Senior member IRE. Engineer-in-Charge Television Station KRCA, National Broadcasting Co., Los Angeles.



#266 THOMAS, Charles W., Sk, Ex-W8NF. Handle "Charlie". Born June 9, 1895. First 2-way wireless contact 1908. Occup: Manager of Ford Electronics Dept. (Ret.). First Commercial job with United Wireless - S.S. Davock 1912; CRM USN WW1; installed first radiophone in N.Y. Harbor, DeForest OT10; made last contact with Shenandoah before it exploded; inst. amateur equipment in Ford Trimoter and made National Air Tour 1927; designed first police car radio for Detroit Police; designed first production type car radio, Ford; co-inventor aircraft radio Beacon (radio range); designed Willow Run Radio Communications system WW2.



#267 BLACKIE, Norman E., Sk, Ex-W6WNZ, 1KE, W1BXB. Handle "Norm". Born Sept. 5, 1893. First 2-way wireless contact 1908. Occup: U.S.C.S. (Ret.) Navy Dept. Electronics. Started with usual spark coil, glass plate condenser, slide tuner and Galena Detector. After sitting in on Titanic sinking decided to go commercial. Took exam from S.W. Kittel (Late Admiral), license issued 13th Feb. 1913. Hired by Tom Stevens for Am. Marconi. Sailed on various Am., British, and Canadian ships. 1916-First Amateur License. 1919-Inspector for Independent. After few years went with Beth Shipbldg., then with Mass. State Police 1939-57 with USN-"Strategic Services"-Long Beach.



#268 MALLIA, William M., Sk, Ex-K1RNR, Ex-K2SOU. Handle "Don". Born September 29, 1891. First 2-way wireless contact 1909. Present occup: Doctor of Medicine (retired). In 1910 set up his first wireless in Schenectady, N.Y. Maintained communication for about three years with an Engineer at General Electric Co. In the Fall of 1913, preparing to go to college, sold antenna poles and all gear. In 1956 he set up another station and was licensed K2SOU. Retired to Maine with call sign K1RNR.