

Replies.

INTERESTED (Westport): You heard a Japanese—probably JOAK, but see notes by "Switch."

"A. K." (Nelson): Probably KHJ (Los Angeles) and 2GB, but details of this latter too vague for reliable identification.

R. T.S. (Lyttelton): There are several stations broadcasting the landing of the Graf Zeppelin, so without approximate frequency or dial-reading we cannot help you.

The Record Log.

LISTENERS will remember in my notes to the "Record" I mentioned Miss Miller's log, which to date, June 16, 1929 was 503, and another writer has placed it less, but my information was gained through listening to short-wave station 2XAD, Schenectady, New York, on June 16, 1929. A message was read from Miss Jamie Miller, to Commander Byrd, the announcer stating that the number of stations heard by Miss Miller to date on her one-valve receiver was 503, including two Australian. Miss Miller has been an invalid for 21 years. I hope in the near future for those interested in DX reception, to have Miss Miller's log to date for publication.—A. P. Morrison.

Was it 2GB?

WITH the "Crystal and Valve" with 3-valve performances, and have logged 3YA, 2YA, 2FC (nearly every night after 2YA closes down), 3AR. Last night I heard some station just below 3YA, 10.30 p.m. (N.Z. time). Orchestral, "In a Clock Store," followed by two or three more orchestral pieces and a song, 11.0 p.m., tenor solo, "Ben Bolt." Followed by soprano solo, "Home Sweet Home," and a fox-trot, "Old Man Sunshine." Can anyone identify?—K. Dixon (Kelburn).

DX Competition.

AFTER a bad spell of static, conditions seem to be improving. I have added several stations to my log lately. KOA, Colorado, 830 kilocycles (good speaker); WOC, Iowa, 1000 kilocycles (good speaker); 4ZB, Dunedin; WIXG, Hartford, Connecticut, 1606 kilocycles (full speaker); KTHS, Arkansas, 1040 kilocycles (full speaker). I logged WIXG last night, 27th, testing out their new 50 k.w. station. The announcer said that the high-frequency current was finding its way into the shielded control room, and causing poor modulation. The gramophone records were quite good, but speech was rough. I think the strength of this station is enough to reach well over Australia. This station is about 50 miles north-east of New York. Could you please tell me how far this is from here?

With the exception of 2ZQ, 2ZK, ZL2XS, and JOAK, all my receptions are American. I have now 22 from U.S.A., and about ten more to come. My log now totals 80 stations, on a home-made set, with ordinary triode valves, and all my American stations have been logged this year.—KAUSPANKA (Hawke's Bay).

(Kauspanka has now the greatest log of verified stations. Mr. Ellis is second with 60. WIXG is about 8000 miles distant.—Ed.)

An American to Identify.

HAVE any of the Americans changed their frequency? On Sunday night last we logged a station which we plainly heard announced as KPO, San Francisco, three times, 380 metres. In

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"Listeners' Guide" it is given as 441. We also heard Los Angeles last night on 368 metres, but did not get the call letters, although could hear quite plainly what the announcer was saying.

We heard a foreign station announcer saying what we thought sounded like they were testing and were sending out on 7 kilowatts, but his voice was husky, and could not get the letters, of which there were four. We got him on 31½ or about 295 metres. He played "Carolina Moon" about five minutes past seven. It is not 2KY, Sydney.

Does a wave trap tend to lessen the strength of signals?—Puzzled (Master-ton).

[A wave trap very slightly weakens the signals. American stations change their frequency quite frequently.—Ed.]

Another American.

CAN any reader give me the call sign and location of a station I heard a few degrees above 3AR on Wednesday night, August 28, playing the record "Carolina Moon" at 9.30 p.m.? I was unable to get the call sign on account of continual Morse transmission. I succeeded in bringing in 3UZ, Melbourne on 319 metres last Tuesday night on two valves at good phone strength. Has any other listener noticed that just lately a Jap, whose call sign I do not know, has been putting a whine into 4QG, Brisbane's transmission, and has any other DX listener been able to log 5CL, Adelaide, on two valves, with any strength? I am finding it hard to separate 5CL and 2YA, and am wondering if any other listener has had a similar experience.—N. D. Campbell (Auckland).

Jap. Stations.

THE Americans are slowly gaining in power now, and with the advent of so many high-powered sets, listeners in good localities should be able to compile a good log this coming season. Generally speaking, reception from most New Zealand and Australian stations has been good the last few months. The main Australians have come through with ample volume on most nights, and static has been very mild; in fact, we have had very little. Monday, the 26th, was a gala occasion in California (25th in Calif.). Quite a number of stations were working overtime and stayed on the air to relay the landing of the Graf Zeppelin. At 7.30 p.m. (N.Z. time) I heard KHJ announce that the Graf had been sighted about 50 miles away, and they were expecting her to arrive at any time. Being called away just then, I did not hear any more until 11.30 p.m., and to my surprise the station was still going strong. So also were KFVB and two others on KSL and KMC's wave-lengths. They were all relaying from the hangar ground. The Hollywood station was strongest with KHJ a good second. The

Graf Zeppelin.

AT 6.45 p.m. on Monday, August 26, I picked up KHT broadcasting organ music and reporting the arrival of the Graf Zeppelin. I held it till 8 p.m., when 1YA, just above, started up. After 10 p.m. I had it again with description of arrival of Zeppelin. It was still going after 11 p.m., when I left it.

Can anyone identify the following station? At 9.55 p.m., August 26 (N.Z. time), an orchestral piece, "The Vagabond Lover." Later a man said, "We'll hear the 'Blue Boy' again." 10.16: Spoke of Graf Zeppelin giving places it had passed on its journey round world. And then something about "returning to our Los Angeles studio." This was followed by studio items (vocal and orchestral), with reports of Zeppelin intermittently given. About 11 p.m. there was a long talk about Zepp. The time was then stated to be "something after 3 o'clock Pacific Coast time." I missed the call letters, but heard the words "National Broadcast Company." The station came in just above 3LO, so it must have been about 375 metres wavelength.—Inery (Te Awamutu).

Quick Work.

I DESIRE to thank all those who answered my query as to whom the American station transmitting the description of the St. Louis Robin flight was. I have since verified that station as KMOX, St. Louis.

We have only had our 7-valve electric receiver for a month and a half, and so far I have heard and verified 41 stations, all on the loudspeaker. Seven of them are Americans, all of which I picked up since I last wrote. Keep up the DX notes. They are great, and I am sure everyone looks forward to reading them.—"Beginner" (Hastings).

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