



Answers to Correspondents

370A (Te Pahu): Many thanks for your identification of VK2DF on 1850 k.c., which has been verified.—"Poznan" (Tauranga).

Identification Wanted

Station on 31 metres, heard after Daventry closed down at 8.30 p.m. on July 21. A clock chimed and music was heard while the announcer was speaking. The call was announced in English, the first two letters sounding like "OZ," after which an organ was played. The station then suddenly faded away. Another unidentified station on 31 and 25 metres has been heard on several mornings, closing down at 9 a.m. The announcer says: "We are now going to talk in German and English," and signs off with "Heil Hitler!"—440W. (Wellington).

DX Topics

Loggings and Verifications.

I HAVE received verifications from 2BL, 3AR, 2CO, 2ME, 1ZM, 1ZB, and have reports out to 2NR (on their official opening on July 17), XENT, and ZJV, Suva. I have not yet been able to log any American stations.—440W (Wellington).

9MI On Every Saturday Night.

ONE of the new "Aussies" has been heard testing on 700 k.c. It has proved to be 2NR, and I heard it on July 9, 10, and 11 at 10.41 p.m., 10.38 p.m., and 8.33 p.m. respectively. I also heard 9MI on 49.917 metres, and Miss Foley announced that they would be transmitting every Saturday night at 9 p.m.

Reports are out to the following since

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DX CLUB News and Views

last writing:—2SM, 9MI, 2NR, and DJB. Cards to hand are from XENT, W2XAF, ZJV, 4MB, VK3XD, 3BA, and HBO.—T.R. (Alexandra).

Details of COCQ, Havana.

WHILE reading through the DX notes in the latest (July 24) "Radio Record," I noticed that "Dual-Wave," Auckland, requested information regarding a shortwave station on 31 metres. "Dual-Wave" reports hearing this station at a strength of R7, QSA5.

I have had the opportunity of hearing this station, and I identify it as COCQ, Havana, Cuba. The wavelength is 9750 k.c., 31 metres, and COCQ is the shortwave station of CMQ, a broadcast station.

As "Dual-Wave" says it is a queer station and has a weird and unusual selection of noises.

I cannot say exactly when COCQ first came on the air, but it may be heard at 3 p.m., when it presents musical items, in between which they give all their noises, i.e., the crying of a baby, a man laughing, the clapping and cheering of a crowd, bells ringing, etc. At approx. 4.45 p.m. announcements are made in English, and a dance programme is given until 5.30 p.m., when they close down.

COCQ requests reports from all listeners, especially on reception on shortwave. The address given is Radio Station COCQ, 445, 25th Street, Havana, Cuba, West Indies.

A station QSL card will be forwarded to all those who send correct reports. As the English part of the programme is from 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., listeners who wish to report would have to tune-in several nights.—M.A.M. (Hamilton East).

Verifying VK7CW.

ABOUT a month ago I heard an amateur on 1250 k.c., and was certain that the call, which I heard three times, was VK7PA. However, on reporting to this station I found out that although VK7PA has had several reports from New Zealand, he has not been on the broadcast band at night for some considerable time. He suggested that the station was probably VK7PK, but wouldn't guarantee it.

VK7CW will not QSL, but if a card,

with all details filled in and ready for signing is forwarded, he will consider returning it. His excuse is that he is too busy to bother with QSL's.—"Bosambo" (Palmerston North).

DR. MALCOLM SARGENT, who has been engaged by the Australian Broadcasting Commission to conduct in Australia, was only prevented from coming out on a previous occasion by illness. This year he will be 41, and he is classed among the best of the younger conductors. Beginning his musical life as an articulated pupil in Peterborough Cathedral, he took his bachelor's degree in music just before the war. During the war he served in the 27th Durham L.I.

N.Z. DX CLUB Meetings

HAWKE'S BAY.

In the new club room, Wood's Tearooms, Waipukurau, at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29.
L. W. MATHIE (4HQ),
Branch Secretary.

AUCKLAND.

In the committee room, Scots' Hall, Symonds Street, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29.
H. SUTCLIFFE (198A),
Branch Secretary.

WELLINGTON.

In the offices of National Magazines, Ltd., Third Floor, Dominion Buildings, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5.
F. J. BEEVES (2HQ),
Branch Secretary.

MARTON.

At 97 Princess Street, Marton Junction, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11.

J. E. BAIN (217W),

Branch Secretary.

WHANGAREI.

In Fullamies' Salon at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, August 3.
R. A. ROYCROFT (322A),
Branch Secretary.

WAIKATO.

At Mrs. Topp's Tearooms, Morrinsville, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 1. All interested are cordially invited.
D. W. B. TURNEY (292A),
Branch Secretary.

SOUTHLAND.

In Everybody's Hall, Tay Street, Invercargill, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5.
L. C. McCORMICK (81S),
Correspondence Secretary.

WANGANUI.

At 21 Lowther Street, at 8 p.m., on Thursday, August 18.
F. CARR (150W),
Branch Secretary.

MANAWATU.

At 12 Campbell Street, Palmerston North, at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, August 12. Will members please note that meetings will now be held on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays.
C. J. MORGAN (143W),
Branch Secretary.