

Short-Wave Notes

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any reply. At 9.32 p.m. the news was given that the Zepp. passed over Beaufort, 100 miles east of Pittsburgh at eight minutes past 4 a.m. Again later the flyers were reported as 100 miles west of New York at 5.42 a.m. Until this time the station was "standing by" in between these items. Music from the roof of the De Witzler Hotel, New York City, was then broadcast, while waiting for the arrival of the giant airship. At 10.30 p.m. the first was heard of the flyer being sighted, the various movements were then described. 10.35 p.m. saw the airship "directly over the harbour." "A weird and wonderful sight in the morning sunshine." Later it was making for and encircling the Statue of Liberty, disappearing in the morning haze, making for Lakehurst, New Jersey. It was lost sight of in New York at 10.40 p.m. More music was heard from New York till word was received from Lakehurst that the Zepp. was sighted there at 11.25 p.m.

Howlers were so bad at this time on KDKA that I tried 2XAD, and found them readable, but not so loud as the Pittsburgh station. The announcer said, "She looks gorgeous up there." After describing how the ship was getting closer to the ground, at 11.38 p.m., the first lines were thrown out from the bow of the ship, and at 11.43 p.m. the announcer said, "The Graf Zeppelin touches the ground, after encircling the globe in 21 days and 5 hours."

KZRM were R8 with a musical programme.

CJA, Drummondville, Canada, were calling 2ME, Sydney, at 10.15 p.m. Later, another voice said, "Hullo, Sydney, Montreal calling." Strength R8, quite clear. RFM, R9, with an orchestra, 5SW at 11.30 p.m., were R2-3, and very unsteady.

Friday, August 30.

PCJ was very good at R8 till 7.30 a.m. 2ME and GBX were chatting as usual. The German was on at the same time as PCJ, and was quite a lot stronger than the Dutch station; it was only just possible to separate the two, about two degrees apart. 5SW was also good strength, but not a patch on either the Dutch or German stations for clarity. During the evening GBX, 2ME, and KZRM were received at good strength.

P.S.—The latest Yankee classic (?) has just been heard from New York. It is called "Shoo, Shoo, Buggy, Buggy Boo."

KZRM, Manila.

IN reply to your correspondent, "Puzzled," Wellington, re station whose call sounds like KCRM. This is undoubtedly KZRM, Manila, Philippines, as the announcer pronounces Z "seed." This is on 49 metres. I always read the "Record" from the back page forwards. I hope Mr. Sellens has recovered from his accident. I look forward to his notes, as I get something definite from them to work on when searching for stations which I have not heard before.—A. R. Cranston (Auckland).

Logging GBH.

I WONDER if any short-waver managed to log GBH, England, at 7.15 on Friday night, last. I received him on a wavelength of 27 metres, as near as I could judge. He was reading for VK, 2ME, Sydney. He came in at R. 7 to 8; speech 100 per cent, readable. Could anyone tell me—and others—where to get logging cards and how to send in reports to be verified? Would you be able to put this information in your Short Wave Notes? I'm sure many readers would like to know this. Also, may I say how I look forward to those notes which help we beginners very much? —"A New Chum" (Timaru).

GBH and 2ME.

A SHORT time ago I noticed in Mr. Sellens's notes that 2ME was testing with GBH. The call-book gives GBH as a Grimsby beam station and until this afternoon I also thought this correct, but I heard Sydney telling Suva that the station he is working is GBX, a new station at Rugby, operating on 27.86 metres, from 4 to 7 a.m. and p.m., Sydney time; 0600 and 1800 hrs. G.M.T. Will you please publish the wavelength of CJA, Drummondville?—"Zealandia" (Huntly).

Diagram Correction

Inductance Coil Design

IN "Radio Record" dated August 23 there appeared on page 30 a diagram, but the explanatory matter relating to curves "A," "B," "C" was transposed. It appears below in corrected form. Readers are advised to cut out the corrected lines and paste them over those appearing previously. Top.—A 200 mh. coil tuned with .0005 mfd. condenser. Centre.—A 280 mh. coil tuned with .00035 mfd. condenser. Lower.—A 340 mh. coil tuned with .00025 mfd. condenser.

"A" denoting a 3-inch former; "B", 2.5; "C", 2.

Landing of Graf Zeppelin

MR. ROBT. WHITE, of Takapuna, sends an account of the landing of the Graf Zeppelin at Los Angeles on August 26, which he received on short wave from station KDKA relaying KFI (Los Angeles).

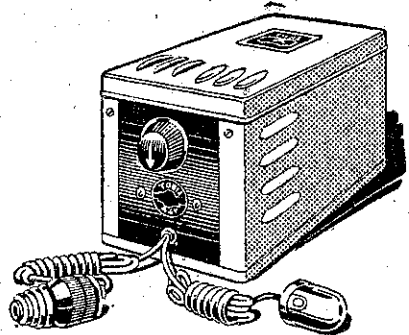
10.55 p.m. (N.Z.): Just after 3 a.m. Pacific S.T. Jennings Pierce announcer gives account of flight of Zeppelin until it circled Los Angeles earlier in the evening. Music from studios KDKA and KFI in interval of waiting. 11.25: Announcer gave an account of Pacific flight of the Southern Cross, 11.30 p.m. (N.Z.) he related the man-and mentioned Warner and Lyon reception in California on their return. oeuvres of the 315 men of the Air Force, who will take up positions to assist in mooring the Graf. 11.40 to 12 midnight, musical items. 12.8 a.m. Tuesday: Announcer said it was just getting light now and described the surrounding ground and remarked on shadows due to atmosphere, and that the (local) baby Zepp "Volunteer" was circling the flying ground (engine heard quite distinctly). The reception committee now are waiting at the reception mast. Zeppelin is now seen coming. Listeners are told about a black cat that came from Germany and walked ashore in Tokyo (Japan) from the Graf while there. Jennings Pierce announcer said "Dawn has arrived," and described the landing ground, a square mile in extent, the crowd, cars, etc., waiting, and gave a resume of account by Lieutenant B. W. Thomson, who earlier in the day

first sighted Zepp over the ocean from his aeroplane. Police were keeping the crowd back from the landing ground. More music from KFI studio. 12.22 a.m.: Graf Zeppelin then over airport and motors heard running. Announcer said that there was a slight haze rising off fields, and that he could count five gondolas towards stern of airship. Whistles and sirens were going strongly. The Zeppelin then circled very slowly over Los Angeles. Everyone was watching tensely and dozens of aircraft were getting ready to go aloft for their day's work. The baby Zepp "Volunteer" still circled and led her big brother. The landing crew then took stations. There was not a single breath of air. 12.33 a.m. (N.Z. time): The nose of the big Zeppelin now pointed towards the mooring mast a mile away. A traffic officer kept the crowd clear.

"We can read the name painted in red letters on her sides," said the announcer. "Slowly this leviathan of the air is nosing down. She is now 200 feet up in the air. Time 5.11 a.m. Pacific S.T. It could not be a more perfect day for a landing, and she is quarter of a mile from the mast." 12.46 a.m. (N.Z.); "Men are now all around the ship, and she is throwing out ropes. Great excitement and noise among the assembled people." The reception now became difficult, and I gave it up.

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