

On Short-Wave

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Monday, February 18.

7.15 a.m.: 3LO Melbourne, 31.6 metres, was heard, but much weaker than usual, about R6 to 7. KDKA was heard in the afternoon, but was much weaker than Sunday. He closed down at 3.30 p.m. New Zealand time. 3.30: A station was heard on 23 metres, but was too weak to get call, probably KGO again. 6.30 p.m.: DOR Germany talking, wonderful strength, R9. 7 to 15 p.m.: W2XG on word test, operating on two wavelengths, 26 and 42 metres; R8. 8.15 p.m.: PHI Holland, transmitting music same as usual, very few announcements; strength R7 to 8; strength increasing as time went on. Throughout transmission he was making carrier wave adjustments.

Tuesday, February 19.

6.30 a.m.: A carrier wave was heard on 31 metres, but listened for ten minutes, but nothing was heard. 7 a.m.: 5SW, after Big Ben struck the hour, some announcements were made, but I failed to get what was said; strength R6 to 7.

I did not listen-in during the evening.

Wednesday, February 20.

1.45 p.m. the carrier wave of KDKA was just audible. I did not listen again till nearly 4 p.m., when I heard him giving the weather report. He closed down at 4.10 p.m.; strength R7.

4.15 p.m.: W2XAF was heard about R7. An announcement was made something about being linked up with Montreal. Afterwards music could be heard, but there was a deal of noise, but after coming back to WGY studio he was quite distinct. At 5 p.m. he stated that they would now carry out 30 minutes' television test, and mentioned these tests were carried out Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays for 30 minutes. He closed down at 12.37 E.S.T.

4.20 p.m.: A station was heard just below W2XAF, but strength was not too good, and also it was fading. He turned out to be 4XD, Nashville, Tennessee. On account of strength and fading he was not heard very well. By the latest list of SW stations in "Radio News" he is listed with a wavelength above 2XAF, so probably yesterday's transmission was a test.

7 p.m.: DHC, Germany, was heard to open up and call VK2ME. The best English spoken from this station was this night by a woman, she being, as stated, an operator from one of the exchanges in Berlin. She mentioned in her conversation with 2ME that the exchange where she was employed was worked solely by women. Strength from both stations was good; R9. Before VK2ME closed down he stated he would be on the air again at 10.30 p.m.

to carry out another test: he did not say who with.

11 p.m.: Station on 83 metres, who turned out to be 4BC, Dunedin; strength was R8 to 9; modulation good at times, but fading a little. He asked for reports and to send them to address 506 George Street, Dunedin.

11.15 p.m.: Just before closing down ANE was heard playing records; strength R7 to 8.

Thursday, February 1.

7.15 p.m.: DHC, Nauen, Germany, was carrying out another duplex telephony test with VK2ME, Sydney. Strength from DHC was wonderful, just like listening to our local station; R9. 2ME was quite good—R7 to 8—but lately 2ME has been making tests with different power and at times their signal strength varies. 8.30 p.m.: RFM, Russia, was at R7 to 8. 9 p.m.: JHBB, Japan, was heard on 30 metres at R7.

Friday, February 22.

I was up a little early this morning to see how PCJ, Holland, was coming in and at 6.15 a.m. he was about R5 to 6, but later on he increased to R7 to 8 and was heard calling India.

Notes from Southland

W.G.L. (Southland) sends his log for the week, the additions to Mr. Morrison's being:

Saturday, 16th: I tuned in to PCJ, Holland, who at 7.30 a.m. was broadcasting gramophone numbers; strength was then R7, and rather unsteady.

Sunday, 17th: WGY was again on the air. At 2 p.m. I tuned in to him and only the carrier was audible. At 3 p.m. he was R2, and at 4 p.m. was R7. I listened till 4.30 a.m. Somebody was on the air at about 32 metres; it was evidently a foreign station, as a man was speaking broken English. All I could understand him to say at first was "Hello," "Hello," "Hello," and counted up to 20 twice, and repeated "Hello" again, then counted 10. I closed down for a while, after which I tuned him in again; he was not understandable this time, but slightly louder. He would speak a few words, and then there would follow a long space. He was just above WGY or 2XAF's wavelength, his strength was quite good, about R2, but neither readable nor very clear. RF Mat., 8.30 p.m., was R2.

Tuesday, February 18th: RFM was R4, the best I have heard for over a week on account of rough weather.

Wednesday, 19th: At 11.30 p.m., 2ME Sydney was testing with PLE, Java, strength R7.

Thursday, 20th: At 8.15 p.m. 2ME, Sydney, was testing with DGW, South America. I heard 2ME say the American was testing on 26 point something metres. I couldn't hear the rest because of fading. I tried to get the American but could not. Strength for Sydney was R8, with fading. RFM was R3 and very poor.

THE D.X. CLUB**Views and News.****KFSD (San Diego).**

I THINK the station "San Diego calling" which "Grid Leak" heard is KFSD. I heard this station on February 2, just before they closed down at 6 minutes past 12, P.S.T. The announcer said that the station broadcast on a frequency of 600 kilos., which is approximately 500 metres.

I have heard a station on about 260 metres several times. The call sounds like KCJJ, California, but I can't find this on any list of stations which I have seen. They were broadcasting a mixed programme up till 8 o'clock, on Sunday, February 17, and after that it was somebody's dance hour.

From January 1 to February 13 I have heard the following stations:—KMOX, WENR, KWKH, KNX, KFOX, KJR, KHJ, KFRC, WLW, KEJK, KEX, KFKB, WMAQ, KGO, CNRV, KFWB, KTM, and WHER. KTM, on 780 kilos., will be the same as KZM, which Mr. Blucher reported, on 336 metres. Several weeks ago "Neutrodyne" said that WHER was WART, but I should be receiving a card soon, when I will be able to give more particulars.

Is there a place Talahassee in U.S.A.? I heard a station on 220-230 metres last week, and that was all I was able to hear.—"KAUSPANKA" (Hastings).

[No trace can be found of a place "Talahassee," with a broadcast station. Was it "Tennessee?"]

Notes Concerning the Americans.

I AM operating a six-valve factory-made set, under somewhat difficult conditions, with a poor aerial, some ten miles from Te Awamutu, in hilly country, but my results have been remarkably good. After some 15 years' service, including a considerable period as instructor to the British Army, I can say that I have never known such results. My log for January 31-February 3 is as follows: KGO, Oakland, California (254)—Splendid volume. (Comes in every evening).

KEX Portland, Oregon (254)—As loud at KGO, but fades more.

KWKH Shreveport, Louisiana (353)—More volume still.

KMRV Vancouver, B.C. (3 points lower than 3YA)—Did not know there was a station there, and was surprised when he said "Station KMRV Vancouver, B.C., Stand by for the time signal: Standard Pacific time being now 1½ minutes to 12 o'clock midnight."

KFON, KFOX Long Beach, California (approximately 235 metres)—Fair, fades badly.

KMOX St. Louis, Montana (275)—A great station. The announcer is a trick, very cheery. Had received a telegram from Winnipeg, re the programme. Hoped the naval boys in the Gulf were listening. Then went over to dance hall, where clapping, talking, etc., were quite audible.

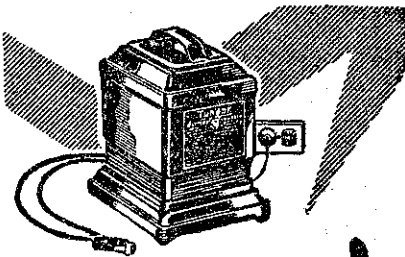
KSL Salt Lake City, Utah—A splendid station.

JOGK (comes in on KGO's wavelength), Japan—Good steady volume. An unknown American on practically the same length interferes.

KHJ (333); KNX (286).

All these stations heard on Thursday, January 31, Saturday, February 2, and Sunday, February 3, and their call signs checked by another. Volume from all was sufficient to be comfortably heard in this average-sized room, although yet only early in February.

Monday, February 4, 1929, 7.45 p.m.—Just logged WENR, Chicago (345). Baritone singing "When You Come to the End of the Day." Four other stations heard, not yet identified.—H.P.G. (Te Awamutu.)



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