

## Identification Wanted

THE Americans were certainly coming in well on Sunday night, 27/4/30. I received three new ones, but succeeded in identifying only one of them (WBBM, Chicago, received at very good strength and clarity. This station signed off 1.15 a.m., central standard time).

The unidentified ones were received on the following dial numbers (1-100 dial): Heard from 5.15 to 5.30 p.m., 24-234-22, about 2 degrees below Auckland, i.e., between 220 and 230 metres (1360 k.c. and 1300 k.c.); 313-31-29, about 2 degrees above 2BL. Would this be KWKH? I heard no more of it after 6.30 p.m. KFI on 640 kcs. (469m.) was well received on their midnight frolic. I would be very pleased if someone could give me the names of the two unidentified stations. They were both Americans.—L. R. Arnold (Belfast).

ALTHOUGH only a subscriber to the "Radio Record" for the last three weeks—the length of time I have possessed a set (my first)—may I say I have already derived many little useful hints from your paper. I am interested in the DX Club page, and would like to know conditions, etc., of membership. Meanwhile I submit the following to you—a difficulty or rather a mystery to me: Last night, 26/4/30, just before 11.30 p.m. N.Z. time, I tuned in hoping to hear 5CL, which I have not yet had, but which your paper informed me was now "gettable" after 11.30. Proceeding first to 2FC frequency I had excellent reception, and presently heard the announcer give his time as 10 p.m. I then went to the other side of the dial, and slowly brought in several Australian stations, 2UE, 2GB, 2BL, 3FO, 4QG (very loud), and then tried for 5CL, but only heard very subdued voices. Then, slowly turning towards 2FC again, I was almost deafened by the reception of the latter part of a well-known orchestral piece—its name though escapes me—there was a pause, in which I listened for the announcer, but the pause was of perhaps three minutes, and then again the loud music. Now it was playing lighter stuff, and with a vocal refrain, "Hi, Ho, Everybody, Hi, Ho." I held this for a brief while (time 11.50 about) and then the set went into violent oscillation. Indeed I think it cannot have been my set, as I had to shut off what little reaction I already had, and then the volume went down to minimum, and even then the howl persisted. I then proceeded to 2FC and opened up full without a blemish; I then turned off to less than half, and very gradually went back to the former position, in time to get the finish of the same tune, but almost immediately the howl began again, and I had to move off. Again I did the same thing—2FC, then back, and this time dead silence; and I got nothing more in the same spot, although I tried for nearly half an hour.

What I want to know is: Did 2YA come on then for a brief while, for the volume was about Wellington strength,

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and the dial position almost identical with where I get Wellington on my machine? If not 2YA, what was the station? I used the set on 2YA and 3YA earlier in the evening, 6.45 till just before 8, but then not again till about 11.25. The machine is an English commercial screened-grid four, and seems pretty selective. The Australian stations were remarkable on Anzac Day. I even had 2BL very loud and clear at 6.15 N.Z., as he closed down after a song (record) by Gladys Moncrieff.—P. D. L. Hudden (Gisborne).

ON Monday, April 21, I picked up a station on approximately 517 metres (580 k.c.). This station was on the air between 12.30 and 1 p.m. and also between 5 and 6 p.m. It was apparently testing, no call sign being given. Volume good, station fluctuated between 575 and 590 kc. (520 metres and 508 metres). Could any listener identify this station?—G. P. Cotter (Martinborough).

COULD any reader identify an American station on about 1080 k.c. (278 metres)? Closed down at 6.15 p.m., 23/4/30, after stated he was testing. Gave his call sign—M and address—31. The State sounded like Iowa, then asked for reports. Static was the cause of missing call sign and address, as station was a good RT.—S. G. Det. (Gisborne).

DID any listener hear a station on Thursday, May 1, at 10.15 to 11 p.m. on about 12 metres (25,000 kc.)? The announcer gave a speech in English, called "Hullo" three times, gave a call (missed by fading), and asked for reports. He then said, "I will now continue my speech in German," after which there were musical numbers.

Owing to rather bad hand capacity at such a high frequency (although the set is built in a complete metal box), I could not hold the signal long enough at a time to get the call. If anybody heard a new station on 500 metres (600 k.c.) on Thursday, May 1, it would probably be 2ZR, a new Wanganui station, which was testing on Thursday with records, and no announcements. Power is 250 watts.—"PCJ4" (Wanganui).

COULD any reader identify the following two American stations: The first comes in on about 1010 kcs. (297 metres), between KYW Chicago, and 3YA Christchurch. He comes in regularly, but I can never get his call clearly. The second comes in on about 690 kcs. (434 metres), between 2YA and 6WF Perth.

This one comes in at fair strength, but fades too much. It is not a Californian station, as the first call letter is W.

Could any listener inform me (per medium of DX column) of the address of the following Melbourne stations, which are, I presume, amateurs:—VK-3AM, approximately 1280 kcs. (234 metres), VK3RI, approximately 1220 kcs.

## 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.

(246 metres), VK8DY, approximately 1250 kcs. (240 metres), VK3CF, approximately 1300 kcs. (231 metres); also VK2AD Sydney, 1320 kcs. (227 metres). I have heard all these stations on several occasions, always on Sunday nights after 11 p.m.—R. Dixon (Brunnerton).

ON Friday, May 2, between 7.15 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. I heard the following items: "Indian Love Call" (from "Rose Marie"), and "You Should See My Neighbour's Daughter." At about 10.15 p.m.

I heard, "On Her Doorstep Last Night." Dial reading 58. A double call given sounded like 4ZL and 4ZM, or 4ZO and 4ZM. 4ZL dials 46, 2KY 58, 2ZF 60, and 4ZP 52.—"Incubu" (Waitaka).

I WONDER if any reader will be able to identify this station which I received on Tuesday, May 6, from about 8 o'clock till 8.50 p.m. It was heard very weak at first on approximately 715-720 kilocycles ((419 metres), but before long was badly heterodyning, with and distorting 2YA. It closed down at approximately 3.50 p.m. In between the numbers from 2YA it was easy to distinguish the type of item from this stranger—they were the well-known and quaint instruments and weird songs characteristic of Japanese music. This station was also heard after 2YA closed down at 11 o'clock on Saturday, April 27, the same type of items being heard. Is this a new Japanese testing, or the Chinese station COMX, or some other station?

Anyone identifying the station called or calling, "Melbaradio" would help me as well as the others who want to know about it. I received this station on 1350 k.c.s (222 metres) on Sunday, May 27, at 8.12 p.m.. Strength was good speaker. These are the words I received: "I'll let you know to-morrow morning. Yes, I'll call you up then." "Hello! hello! Melbaradio; let us know if you are not getting this too well." Some symbol letters which included OM and BAM were used. The station then closed down abruptly.

This afternoon I was able to place a call to the station on 590 kilocycles (508 metres), which many have been asking for. It was 2ZR, but I could not get the location. I'm fairly certain of the call-sign. Would anyone knowing the location of 2ZR kindly send the address to me, or through these columns, as I have a report for them. [See letter from A. Edgcombe, Waverley, in "D.X. Topics."—Ed.] I have a verification from 1ZH, Hamilton (April 29), in which they stated that their present hours are 12-1 p.m. daily. These are to be enlarged on shortly. This station has been heard several times during this hour. 1ZH is the new call of the old 1FT, which operated on 535 metres (560 k.c.).

Static has been too bad during the last week to do any D.X. work, the local 1YA even being troubled a little with this unfortunate phenomenon. It seems to be at unusually high level for this time of the year.—Arthur E. Allen (Avondale).

## DX Topics

### KGU Honolulu.

ON Friday last (Anzac night) I picked up station KGU Honolulu. Several jazz items were broadcast, and this station was received quite loud on the speaker. Last night (27th) I picked this station up again, at 5.30 p.m. approximately, when the announcer was giving out the numbers and makes of different cars which had been stolen. He then closed down for two hours, and said he would be on the air at 9.30 p.m. He gave his frequency as 940 kilocycles (319 metres). Honolulu time is exactly 22 hours behind New Zealand standard time. I expect many other listeners have heard this station, as I received this on a four-valve set.—J. E. Hewlett (Nelson).

### 2ZP Wairoa.

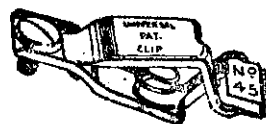
AS no one seems to have got the Wairoa station correctly, I will pass on a little information I received in a verification.

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