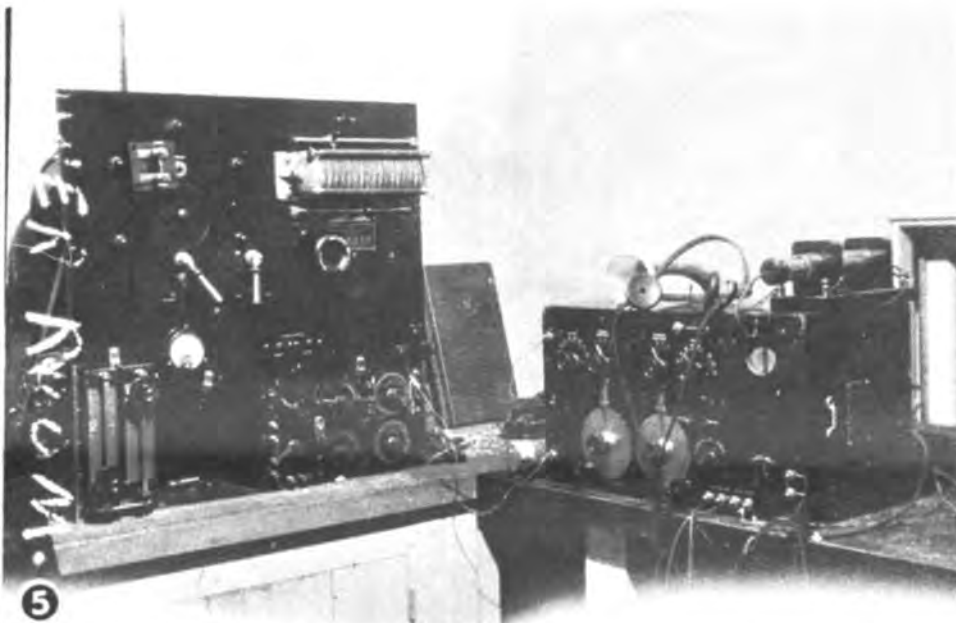
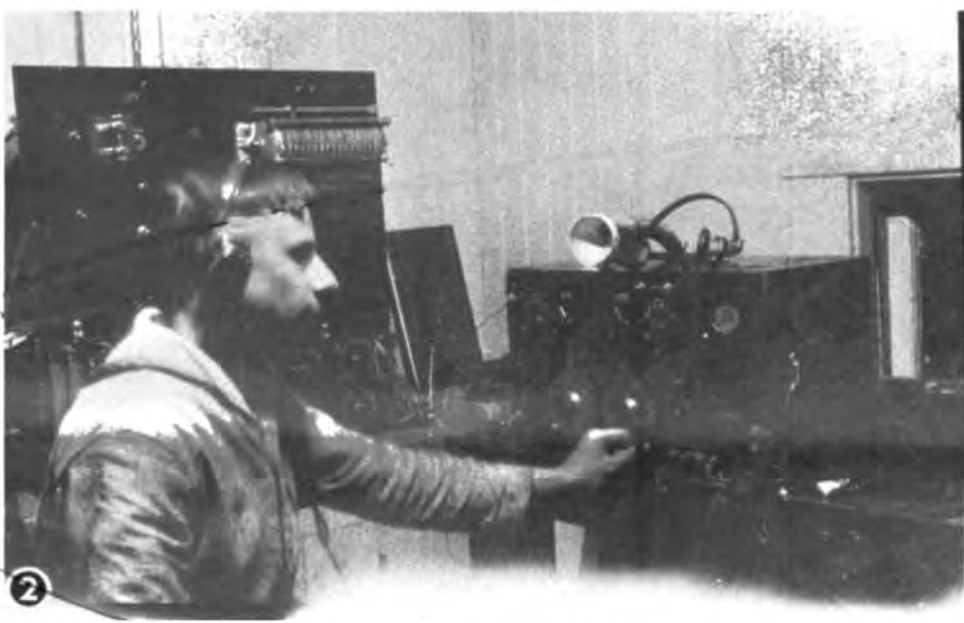


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ASSIGNMENT "NPI" FARALLONE ISLANDS



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- 1. - FARALLONE ISLAND - "NPI". Operator's quarters. The adjacent building housed CPO and family. CPO was in charge.
- 2. - POINT MONTARA RADIO COMPASS STATION - "NLH" (1921) Listening in on spare parts receiver. Piece of kelp tied on top of receiver used with single headphone unit acted as speaker. On left, back of operators head (ie: C.W.Mulligan) a Fessenden 1/2KW transmitter used by remote-control from radio compass shack about 1500' distant. This was run off bank of lead-acid batteries supplemented by a gasoline generator located in room.
- 3. - SADDLE ROCK. Nesting place for sea-gulls. Pix taken from the main Farallon Island. Many sea lions and California seals frequent the Saddle Rock island.

- 4. - FARALLONE ISLAND LIGHT & TENDER'S QUARTERS One salt water tank and one for fresh water may be noted in lower right. We collected rain water in a cistern in the rainy season for use as drinking water throughout the year. Fresh water was a scarce item and a luxury. Note hand-rails to hold on and guide up in climbing to the light in dense fog at night.
- 5. - EQUIPMENT. USN receiver right (spare). 1/2 KW Fessenden Spark transmitter (left) used for radio compass work at "NLH" -- Point Montara in 1922.
- 6. - FARALLONE ISLAND LIGHT & RADIO STATION - 1920 Unloading supplies from a row boat sent ashore from L.H. Tender which made trip every 14 days from S.F. A two-man powered wench was used to hoist supplies in a cargo net. Sometimes we used an air-powered wench when the fog horn was on. We piped air to this unloading dock. All hands not on watch helped when the L.H. Tender arrived INCLUDING L.H. keepers and navy personnel. Tender anchored in safe water some distance out. The islands are about 30 nautical miles from the Golden Gate.