

at good volume, although static made their call signs hard to catch. My only new loggings this week are 3XY, 7BU, ZL1FL, VK3CR and a Japanese station on approximately 190 metres, heard on Monday, September 23, between 1 and 2 a.m. I think this station was YDB6; has any other dxer heard this station? The French station on 600 k.c. has been heard at good volume lately.—164A (Morrinsville).

Rennes to Increase Power.

DXERS have certainly rallied to "Digger's" SOS, and last week's efforts showed that there are still keen dxers in the club. One thing I would like to mention is the way some writers mix their shortwave loggings with their broadcast ones. This can be very misleading, especially in the case of VK's, and makes a broadcast dxer think he has been sleeping at the dial when he sees a number of strange VK calls among the ones he knows operate on 200 metres. VK's logged on shortwave should be kept separate or else their wavelengths put beside them.

American reception has been fair, and the following have been logged at good strength: WBBN, WGN, WHAS, WBNS, WOKO, KFVD, KLR, KERN, KRE, KVOB and WBA.

KLR can be heard nearly every night, closing at 7.30 p.m.

VK's are not as good as they were last year at this time and very few new ones have been logged. The only ones reported to lately are 3XL, 3XI, 2KD and 3AC. Other new loggings are 3XY, 4IP, 4AK, 2KA, FFZ, JOCG, JOOK, JOJE, Hamburg, Lyons, Kosice, Munich and Pecs.

Verifications are to hand from KMT, KPRC, KRE, WOR, KDKA, KFAC, WREN, JOBK, JONK, JFBK, XHHG, XQHC, ZBW, VK's 3FL, 4GG, 7JB, 5NR, Königsberg, Rennes, and LR3.

In my letter from Rennes they state that they are increasing power from 40 k.w. to 120 k.w.—92S. (Invercargill).

Seven Reports—and No Replies!

CONDITIONS have been very poor in my locality lately, and American stations are right out of the question. I think this year is the worst I have ever experienced since I started dxing. Stations which were heard with ease last year can be heard only faintly this year. However, the radio inspector has settled a lot of the QRM lately, so I am hoping to log a few VK's now.

Reports are out to VK3DX, VK3FL and VK3TM, and two of the new "Ausies," namely, 3XY and 4AY. Verifications have been received from WOR (after seven months), JOOK (after two months), VK3TM and VK3FL. I have sent seven reports to 3WR, Shepparton, and so far have not received an answer. I have sent four reports to VK2ZO, and they also have not replied. Replies are overdue from VK's 3PY, 7CW, 4NW, 7DR, 4GM, 2LW, 3BK, 3KW, 3AY, 2AY and 3GY, and KSCJ, KFRC, KMMJ, KGRS, XEBC, XEAW, XELO, XGOD (two reports), XHHX, XHHH, XHHV, XHHG, XHHB, XHHJ, XMHC, XMHB, JOBK, Nos. 1 and 2, JFAK, JFBK, JONK, JOLK, JOJE, Prague, Lwow, Katowice, Kharkov, Hamburg, Munich, Odessa, Toulouse, Budapest, Funkstunde and VUC. Half-hour to one hour reports were sent to Chinese stations, and one hour reports to the Europeans, and return postage was enclosed with all reports.—186W (Wellington).

VK's and Their Frequencies.

To my mind, dxing for VK's is easily as interesting as hunting for Europeans or Americans, and they make real DX, inasmuch as we have very little information as to their frequencies. In this respect, one particular failing among members writing in, is that they omit to give the frequencies of the VK's they have logged, and do not state whether they are shortwave VK's or VK's operating on the broadcast band. This is very misleading, except to those dxers who are extremely well acquainted with the VK's

and their frequencies, and results in dxers trying to log VK's on the broadcast band which are really on shortwave.

Some VK's I have heard recently are 4RJ (1270 k.c.), 3CR (1430 k.c.), 3FW (1225 k.c.), 8TM (1563 k.c.), 3OY (1450 k.c.), 4QL (1470 k.c.), 3FL (1290 k.c.), 2ZO (1330 k.c.), 2XF (1260 k.c.), 3KE (1360 k.c.), 2XL (1400 k.c.) and 3BY (1114 k.c.).—J.P.C. (Palmerston North).

Details of HSP1.

CONDITIONS have been fair in this district lately, and I have managed to log a few new stations. Dxers are advised to try for the early-morning U.S.A. stations, as they are starting to come in well now. WIBW, on 580 k.c., is heard from 11 p.m.; WNAX, on 570 k.c., is heard at midnight; KFRC, on 610 k.c., opens at 1.30 a.m.; and I have also heard stations on 1400 k.c. and 550 k.c. opening up at midnight.

Some VK's heard recently include 4JJ, 4EA, 4GG, 4RJ, 3PY, 3SL, 3FW, 3OY, 2ZO, 7JW and 4JN.

Verifications to hand recently are from VK's 2HC, 2ZX, 3DH, 3SL, 3DX (second), KELW, JOBK, Nos. 1 and 2, and HSP1.

Details of HSP1 are: Wavelength 350 metres, frequency 857 k.c., power 2.5 k.w., aerial twin inverted "L". They use Heising modulation and the valves used are 1/50, MB2/200, MA4/600K, 12/10,000K, MA12/15,000. The station is owned by the Post and Telegraph Department, and transmits daily except Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 to 15.00 G.M.T. They transmit mostly Siamese music, though European orchestral numbers are broadcast at 14.00 G.M.T. on Fridays.—4H.Q. (Waipukurau).

VK's on the Broadcast Band.

VK7RC (248 m.), power 6 watts, is on the air on Sundays from 10.30 p.m. E.A.S.T. His address is Wynyard, Tasmania. VK3LN (1400 k.c.) will be on the air again in November. VK's 5DX and 5BY will not verify reports.

The following is a list of VK's at present operating on the broadcast band: 5SU, 5LR, 5BY, 5RP, 5MD, 5WS, 5KH, 5DX, 5WH, 5ML, 5DR, 5AT, 5MW, 5RI, 5SL, 5JC, 5DC, 5WJ, 5WG, 5NR and 5RM.

VK7's on the broadcast band are: 7JW (1350 k.c.), 7BQ (1300 k.c.), 7LZ (1390 k.c.) and 7RC (1210 k.c.).—SIS (Invercargill).

Conditions Good Down South.

CONDITIONS for dxing have been very good in the south. Americans are coming through very well on their evening sessions, and I have heard some on their early-morning sessions. KUOA can be heard at about 1 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

I have tried for Europeans on one or two mornings, and have heard several coming through at R6. Incidentally, one of the members informed me that he had seen that the best time for reception of these stations was one hour before dawn, while I have found that reception is better one hour after day.

Some VK's heard lately are 3TA (1185 k.c.), 3FL (1292 k.c.), 3GY (1173 k.c.), 3RG (1150 k.c.), 4GG (1400 k.c.), 3HF

(1400 k.c.), 4QL (1460 k.c.), 7JB (1320 k.c.) and 3FW (1450 k.c.).

The Australian VK3 competition was certainly a success for southern dxers, and, although static was troublesome and station calls difficult to hear plainly, signals were coming through quite well. I heard at least twenty of the twenty-seven or more stations that were on.

I would like to suggest that members, when giving the calls of VK's logged or verified, also give the frequencies. Such information is of great benefit to many members, and would be greatly appreciated.—2H.Q. (Invercargill).

Reception Patchy.

RECEPTION has been very patchy here lately. September 7 was a good night for Chinese stations, and XMHA was heard calling Australia and New Zealand several times during the programme, which was heard here at good strength.

I have managed to get a few reports away, including OFCN, KGA, 4AK, 3XY, XMHC, XHHX, VK2ZO and several shortwavers. Verifications to hand include LR9, JOBK, XMHA, ZBW, XENT, TNT and T2RC, OER2 and W5DCO.

XHMA in a covering letter with their card state that at the time of my report they were using their small transmitter, which has only 350 to 500 watts output, owing to the fact that the large transmitter was undergoing replacements.

A translation of LR9's letter stated that they were broadcasting from "Comedia Theatre" and gave the name of the play and the author, and that they were pleased to fully confirm my reception on the date mentioned. XENT sent a booklet on cancer.—164W. (Wellington).

Extracts from Verifications.

DX has been particularly good during the past week, reception being clear and on most nights free from QRM. As quite a few new stations have been heard I am hoping that this good spell keeps up.

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