

THE D.X. CLUB

Views and News.

Identification Wanted

AT 1 a.m. on November 23 I heard two foreign stations, one on about 420 metres (715 k.c.) and the other on about 430 metres (695 k.c.). Would this be one station testing or two conversing, as they were never on the air together?

About 8.50 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, on tuning in on 2ZQ's wavelength—254 metres (1180 k.c.)—I heard the announcement "Station CEN. broadcasting direct from Brunswick Buildings, New York." Is there such a station, or would it be a record from 2ZQ? An unmistakably American voice announced that the next item would be an impression of an evening at home with the radio. At 8.45 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, I heard a station testing round about 200 metres (1500 k.c.). Can any listener-in identify these stations?—"New Chum" (Morrinsville).

COULD anyone give me the address of an amateur transmitting station in Australia? Call sign 3YX, Victoria. Station heard on approximately 75 metres one night recently.—A. P. Morrison (Wellington).

(V.K., 3YX—B. Hardie, "Meelaan." Missouri Avenue, Garden Vale, Victoria.—Ed.)

WHAT station was it on top of Wellington on Monday, November 25, at 8.30 p.m. approximately? Heard the announcer giving out two items, "When You and I were Young, Maggie," and a violin solo, both of which came through very distinct and at about the same strength as 2YA, which came in very strongly.—J. D. McMillan (Rotomah).

ON Monday night, November 25, at 10.10 p.m., frequency about that of 3ZC, a station transmitting "Desert Song," "Ever So Goosey," "Golden Gate." They closed down at 11 p.m.—K.A.D. (Wellington).

COULD any listener give me some information regarding a short-wave station transmitting on 33 metres on November 18, at about 6.20 a.m.? A march was played by a band.—J. Mason (Dunedin).

I WISH to report reception of a station heard November 20, at 9 p.m. I listened to this station for a solid hour trying to locate this stranger who was broadcasting dance music with talk, asking how the station was coming through to some listener. The station was between 3LO and KGO's frequency, with heavy fading. It must be some Australian or else New Zealand station testing. Could any listeners help me in these columns to locate this stranger.—S. Ellis (Opato.)

Stations Identified

"GRID" (North Otago), asks for the identification of a station on a frequency of approximately 1670 k.c. "I also heard a station rebroadcasting the Armistice Day celebrations on about 180 metres (1670 k.c.). I again picked up this station at a later date and found it was a harmonic of 2YA, Wellington. Perhaps this accounts for the seemingly low power of 2YA, as I believe a harmonic affects the power of a station.—"Grebe" (Waverley).

[This station cannot be 2YA, as the latter's nearest harmonic is 1440 k.c. (205 metres).—Ed.]

DX Topics

IN regard to station WLW, Cincinnati, I think Mr. Gowland cannot claim priority for the reception of this station as I find on examining my log book that I first heard this station on June 26, 1927. This transmission was specially for New Zealand, and the station was then operating on 422 metres, power 5 k.w. The programme was also rebroadcast by 1YA, Auckland, but my reception was direct from the station. What I regard as being a New Zealand record for distance reception on the broadcast band I made on Sunday morning, November 24, at 2.30 a.m. I had been listening to two New Zealand amateurs testing till a very late hour in the morning. After a little searching on the shorter wavelengths I thought I would try the broadcast band. At about 29 metres (4030 k.c.) I heard music at about strength R4. A little adjustment and signals were received at good 'phone strength. An announcement was made in a foreign language, but I could not distinguish the station call. After listening to musical items for some time further announcements were made which to me seemed to be in three languages, the last in broken English. The call was heard as Valenci Radio Corporation, Madrid, and what sounded to me like "Don Sabina, operator." Then the station call was given as EAJ19. Much more was said, but only a word here and there could be understood.

The station was listened to for three-quarters of an hour, when it gradually faded out until the carrier was just audible. The distance from New Zealand to Spain is approximately 11,000 miles. This was perhaps a freak reception because to span that distance on the broadcast band is something out of the ordinary. For this reception I was using a three-valve receiver. I am sending for verification.—A. P. Morrison (Wellington).

An Appreciation

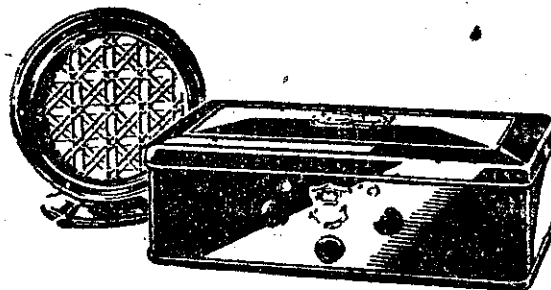
A MARLBOROUGH correspondent writes:—"According to letters in the 'Radio Record' there seem to be people who think that because they have bought a 30/- crystal set they are entitled to criticise the programmes and the announcer, and even

dictate the policy of the Radio Broadcasting Company. This may serve as an antidote. Our set has received 16 American stations, and of course we get New Zealand and Australian stuff fairly well. But the reception is so good and the programmes also—we find the forecast for sheepfarmers and the reports so excellent from Wellington that we rarely bother about anything else."

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