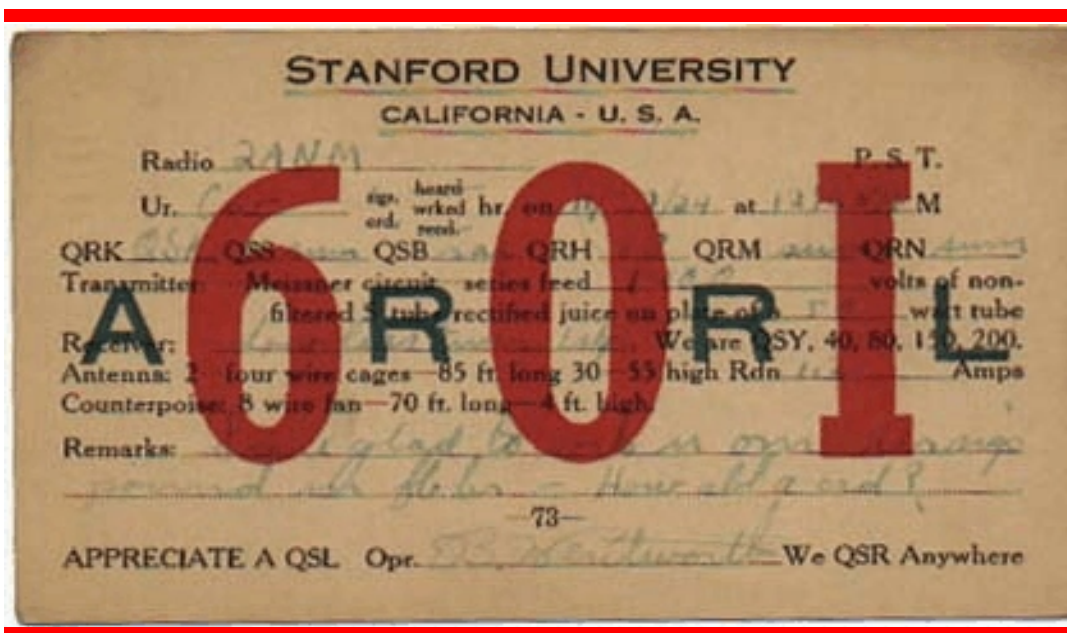


Brandon Wentworth *6OI* 1905-1987 - Brandy, a life long professional in radio and a historian, earned his first amateur license at age 15. He earned 6AIK. In 1925 following a devastating Santa Barbara earthquake, he summoned the U.S Marines from a hastily rigged transmitter in downtown Santa Barbara, using his 6OI call sign. In 1926 as a Stanford University student he used a tiny radio shack on a hill overlooking the campus, earning the first DX W.A.C. certificate.

Brandy sailed as a commercial radio operator all over the Western waters. After college he held a position with Fox Movietone sound roving all over Europe. Then as a White House newsreel crew member, he traveled with President Franklin D. Roosevelt on campaign trips. During WWII Brandy served as a radio officer with the Army Air Forces. Following the war he had a engineering position with the FAA retiring as Chief Electronics branch airways facilities division. He became K6UJ moving to Laguna Beach Calif.

Years ago your author ordered a communications book from Mrs. Wentworth in the state of Maine. She was a very helpful lady and sent out her husbands book promptly. I observed the book being recommended by the Society of Wireless Pioneers.



I wasn't aware at the time that Brandon was a real first class Radio Pioneer and had achieved which was considered in that era as "Ultimate DX." He achieved working all continents from his home station in California. Brandon was the first "WAC" holder in 1926 and the first WAC was born but not released until 1930. The next year Hiram Percy Maxim (1AW) and the ARRL organized the first international DX party, the precursor of international DX contests.

AC6V makes note of this fine achievement of (6OI) in his chronicles of Amateur Radio History for 1926 on his Internet page. Brandon Wentworth is worth the short study. Scripted from astrosurf.com/luxorion

The final years of Brandy's life, the family moved to Mount Desert Island, Maine in 1980, began research on famous Naval radio station NBD and completing "The Famous Radio NBD" -