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Shortwave Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

(By A. B. McDonagh, Sec. N.Z.S.W.C.,
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VK2DL is now operating on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Sydney time, on 41.1 metres. In a letter, Mr. Phelps, the operator, asked me to thank the large number of N.Z. listeners for their continued interest in these experimental transmissions. Three assistants are now associated with 2DL. The address is 14 Watkin Street, Canterbury, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

There is quite a lot of activity on the 19-metre band late at night, and reception here is assuming an international aspect, for we can hear England, France, Germany and Holland. On Wednesday, October 2, the 25-metre band was completely spoilt by Morse.

Morse stations severely encroached on the shortwave broadcast bands, particularly on Daventry's 31-metre wavelength. We are watching the latter with a view to a complaint. The interfering station works high-speed code with a harsh note.

Quite a number of readers have written me recently, and these letters will all be answered in due course. Among other queries is one concerning a station on 29.25 metres with a six-note chime. This is PMN, Java, which is usually accompanied by PLP, 27.26 m. A new

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Java station is heterodyning 3LR, and I have reported to the station engineer. VIZ3 is said to be a portable on a ship working VIZ2, near Sydney.

In the early hours during the past week everything was blanketed out, the only stations audible being a Japanese on the broadcast band and VK2BQ on the 40-metre amateur experimental band. These two were very clear, but nothing came through on any of the other bands.

To settle an argument recently about the All Blacks, I was telephoned re England's time. On looking up the almanac I found that England returns to standard time at 2 a.m. on October 6. We are now 12 hours ahead of G.M.T.

Very great interest has been taken in the International DX Competition since the conditions and schedules were published. Unfortunately the final news has not arrived, though I asked for information to be speeded up. Local listeners tell me they have not picked up the first items listed, but WSXK will, each week, give out news until the conclusion.

Wanganui Notes.

THE following shortwave notes are from Mr. H. I. Johns (N.Z.171W.), Wanganui.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Stations on the 31m. band at 8.30 a.m. were very weak. Stations on the 25m. band were much stronger. 2RO, Rome, for instance, was good at 8.35 a.m.

GSF on 19.82m, at 9 a.m. was very good. A running commentary was being given on the international open hill-climb for racing and sports cars.

Two stations of the Nirom group, on 27 and 29m. were heard at 11.32 p.m. with the same programme and at excellent volume. It may be interesting to shortwave listeners to know that the station on 27m. is known as PLP, and the one on 29m. is PMN. Excellent musical programmes can always be heard from these stations. The 29m. was the better to-night.

JVN, 28.14m, at excellent volume, clarity also being very good. This is the best I have heard from this station. A talk in Japanese was being given at 11.45 p.m.

RNE, 25m., with a lecture in English, the signals being excellent and 100 per cent. readable at 11.50 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

On the 19m. band at midnight, I heard Radio Coloniale, DJB and GSF, the strength of signals being in the above order. All the stations were good and clear, and all were transmitting music.

PMY, on 58m., at good strength round 12.15 a.m., also with a musical programme.

JVS, 42.92m., heard at 12.22 a.m., playing weird music. Signal strength was very good.

VK stations on 40m. were coming over very well at 12.30 a.m.

PHI, Holland, 16.8m., was heard at good strength at 12.35 a.m.

PCJ, 10m., heard with the same programme as PHI, being strong and clear at 12.42 a.m.

DJE, 16.8m., heard at 12.47 a.m. with a musical programme, signals being fair.

GSF, 16.4m., musical programme, signals fair at 12.55 a.m.

DJA opened up at 1 a.m. to Asia, with a good signal, and a choir singing, "The Heavens Are Telling," with grand organ accompaniment.

Between midnight and early morning reception was good on all bands, all stations being at good volume and of good entertainment value.

At 1.40 a.m. four German stations could be heard, all at good strength. They were DJA, 31.38m.; DJB, 19.74m.; DJQ, 19.53 m.; and DJE, 16.89m. The first three are located at Zeelen, but DJE is situated at Nauen. The best station was DJB which was at good speaker strength round the above hour.

At 11.10 a.m. Radio Coloniale was the only station audible, and was very weak. A talk in French was being given.

DJN, 31.45m., was at R7, Q5 at 6.40 p.m. on a musical programme of the usual good quality.

GSB, 31.5m., R8, Q5 at 6.50 p.m., transmitting a musical programme. Station excellent, and signals very steady. The signals for GSD, 25.5m. were also good, but were one point lower than GSB.

Radio Coloniale, 25.3m., at 8.30 p.m., was R6, Q4. Station had very bad quick surge, which was spoiling signals.

3LR, 31.3m., was R8, Q5, at 8.35 p.m., giving out market reports.

ZEK, 34.96m., at R7, Q4. A good station spoilt by morse. At 10.6 p.m. was transmitting a fine programme of music.

GSF, 19.82m., at 10.20 p.m. carrying out a test transmission along with GSI, on 19.74m. Signals for GSF, R6, Q5; GSI, R5, Q4.

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