

## Stations Identified

IN the issue of April 11, 1930, mention was made by M.B.S. (Palmerston North) to the effect that he heard KTM, Los Angeles, made two announcements (KGM and KTM). His statement is quite correct—the stations are evidently jointly controlled. On Friday, 11th, I hear KTM at 7.30 p.m., when they were relaying a dance programme, well-known items being played ("Moonlight and Roses," etc.). During the item mentioned the announcer broke in: "Friends on the air, we wish you could just drop in here, but we are returning to the studio." At the studio the announcer said: "This is KTM, Santa Monica; you are now in the studio of KGM, Los Angeles, U.S.A. The time is one minute to twelve o'clock, Pacific standard time. We wish everybody pleasant dreams, etc." Later, however, I heard music from KTM again, so it did not close down. The same evening I had seven other Americans, all quite audible.—Arthur E. Allen (Avondale).

AS it is something of a novelty for Mr. Morrison to ask for a call sign (he is usually able to answer others' queries), I am pleased to be able to answer his question (in issue of April 18) as to station on approximately 1065 k.c. (283 metres), beginning with W. This is almost certainly WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut. I received a verification card from this station to-day. They operate on 1060 k.c. (283 metres), power 50,000 volts. Why Mr. Morrison has not logged them is probably because they divide time with WBAL of Baltimore, and sign off early. After installing a new transmitter they made several 24-hour special tests, and specially asked for DX reports. Their letter thanked me for report on one of these tests.—"W.S." (Tokomaru Bay).

IN the "Radio Record" of April 11, 1930, J. Howie, of Dunedin, asked what station was conducting a children's session on Thursday, 27/3/30. This was station 4Z0, owned and operated by Barnett's Radio Supplies, of the Lower Octagon, Dunedin.—I. W. Standage (Dunedin).

## Identification Wanted

ON April 18 at 8.10 p.m. I tuned in a station on 1340 k.c. (224 metres), calling "Hello, Radio, Melbourne! We left Williamstown last night at 7.30 p.m. and we are 55 miles north-east of Sydney and are having a westerly wind, but everything is O.K." This was repeated three times. It seemed the person he was talking to had some difficulty in hearing him. Can anyone identify this station? It was an Australian station, strength R7 to R8.—S. Ellis (Okato).

ON Friday, April 4, I picked up a station at 7.45 p.m. broadcasting items from "The Love Parade." Kilocycles approximately 665 (450 metres), strength about R6 on the speaker. 2FC was just

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below, interfering to some extent, so it was not the Australian. In fact, the unknown station was once or twice louder than 2FC. Has anybody heard this one? Others I would like identification for are: (1) Saturday, April 5, 7.45 p.m., k.c.s. 820 approximately (366 metres). This station (evidently an American) was just above KOA, broadcasting orchestral music. (2) Sunday, April 6, 5.3 p.m., k.c.s. 1130 (265 metres), music was faintly heard.

On Sunday, April 20, at 6.50 p.m., I picked up a station on 580 kilocycles (517 metres). Strength was then good on the loudspeaker. One or two of the items were "That's My Baby Now," "Just Like a Melody Out of the Sky." No announcement was given between items, the station going off the air for a minute or so. I had the same station to-day (21st) at 4.20 p.m. with popular items again. It faded out at 5.15 p.m. The procedure was the same as yesterday. Strength in both cases varied from a mere whisper to good volume. There is probably some connection between this station and the one heard by S. Ellis (Okato) on 610 k.c. (492 metres).

To-day, beginning at approximately 5 o'clock, I logged KFRU, KLX (both new to my log), as well as KGO, KPO, KFI, KOA, KMOX, KNN, WCKY, WENR, KHJ, WLW, and KFRU, all before six o'clock, at various strengths, but static was very bad. Most of these can be logged any evening after six and before 7.45 p.m. on the speaker.—Arthur E. Allen (Avondale).

TO-NIGHT I logged a station operating on approximately 356 metres (842 kilocycles). This station is between 2BL and 3LO's frequency. Items consisted of musical numbers, one being "The Toy Maker's Dream," after which a man spoke. Time, 10 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. Strength R3-4. Static extremely bad. Plenty of "howlers" about. Fading acute. Would this be 2ZC, Waikato? No announcement heard—conditions far too bad. Could any D.X. member give address?—"Sonora" (Wellington).

CAN any readers identify two short stations—one at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, on about 65 metres, transmitting musical numbers ("Moonlight and Roses" was one). Call was given, but static too bad, closed down 5.30 p.m., strength R7 on the speaker. The other station about 9.30 p.m., on same date, on about 48 metres, musical items and band music. The latter included the "Double Eagle" march. Strength about R4 on speaker, static too severe for a call.—N. C. Winstanley (Picton).

ON Wednesday night, 16/4/30, I tuned in a station whose identity, if possible, I would like to know per medium of some D.X. member. Items consisted of gramophone records, one being "Show Me the Way to Go Home," a concertina (or similar instrument) piece. Strength R2-3, fading bad. Static also very bad. There were plenty of howlers about the station. Time approximately 10.15 to 10.30 p.m. Wavelength 240 metres, 1250 kilocycles. Somewhere around 2YB, New Plymouth.—"Sonora" (Lyall Bay).

## DX Topics

### A Reply to Verification Complaints.

IN reply to correspondents who complain about not receiving replies to requests for verification of reception we would state that the owners and operators of 4Z0 (Barnett's Radio Supplies) at all times welcome reports, and in every instance the official verification card (sample enclosed) is sent by return of mail. Station 4Z0 is owned and operated by Barnett's Radio Supplies, and transmits from their business premises

## To DX Club Members

OWING to the heavy demands made on our space, and to the increasing amount of correspondence received from DX enthusiasts, we have found it necessary to request the following courtesies:

(1) Address letters to: The Editor, DX Club, Box 1032, Wellington. Nom de plumes may be used, but all letters to be signed. Write in ink, and on one side of the paper only.

(2) Be brief, but do not omit interesting or essential details. (At present almost every letter has to be re-written and condensed.)

(3) When stating the wavelength of a station, if possible give the corresponding frequency. This may be calculated from the formula:

$$K = \frac{300,000}{M}$$

where M = wavelength in metres, and K the frequency in kilocycles.

(4) When inquiring about the identity of stations, give the following particulars: Date and time of reception, approx. wavelength and frequency (see Rule 3), and items heard (not more than three). If unable to state wavelength, give dial readings and proximity to well-known stations.

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A Seldom-Heard Australian.

I NOTICE that mention is very rarely made of 6WTF, Perth, in the "Radio

Record," and it may be of interest to readers to know that this station is regularly heard by me. Particularly good reception was accomplished on 14th inst., when I picked this station up at about 10.30 p.m. at good loud-speaker strength. May I suggest that correspondents to the DX Club state the hour of reception of various foreign stations. This would greatly assist identifications.—"Listener" (Opunho).

### Mexico on the Broadcast Band.

TO-NIGHT (April 23), at 6.1 p.m., I picked up station WTAM, broadcasting a test programme on 1070 k.c. The station is situated in Cleveland, Ohio, and the announcer asked for reports. Though this station is marked in the "all-electric" handbook as not being heard, I believe it was logged some time ago by "Majestic IL." The strength of the signals was fair speaker, but static was bad. WTAM is the station that was to broadcast a special programme for New Zealand, on April 11 last. I did not pick up WTAM on that night, but I got WEAR, Cleveland, which broadcasts on the same frequency. I picked up WEAR at 7.20 p.m. and identified several items, at good strength. I am enclosing a cutting from an American paper (Allentown "Morning Call," Pennsylvania) which shows that WEAR and WTAM broadcast the same programmes. I wonder if it is possible that WEAR was broadcasting the New Zealand programme that night, too?

Also, to-night, I had a station giving musical items, and announcing in a foreign tongue. It was practically on 2YA's wavelength, 720 kilocycles (416 metres) at weak speaker strength. I had it from 6.40 p.m. till 7 p.m., but I heard no call sign—that is, one I could identify in English. I presume this is the Mexico City station XEN, which Mr. S. Ellis, Okato, reported recently. Static was too bad to warrant waiting for an announcement in English. XEN broadcasts on 411 metres (730 k.c.) according to a letter I have received from an American enthusiast.—Arthur E. Allen (Avondale).

### "B" Class Stations.

I WISH to thank your correspondent Mr. R. Leslie Jones (Lyall Bay) for his information in answer to my inquiry re short-wave telephony picked up. Other D.X. members are suffering the same as myself with regards to answers from our "B" stations. I have since written again, enclosing a penny stamp as a reminder that some correspondence on their file is as yet unanswered. That is nearly one month ago. Still they ignore me. If the business part is carried on in the same way their customers must vanish into the air like the transmissions, gone, but being appreciated elsewhere. For the benefit of other D.X. members who too may fall I enclose the call letters of the offenders: 4ZL, Dunedin (all of us have heard this station's slogan, and don't they live up to it?); 4ZN, Dunedin; 4ZB, Dunedin; 2ZK, Wanganui; and 2ZM, Gisborne. I quite agree with "Disgusted" (Waikato) re our American friends.—"Sonora" (Lyall Bay).

## Short-wave Notes

WHILE listening-in on the afternoon of April 19, I picked up (at approximately 3.3 p.m.). Station KPO, Oakland, California, on approximately 22 metres. Reception was medium speaker strength, with slight gushiness. Towards 5 p.m. reception improved, every word coming through clearly. They were still on the air at 7 p.m., when I shut down.—M.W. (Wellington).

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