
RADIO AGAIN FOR AMATEURS

Frequency Bands 'Released'

Equipment taken "into custody," when at the outbreak of war some 5500 amateur radio station licences were withdrawn, is now being returned to the owners as quickly as possible. With the limited staff available it is expected to be a few weeks before the whole of it can be returned in some areas.

Certain bands of frequencies are allotted internationally for the use of amateurs, but these frequencies have been used during the war for military purposes and many of them cannot yet be released. The military authorities have, however, recently agreed to the use by amateurs of frequencies in the bands 28-29mc.s and 58.5-60mc.s.

The issue of licences will commence shortly, on payment of a charge which varies with the power to be used, to persons who held them before the war and have made application for fresh licences to make transmissions—(1) On frequencies in the band 28-29mc.s with power up to a maximum of 100 watts, or with a "non-radiating" aerial only, 25 watts; (2) on frequencies in the band 58.5-60mc.s with power up to a maximum of 25 watts.