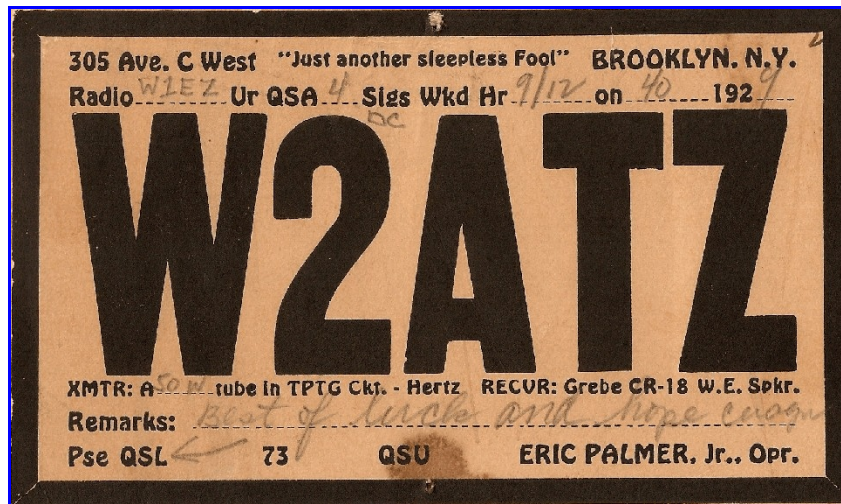


Eric H. Palmer Jr. W2ATZ-W2GRB-W2RD *1912-1986* - Remembering Eric Palmer, young radio operator and experimenter from Brooklyn, NY. A writer with his first book being "Riding the Airwaves." Born 1912 to Eric Sr., (broadcast executive) and Ethel Palmer of Brooklyn NY.



Eric's new found over zealous radio activity would cost him favor with his parents. Excerpted from an article by www.time.com October 1927 - "One Eric H. Palmer SR of Brooklyn, talked, tinkered with and wrote about radio for several years. He taught the subject to Eric Jr. Age 16, His "strong straight shouldered" son. He bought Eric Jr. a transmitting set; helped him get an operator's license

(2ATZ) from the Federal Radio Commission; Eric's dad rejoiced in Eric Jr's ambition to become "sparks on a steamship upon the high seas."

Last fortnight Eric Palmer Sr. Wrote a letter to the Federal Radio Commission about Eric Palmer Jr "I do not believe he has seen the sunlight in three months. He transmits all night and goes to sleep at 0600 and sleeps until 4 PM" Eric Jr had been dropped from two schools and grown sickly. Eric Palmer Sr. has forbidden his son to operate his transmitting set; had even crippled the set – to no avail, Jr continued to tinker and pine. Eric's father decided to request the Federal Radio Commission to suspend Eric Jr's operating license for 90 days.

Said Eric Palmer Jr. "This is a huge joke, father can't have my license revoked." But last week, to his mingled anger, awe and pride, to the horror of persons who view with alarm the increased supervision of private life by Federal authority and to the satisfaction of persons who like to think of the U.S. Government as "Uncle Sam" Eric Palmer Jr's license was suspended for 90 days by the Federal Radio Commission, whose chairman, Rear Admiral William Hannum Grubb Bullard, addressed Eric H. Palmer Jr. As follows;

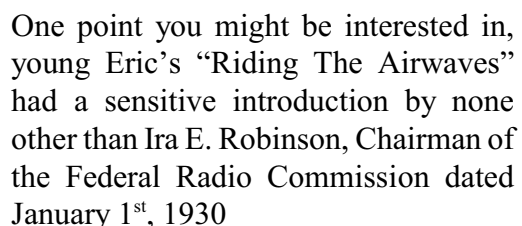
We well understand your keen interest in this most marvelous invention with its great possibilities. Those of us who were pioneers will soon be forced to turn the reins of radio over to you boys and we want you to be strong and healthy, as the burden will undeniably increase as new avenues for radio are opened up by you and your colleagues. "This is a marvelous field for the American boys and with enthusiasm as you have displayed should as a rule be commended rather than discouraged, but in order to develop into a big, strong, healthy boy you must have regular meals and your full quota of sleep."

Eric's first expedition into Brazil communications wise a success but funding did not materialize and was called off. Just two years later young Eric W2ATZ was a member of "The Nicholson Expedition." They set up a 50 watt transmitter and Grebe CR18 receiver in an underground chamber of Carlsbad Cavern, some 400 feet underground. The antenna was a voltage fed hertz, supported by a stalactite. He logged several broadcast stations, one being **W2XAF**, Schenectady some 2,400 miles away. W2XAF continued...

A man in a blue suit and headphones is seated at a radio broadcast console, operating a microphone. Behind him is a large call sign board filled with various call signs and frequencies, including 8SY, 2FG, 3AIV, 3A0Z, 2AFV, 4ACJ, W2ATZ, 9CCV, W6AX, W6AQ, W6CJ, W6DS, W6FQ, 7AJJ, 8RST6, and 8RN. The board also features a small television screen and a clock. The man is looking at the console, and the overall scene suggests a radio broadcast or recording session.

OBIT - Eric H. Palmer Jr, Born in Brooklyn NY - 6 January 1912, expiring August of 1986, the widower of Frances Miner Palmer. Their children Carol Dana and Warren Palmer, a brother Russell and sister Patricia Vigneau survive on Staten Island.

The story of young Eric Palmer lives on with his brush with poor judgement and defying his



*When Duty whispers low, "Thou must."
The youth replies, "I can!"*

Tony W2VRK advised your author
October of 2008. By 1934 W2ATZ Eric

Eventually Eric became W2RD QSL pictured above. Credit to W2VRK QSL collection and info updating Eric H. Palmer Jr. Any additional info in these stories are always welcome. W8SU 2008