WANTED

One highly qualified amateur operator to accompany the Gatti-Hallicrafters Expedition to the Mountains of the Moon in Africa

N the fall of 1947 the Hallicrafters L Company of Chicago will launch a spectacular, six months' radio-equipped expedition to the romantic Mountains of the Moon in the heart of Africa's Belgian Congo. The commander of the expedition is Attilio Gatti, famed author and explorer, veteran of ten previous African expeditions. Heart of the expedition will be mobile radio units similar to the famous SCR-299's and 399's developed by Hallicrafters during the war. The expedition will establish a base camp, 6500 feet up the slopes of the Ruwenzori Range, some 30 miles W.S.W. from Fort Portal. The camp will be centered around a stationary radio shack from which regular schedules will be kept with all parts of the world describing the progress of the expedition, the nature of its findings and all the other glamorous details surrounding this scientific safari. From the base camp the mobile radio units will travel in all directions as the explorers extend their investigations into all phases of the flora and fauna of the Mountains of the Moon. The expedition's helicopter will carry a Hallicrafters Skyfone. Marine transmitters will be installed in the expedition's floating craft. completing a land, sea and air radio network that will wring new secrets from the jungle and relay them to the world. Amateurs all over the globe, will be in regular contact with the expedition as it operates through the last three months of '47, the first three months of '48. Prefixes like OQ5 for the Belgian Congo, VQ5 for the Uganda Protectorate, VQ4 for Kenya Colony, VQ3 for Tanganyika territory and VO1 for the Zanzibar Protectorate will become more familiar than ever to the hams who know the thrills that come with successful long distance communications.

Since the central scientific core of the expedition is radio and radio experimentation and the main intent is to stimulate further international recognition of all amateur radio, the key figure, next to Commander Gatti, will be the amateur radio operator chosen to keep the expedition in touch with the outside world during its six months of operation. The Hallicrafters Co. is therefore inviting applications for this fascinating assignment from amateur radio operators in accordance with the terms of application and selection as set forth on the opposite page. This invitation is made exclusively in the pages of QST.





REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS... Conditions for application and acceptance

Licensed amateurs in the United States and Possessions are eligible to apply for assignment as official operator to accompany the Gatti-Hallierafters expedition to Africa.

All applications are to be made in writing to the Hallicrafters Co., 4401 West Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Letters must be limited to 250 words. Snapshot or suitable photo must accompany letter. Neatness and legibility of your letter will help your case but "fancy" entries or elaborate presentations will be discounted.

Your letter must state your qualifications for the job with specific reference to your radio experience. In addition you can state any added qualifications that might make you a saluable expedition assistant: flying, photography, etc. Qualifying candidate must be able to pass a physical examination.

All candidates must hold a Class "A" amateur ticket and the applicant finally selected must have or he able to qualify for (by June 20th) a second class commercial telegraph ticket and an ARRL code proficiency certificate.

For the applicant finally selected the Hallicrafters Co. will pay all expenses to and from his place of residence for the duration of the expedition, approximately six months. The Hallicrafters Co. will provide complete insurance coverage on

the life and health of the candidate selected and a moderate salary will be paid during the term of employment.

The applicant chosen will become part of a specialized corps of engineers, photographers, pilots and other technicians under the direction of Commander Gatti.

Applications for this assignment will be passed on by a Board of Review. Attilio Gatti, leader of the expedition, and W. J. Halligan, president of the Hallicrafters Company will serve on this board. F. E. Handy, Communications Manager of the ARRL, acting on behalf of the American amateurs who will be in radio contact with the expedition, has agreed to consult with the Board of Review when the successful applicant is being chosen.

Final selection will be made from a group of six applicants chosen by the Board of Review. The five finalists not selected for the assignment each receive a Model SX-42 communications receiver and matching speaker (net value more than \$300.00).

No letters of application will be returned and under no circumstances will the Board members enter into correspondence regarding your application or talk with you in person or on the phone concerning it. Decision of the Board will be final and announcement of the candidate selected will be made as soon as practical after the deadline, July 1st.

