

Identification Wanted

COULD any listener give particulars of an amateur station which was on the air on Friday, January 31? Wave-length about 250 metres (1200 k.c.). Records were being played and the announcer was asking for reports on the transmission. The volume was very loud, but the reception was somewhat distorted. I couldn't understand the call, but it sounded like 4ZP, Invercargill. It was undoubtedly a New Zealand station.—Crosley (Petone).

[Probably station 4ZC, Invercargill. See reports under "Stations Identified."—Ed.]

ON January 31 at 8 p.m. I received the new Invercargill station, the call-sign of which I took to be 4ZC. Wavelength, about 256 metres (1170 k.c.). Also, on about 250 metres (1200 k.c.) I received a station announcing a call-sign of 2ZC. I think the announcer was a lady. I would like further particulars of these two stations if possible.—W. R. Dakers (Morrinsville).

LAST evening I was able to tune-in an American station, just below 2YA's frequency, but not loud enough for WLW, Cincinnati. This station was not loud enough for me to hear the call, so I hope some listener-in is able to identify it.—W. R. Dakers (Morrinsville).

COULD anyone identify a station broadcasting on February 5 at 9.30 p.m. about 2 degrees below 2KY, Sydney? — L. Dunedin, was the call. One number played was "There's a Rainbow Round My Shoulder." Strength, about R5.—"Monitor 3" (Wanganui).

[Probably 4ZL.—Ed.]

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Stations Identified

IN the "Radio Record" of January 24, Mr. S. Ellis, Okato, asks for the wavelength of 4ZI, Invercargill. I had this station on Saturday, January 25, about midnight, and he announced that he would commence transmitting at 10 a.m. Sunday. The call is 4ZC (not 4ZI) and his frequency is about 1150 k.c. (261 metres), the same as 2ZM, Gisborne.—Dynamic (Lower Hut).

WITH regard to questions asked by two listeners in the D.X. notes of your issue dated January 31, T. Pascoe (Epsom) writes of a station with a call sounding like 3LO near Kawau Island. This is station ZLO, owned and operated by the P. and T. Department, and is situated on Kawau Island. They work duplex telephony with the Post Office in Auckland. P. Circuit (Hastings) inquires as to the call of two U.S.A. "hams" on the 3500 k.c. band on January 17. According to my log-book, W6KT was the only American 'phone heard here on that date—the other station would probably be either W6BJQ or W6ABF. W6BJQ is the loudest U.S.A. 'phone station on this band at the present time.—Mark H. Churton (Auckland).

DX Topics

LAST night, February 5, at about 8.30 p.m., I received station KTM

at good volume. Wishing to make certain whether it was KTM or KGM, I listened to the call sign several times. I am now perfectly satisfied that this station's call-sign is KTM, Los Angeles. E.H.C. (Tokaanu) has probably hit the nail on the head in his letter in this week's issue. Formerly this station's call-sign was KTM, Santa Monica.—W. R. Dakers (Morrinsville).

AS several have inquired re the power, etc., of station WTIC, Connecticut, the following particulars may be of interest. The reception of this station was first reported by "Kauspanka"—I believe on August 29—and by myself on August 31, 1929. Volume was tremendous for such a distance, and at the beginning of November I received the verification I had sent for. There were four other reports, including one from "Kauspanka" and one from New Plymouth—also on a 4-valve set. This station is operated by The Travellers' Broadcasting Service Corporation, Hartford, Connecticut, and is owned by The Travellers' Insurance Company. Power, 50 kilowatts; frequency 1060 k.c. or 282.8 metres. They have worked on a power as high as 200 kilowatts. They were dividing time with WBAL, Baltimore, but they may be on full time now.—C.G.L. (Palmerston North).

ON the evening of January 28 I picked up, at 10.20 p.m., station 4ZP, operating from 155 Layard Street, North Invercargill. Wave length was approximately 253 metres (1175 k.c.). The station was testing when I first picked it up at fair volume, which increased till the station closed at about 11 p.m. The official opening of this station is, I have heard, on February 11, and it tests after 4ZI closes down on Saturday night. The operator also said he would be on test on Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m., and gave some information about his station. Has any other listener in the north heard 4ZP? I saw a reference to 4ZI in a recent issue (January 24, from Mr. S. Ellis, Okato), and I, too, would like some more information concerning both 4ZI and 4ZP; and the reported Hamilton station, 1FP. 4YA, Dunedin, has been heard on different hours (nights) since January 23 on 291 metres (1030 k.c.) testing after closing hours. The strength at which I was able to receive it on the new wave-length was a great improvement on its present wave-length. I have heard other listeners mention this fact, too, so I hope the change will be made permanent.—A. E. Allen (Avondale).

I HAVE added the following stations to my log this year: KMMJ, 740 k.c. (405 metres), Nebraska; KLX, 880 k.c. (341 metres), California; WMBI, 1070 k.c. (280 metres), Chicago; 4ZP, 1200 k.c. approx. (250 metres), Invercargill; JOCK, 810 k.c. (370 metres), Japan. I have also logged another two Americans, but I am not quite sure of them. The first I logged last

night (February 3) on about 1460 k.c. (205 metres). This came in at weak speaker strength, and I took the call to be WTHI, Chicago. The second I heard to-night, closing down at 9 o'clock. I picked it up at 7.50 p.m., but left it and came back later. This station sounded like KFB, —, California. It was operating on about 990 k.c. (303 metres), with volume enough to be heard nearly a hundred yards away. If any other listener heard the location of this latter station (I think it was Hollywood) would he please send in a report as I would like to get it verified. This station KFB is my ninety-ninth, and I hope to complete my century soon. I think the station on 780 k.c. (384 metres) which a few listeners have heard lately is KTM, not KGM.—Kauspanka (Hastings).

I WOULD like to thank readers who supplied information re Japanese stations and also 3LG, etc. Since writing I have been informed that station VK3LG, Newport, is an amateur in Victoria. Another amateur I have heard operating about 2.30 in the morning is VK3AM, Melvern, Australia. Have any readers heard these stations? To-night (January 5) I had station 2ZH, Napier, on a wavelength one degree above 2YB, New Plymouth, at volume R7, playing records till after 10.30 o'clock. Is this a new station? I had a station on same wavelength a few nights back and the call sounded like 2ZK. I thought it would be the Wanganui station on a different wavelength, but apparently it was this new station 2ZH. Or has 2ZK changed its wavelength? I have also had the new Invercargill station very loudly on several occasions.

Is the call-sign 4ZG or 4ZP? I can never get it distinctly as it is generally mushy and fading badly. It comes in on 3ZC's wavelength. Is there any other Californian station besides KNX operating on 2ZF's wavelength as I had one on February 4 about 8.30 p.m. I could only hear "California" during the announcements. Do the Majestic Radio people run a broadcasting station, as I heard an American recently on about 306 metres (975 k.c.). All I could hear was someone saying that they were glad to be back at the "Majestic —" etc. Transmission faded out after a few minutes, and I never heard it again. I have heard a very weak station lately—generally after 11.30 p.m. only—a little above 2YA and half a degree below WLW, Ohio. Would this be 6WF, Perth? I imagine the wavelength is rather low, though. Could you tell me the best time of the year for receiving American stations?—Westrad (Woolston).

[Conditions for long-distance reception generally improve during the winter.—Tech. Ed.]

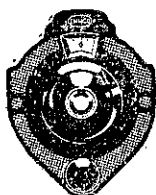
DURING the last week of January I received station KWKH two or three times, and I wish to point out that this station is situated at Shreveport, Louisiana, not at Shreveport, Indiana, as given in the "Listeners' Guide"; and not at Kennonwood, Indiana, as given in "All About the All-electric." Re station KBCA. Last night (February 4)—incidentally a very good night for American reception—I received two stations, either of which may be KECA. One was on about 205 metres (1460 k.c.) and the other on about 209 metres (1430 k.c.).

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