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SAIPAN, M.I. (FEB 12)...Joint efforts of headquarters Saipan communication and transportation officials has brought a solution to the problem of communication between field trip ship and field trip parties operating ashore.

Portable transceivers, capable of transmitting and receiving up to 15 miles, are to be placed aboard all field trip ships for use by ship-board personnel and members of the field trip party. The units resemble the World War II 'walkie-talkie' but are much smaller and lighter.

First units have already been delivered to the "Four Winds" with distribution underway to the remaining field trip ships. The transceivers operate on a standard band and are fairly simple to operate.

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Field trip officers have often complained of a lack of communication between the ship and field party. Frequently a ship has been forced by weather conditions to leave an area before the party has returned.

Field tests of the new equipment has been carried out to the satisfaction of communication and transportation officials at Headquarters.