

Identification Wanted

ON 9/7/30 I heard a station on about 208 metres (1440 k.c.) calling up Awarua and Point —, asking if M. — heard them to report to Te Anau Hotel. The announcer said something about point-to-point telephony. After this they called up Awarua, and then shut down. Would this be a small amateur station or an experimental station?—D.B. (Seatoun).

IN answer to "Philco" (Dunedin), the address you were inquiring about is c/o General Electric Company, Oakland, California.

STATION heard between about 1 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. on July 6. Wavelength about 240 metres (1360 kilocycles). Call sounded like PHCJ or PHC. Woman announcing at first, later a man. Gramophone records apparently, one called "There's Danger in Your Eyes." About 3 a.m. transmission ceased, but carrier wave was still on at 3.30 a.m., when I switched off.—"J.E.S." (Whangarei).

ON June 13 and 14, between 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m., on 357 metres (846 k.c.), I tuned in to a weak station relaying a description of the Test cricket in England. On the 15th I heard them again. The announcer's description could be just followed on headphones, fading being bad at times. I listened for two hours each night and have never heard a call. On June 28 there were just audible on music at 1.30 a.m. On 435 metres (690 k.c.), I heard music. Speech was almost inaudible. I first tuned in at 11.10 a.m. and again at 1 and 2 p.m. Station closed down at 3.15 p.m.—A.G. (Inglewood).

STATION heard June 28, 7.40 p.m. Call sounded like AMB or 2GMB. It evidently belongs to some American oil company, and operates on 1320 k.c. (227 metres). Items heard: "Little Pal," and after several more pieces "Little Pal" was played again by request. Finally the next days programme was announced concluding with a dance programme played by Noble's Jazz Band.—Universal (Ladbrooks).

MANY thanks, "A.E.C." (Taneatua) for information re WTHI. Can anyone identify American station operating on 22H, Napier's, wavelength on June 27. I held him from 7.30 p.m. till after 9 p.m., but could not get his call. One item announced was "I'm Keeping My Job For You," by the "High Hatters," phonograph recording. At times he was very loud but power induction interfered with his announcing.

I have just received a letter of confirmation from 22I, Hastings. His schedule in future will be 7 to 10 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings, 1330 k.c. (225 m.), working with five watts in the aerial. He would be pleased to have reports. Address, Arthur Simmonds Ltd., Heretaunga Street, Hastings.—L.I. (Gisborne).

THE last three Sunday evenings I have tuned in on a foreign station I cannot locate. The announcer gave his call number, which sounds something like 2MH or 2MA, but he has such a guttural voice that it is very difficult to understand, although

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he announces the call in English. I might mention that every Sunday evening he is on the air on 1425 k.c. (210 m.) from 7.30 to 7.40. I have never been able to hear him before or after these times. My set is a seven-valve all-electric.—C.D.L. (Inglewood).

WHO was working on 244 metres (1230 k.c.) from 1 a.m. till 1.30 a.m. on July 11? Items heard were: Selection by stringed orchestra, three tenor solos, dialogue (lady and gent), band item with solo and chorus (vocal), and a military sketch and song (humorous). Speech was unreadable, static bad, signals surging. Did not sound like an American.—"Amazon" (Palmerston North).

STATION on about 265 metres (1130 k.c.), transmitting July 6, 3.20 p.m. till 3.45 p.m., from full volume to R2. Faded when announcements were made. Heard about six piano solos and two or three orchestral pieces. Station appeared to be testing, as fre-



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next appearance from 1YA is
scheduled for July 23.
—S. P. Andrew, photo.

quent pauses occurred in transmission. —T.S. (Palmerston North).

[To our knowledge, there is no station of call-sign 22I located at Hastings. —Ed.]

COULD any knob-twiddler give particulars of the following short-wave station which I heard on July 10 between 7 and 8 a.m.? Lady speaking in a foreign language, probably German. Man speaking in good English about the weather forecast and broadcast. He said it was very dry in Germany for July last year, also talked about the rainfall in Bulgaria and Italy and Alberta and the United States of America. Orchestral music followed. The reception was quite good, the English being 100 per cent. readable.—H.L.R. (Wairoa).

Stations Identified

IN reply to L.H. (Mercer), whose query appeared in issue dated July 11, the Hamilton station, 12H, broadcasts on the following hours:—Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, 12.30 to 2 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. A Wednesday evening session from 8 to 10.30 p.m. will shortly be inaugurated.—D.J. (Waikato).

IN reply to S.B. (Christchurch). Write to the management of the station heard, giving full particulars concerning reception (i.e., time heard; items, or description of items, broadcast; strength of transmission, etc.). The Australian stations will send a card upon receipt of a report.

DX Topics

A Seldom-Heard Station.

HAS anyone heard VCIA, Fiji? Picked him up shortly after 6 p.m. on July 10, when, after mention of a talk on "Aviation," to be given "to-morrow

night" (Friday), by a gentleman whose name I missed, the announcer gave the above call, and the station went off the air. The announcer could be understood 4 ft. from the speaker. This station is located $\frac{1}{2}$ degree above KGO, i.e., between KGO and KTM, and was at times heterodyning slightly with the former station.

Also, has anybody heard the call of the Jap. operating just above 2UE? Another stranger I picked up at 10.30 on July 8, I take to be a small Aussie. He is to be found a degree below 1YA, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees above 3UZ. WOAI came in splendidly on the same evening. He is located between KFOX and 3ZC.

Further to my letter re VCIA, Fiji, I heard the announcer state to-night (July 11) that the station is transmitting on approximately 380 metres (790 k.c.). He did not state the station's location, but, in concluding the weather report, said, "The weather in Suva today has been fine and clear." This might indicate that the station is in Suva.—"Ray Dio" (Shannon).

Morning Reception.

IS it unusual to be able to receive 2FC, Sydney, in the morning? The other morning we heard the 7 o'clock chimes (Sydney) strike (8.30 a.m., N.Z. time), and the 2FC announcer giving the cricket scores. The score we heard was that the Aussies had 404 for two wickets. He then went on to give individual scores and some other news—the weather report, as far as I can remember—followed by musical items.

Each morning since we have had this station in, and on July 3, at 11.30 a.m., we could still hear it. We rang an-

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