

Which Station Was That?

MR. N. C. WINSTANLEY, Picton, heard a station working on about 35 metres last Sunday, November 18, closing down at about 9 p.m. Music and foreign speech was heard, with, apparently, a lady announcer. Static was bad; strength fair speaker.

Can anybody identify? I did not hear the station referred to, but suggest it may have been the first harmonic of RFM, which is often heard at quite good strength on 35 metres.

Mr. T. Pascoe, Auckland, inquires about a station on about 60 metres. Heard nearly every evening from 7.30 till 9.30 at good strength, clear and steady. He is certain it is not RFM or a Japanese. As this station is transmitting while 2YA is on the air, and is on the Wellington's stations 7th harmonic, it is impossible for me to hear it, living within two miles of 2YA. Perhaps a reader can oblige.

A new station is reported as operating at Toowoomba (Australia). The call is 4GR. On Friday from 8.45 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. this station transmits on 31.5 metres.

No Earth on Short-wave Work.

A short-wave writer in the English magazine, "Popular Wireless," says: "Naturally, I never use an earth at all nowadays for short-wave work. I find that the surest method of obviating hand-capacity troubles is to connect everything on the panel to L.T. negative, and to use only a short beat to the L.T. (A) battery, which should preferably stand on the table with the set. Once these few simple precautions, and others that are best learned by experience, have been taken, there will be no need to play with H.F. chokes, anti-capacity screens, extension handles, and all the gadgets which help to scare the average broadcast listener away from short waves."

The Dutch Stations.

MESSRS. PHILIPS, HOLLAND, are now operating the well-known short-wave station at Kootwijk. Holland, using the call PCLL. The Dutch State Telegraph Technical Department used to operate this station.

PCJJ, although scheduled to commence at 4 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday, has not gone on the air till 6 a.m. these mornings during the last two weeks.

General.

3LO, through 3ME, has been heard each evening this week since Tuesday

Round the World on Short Wave

Notes of special value to short-wave enthusiasts are contributed weekly to the "Radio Record" by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington. Observations from others are welcomed.

from 8 p.m. our time. Strength has been R8-9.

A Norwegian whaling fleet left Hobart recently for the Antarctic. While in the frozen south, the chief wireless operator (Mr. Olsen) will be carrying out tests in conjunction with 7ZL, Hobart, and rebroadcasts from the station will probably be heard in New Zealand and Australia.

The short-wave transmitter, working on 31.5 metres, is on the mother ship, the N.T. Neilsen Alonso. Concerts will be broadcast twice a week. There are some excellent vocalists and instrumentalists among the Norwegians, and their singing of the old Viking choruses and other Norse songs, sent out over the air from the Antarctic regions, will be a unique achievement.

Saturday, November 17.

THERE was no sign of 5SW till 7.30 a.m. this morning. Both 2XAD and KDKA were quite weak till about 3.30, when strength was about R5, after this they went off slightly.

PCJJ were not readable 5 p.m. except for odd words. Just before signing off at 7 p.m. volume reached R8.

A Jap. was heard just after 7 p.m. on about 28.5 metres.

Later in the evening RFM was excellent, with musical items. There was slight static. Volume was better than it has been for months, since they were on 60 metres. On their first harmonic, 35 metres, they were R8.

Sunday, November 18.

AT 9 a.m., 2XAD were describing a football match. They were only just strong enough to find out what was being broadcast, not enough to follow properly. 2XAF was spoilt during the afternoon by a persistent howler, who was spoiling his own reception as well as others. If this person would reduce the regeneration it will clear up the signals so that they are readable, instead of a lot of mush and squeals, and, which is more to the point, allow others a chance of enjoying the music. KDKA was interfered with by a beam station just above, and other Morse.

RFM was again very good, but static was rather troublesome.

Monday, November 19.

3LO from 7 a.m. was R8. Musical items, news and election results, were heard.

At 9.30 p.m. RFM was loud and steady. Static again was bad.

Tuesday, November 20.

5.15 a.m., 5SW testing with 2XAD. Gramophone records and talk. The former was RT8, rapid fading spoilt intelligibility. The American was about R2. They both closed down at 6 a.m. 7LO, Nairobi, R4. Fading, static, and morse spoilt reception.

Big Ben at 7 a.m. was R7. The talk following could not be understood on account of rapid fading. At 11 p.m. ANE, Java, at R8, was calling "Hullo, Amsterdam and Kootwijk." Very clear and steady. All talk was in Dutch. Orchestral items followed. Another Dutch station was heard at R8, probably PCLL. The call was not heard. It appeared to be a duplex telephony test. Plenty of "Hullo" and "Ya" was heard from each station.

3LO was transmitting on 32 metres a programme of old-time songs and dances, calling 3LO, Melbourne, and 5CL, Adelaide. Greetings were sent to various places, including Kelburn, Wellington.

Wednesday, November 21.

AT 5.30 a.m., 7LO, Nairobi, though weak, was, for a wonder, free of morse interference and very little static.

PCJJ commenced at 6 a.m. with the Dutch National Anthem, followed by a long foreign announcement. Strength was R7-8 at first, decreasing.

5SW was tuned-in at 7.30 a.m., when orchestral music was heard at R5. Rapid fading was bad. From 8 p.m. 3LO were on at R7-8—not so strong as usual. Volume increased later.

Thursday, November 22.

5.45 a.m., 7LO, Nairobi, R2. Slight static. Not any morse interference.

The first few times this African station was heard, signals, though stronger, were spoilt by morse. Now the morse is not so troublesome; signals are much weaker.

PCLL was quite good at R5-6, with records. 6.15 a.m., on about 24.5 to 25 metres, our old friend "Allo, Su Japanese," but instead of it being that, it has resolved into "Ici Paris," pronounced "e c Paree," so it is probably FFW. St. Assise, on 25 metres. It was all talk, with "Allo, allo, ici Paris" at frequent intervals. Strength R7 when first heard, weaker later on.

5SW, when giving their call, etc., just before 7 a.m., were quite readable at R5, but were very poor on "going over" to London.

From 8 p.m. 3LO was very clear and steady at R9.

Friday, November 23.

AT 5.30 a.m., 5SW, at R7, and 2XAD at R2, were carrying out a duplex telephony test.

PCJJ commenced at 6 a.m., strength R8.

2ME was tuned-in about 6 a.m., when they were signing off after having carried out a test with PCLL. Strength R9—very clear and steady. The Dutch station was not heard.

2XG, Rocky Point, New York, on about 28.5 metres, was heard at 7 a.m. with his usual "Write down pinare." etc. It is some months since I heard this station with their word tests.

3LO at R9 commenced at 8 p.m. A strong generator hum was noticed.

At 9.45 "Allo, allo, ici Paris" was heard at R8, very clear and steady. All French talk.

RFM, good strength, spoilt by static. ANE, R7-8, band music. Later were calling 2ME, Sydney.

2ME calling ANE, Java, R9.

5SW was late in starting. At 12.33 a.m. the announcer apologised for the delay. Organ recital from London, R8, very good.

Another Report.

Mr. J. D. O'Loughlin (Masterton) writes:—On Friday, November 16, at 7.25 p.m., 2XG, Rocky Point, New York, was heard for the first time for some months. He came in well through morse and static, at R7. He was on one of his usual word tests, giving a string of words preceded by a request to "write down." He then said, "This concludes list No. 301." He gave his call and then called JJB, ending up by saying, "Listen for the siren call." A loud wailing screech was heard for two minutes, then W2XG, in morse, and he closed down. This was on about 27.6 metres. Five minutes later he was heard starting up again on about 37 metres. He went through the same procedure and closed down within a few minutes. Modulation and volume were good, but static was bad.

On Saturday, November 17, at 12 p.m., the Jap. was coming in good. He was quite audible all over the house. JOAK was heard several times, so it was probably JHBB relaying them. He closed down at 12.45 p.m.

On Monday a station was heard in the evening, on 29 metres. His call sounded like "RFN, Moscow." Piano solos and operatic selections were heard.

Amateurs heard were 2AO, 3CM, 2BO, 2AK, 2AB, 2GA, 3AZ, 2GH, 1BI, 3CF, 1AJ, and OA, 2HC, 3AM, 6AG, 2CS, and 3CF.

A New Short Wave Transmitter

WE are advised that Messrs. Philips Glowlampworks are putting a new short wave low power transmitter on the air—call sign PBF5, wavelength 41.3 meters, power 30 watts telegraphy.

The first transmission from this station will be on November 24, 1928, from 4 a.m. till 7 a.m. Greenwich time, and again on November 27, 1928, at 8 p.m. till 12 p.m., Greenwich time.

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