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It has for some time been recognized that the wireless operator employed at a D/F station must be regarded as a specialist, and experience has shown the necessity for specialized training of those who are to undertake this work.

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