

Lone Girl Radio Operator Finds Life at Sea Thrilling

Mobile, Ala. (AP)—A San Francisco girl gave up plans to become a doctor in 1944 and is now the only woman radio operator in the U. S. merchant marine.

Her name is Miss Billie Adels. Her ship is the SS Gulf Banker, which plies the Caribbean sea.

In six years aboard foreign and American ships the shapely, flaxen-haired, girl has "been afloat and abroad seeing a lot of beautiful things in this beautiful world."

Sparky, as her fellow sailors call her, admits that being a woman before the most complicated things sometimes but she likes it.

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"If I am sent to a company to fill a vacancy," she said, "the manager is just as likely as not to turn me away, saying I'll have the ship in an uproar."

For that reason she turned down several radio operating jobs and recalled how she once was ordered off a ship when the captain learned Billie was not a man's name.

But Miss Adels said she has found these crusty masters are all

wrong about women. Captain G. H. Melcher of the SS Gulf Banker agrees with her, and so do the men she works with.

The captain praised Sparky and said "she's a darn good operator and attends to her work." Other ships' masters agree with him. The radiowoman carries letters of recommendation from all the ships she has sailed on, praising

her work and emphasizing her high moral character.

Officers and men of the SS Gulf Banker say "Sparky is just like a sister."

They report that she is treated like the men, and because she is a woman does not make for extra politeness, such as having someone hold her chair or open doors for her.

"That's the way it should be," said Sparky, "for I am just one of the crew." She has been aboard the SS Gulf Banker a year.

The merchant marine beauty gives her age as "under 30" and said the last thing she wants to do is trap a man.

"I am not engaged," she said, "and I don't want to settle down in a little cottage, because I like

radio too well."

But keeping regular radio watch aboard ship is not enough for Miss Adels.

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