

## Identification Wanted

**T**HERE are two American stations operating just above 72L Hobart, which are to be heard any favourable night at weak speaker strength. Also a station on 2YA's wavelength (an American judging by music), which can be heard on Wednesday nights (not WLW).—"Unconscious" (Timaru).

**O**N July 29, at 8.15 p.m., I received a short-wave station on 11.5 metres, fading badly. The announcer said: "Hullo, Melbourne; hullo, Melbourne. Are you waiting?" Here we lost the station, but picked it up again and heard a voice say: "We have no message for you. We are 47 miles off the coast of —, BG and L calling.—"Just Started" (Stratford).

**A**MERICAN station operating on about 326 metres (920 kc.), on the nights of July 30 and 31. He was coming in between 3UZ and 1YA. After Auckland closed down this station was about R7 on the speaker, but static was so bad that it was impossible to hear any announcements. However, during a lull in the barrage he announced a call sounding like KVI Washington. I see in the "Guide" that KVI has not been heard in New Zealand. I am using a 4 v. B.D., and so far have logged 92 stations on the broadcast band. These include 24 New Zealand stations and 32 Americans. My latest loggings are KTAB, KMTR, WOAI, KTRH (all in America), COMK China, and JOJK Japan.—H. Walker (Bluff).

**O**N August 2, at about 9 a.m., I tuned in a Californian station half a point below 3DB. A request programme was being broadcast. Items heard were: "Somebody Mighty Like You," "The Wedding of the Painted Doll," and "Frankie and Johnny." The call was —California. At 9.30 p.m. 3DB started their music session and blotted out his other station. My log is now 50

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stations, my latest being KNX—"D.B." (Wellington).

**O**N August 2 between, 11.45 p.m. and 12.45 a.m., I heard an Australian who was exactly two hours behind us. Everything was beautifully clear, but although I usually heard every word of the titles, static drowned the station call every time. At 12.15 three dance numbers were announced, "Miami," "American Medley," and "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine." Dial reading was 372, while 2HD comes in on 30 and 2YB on 43. I have heard 5K9 on 46½, but could not find them there last night when I looked about 12.30 p.m. On the same evening I heard the following announcement (from 3DB, I think): "Station 5AD Adelaide relaying through 3DB Melbourne, 3BA Ballarat, and 2GB Sydney," but can find neither 5AD nor 3BA mentioned in the "Guide."

On a recent evening we heard the following message repeated several times. We thought we heard "2ME, Sydney." But is 2ME a longwave station? The wavelength is about 220m. (1360 kc.), but 2HD Newcastle tunes in at 30 and the new station at 20. As near as we could catch the message was as follows: "All your messages received O.K. You are to berth at Commonwealth Oil Co.—turning west unless further orders received from the shore." (This was repeated three or four times.)—Incubu (Waitaha).

**O**N August 3, at 07.00 I heard a station on approximately 79 metres (3797 kc.). A lady announced in some foreign language, and an orchestra then played. The music was clear with slight

surging. R7, QSA5, QRN slight. At 08.00 speech was R4, QSA3, reception very gushy. At 09.00 only a faint carrier was audible. To date I have logged 150 stations on my Schnell det. and 2 audio. I have received verifications from 17. I started logging in May of this year. I also heard the station that "Amazon" reported. I made his call to be 3PY—"Z.L.D.X." (Palmerston North).

**I** HAVE lately heard an American on about 263 metres (1140 kc.). I have been unable to get his call. He is located at Salt Lake City, Utah. I wonder if this would be KSL, 275 metres? He is one degree below 2ZM, and is probably the station lately heard by A. D. Rogers. Thanks to "Liederman," Timaru, for information re 3BY—"Amazon" (Palmerston North).

**O**N 5/8/30 at 7.30 p.m. I heard a station transmitting on 3ZC's wavelength. From what I could gather I think this is a Christchurch amateur. I heard him talking about different stations and how he received them. He said he was waiting for a card from 4ZM (or 4ZO) Dunedin. He also asked if somebody at New Brighton with a crystal set and a two-stage amplifier was hearing him. He then went on to give hints about crystal detectors and earth-pipes.—T.N.I. (Timaru).

**C**OULD any D.X. member tell me what station was operating right on top of 3ZC, Christchurch (250 metres, 1200 kilocycles) on 5/8/30, and remaining on same item for some considerable time? A gentleman was singing a few lines of what seemed humorous old songs, etc.

Some of the items were: "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" "I Wish I Was a Little Fish," and so on. Signal strength was R6-8, with fading. I left him owing to heavy static and local interference. Time from 8.15 p.m. onwards. 3ZC overpowered the station at times. It required careful tuning to part them.—"Bob" (Wellington).

**C**OULD any listener tell me the address of W2XAF on 81.4 metres, 2ME, Sydney, and RV15, Khabarovsk? I receive all these stations at R9 on a two-valve battery-operated set. On the afternoon of August 3 I heard W2XAF broadcasting a talk and calling up someone. Just above this one was another American station also broadcasting talk (about 3 metres above). No call was given. Would this be the station Mr. Sellens heard on July 20 playing orchestral music? VK2ME, Sydney, was calling GBP on the same afternoon on 37 metres at R9. On August 1 a station was heard at 7 a.m. broadcasting operatic music at R4-5 on 80 metres. The music and singing sounded like Italian. Would this be 3RO, Rome? He was also heard on the following morning at 7 a.m., but weaker. Could anyone identify a station on the 40-metre band on August 2 at 6.45 p.m.? It was an American talking with some other station, at R8. The call sounded like WFC—"J.C." (Vogeltown).

[The address of W2XAF is c/o General Electric Co., South Schenectady, New York; of VK2ME is c/o Amalgamated Wireless (A'sia) Ltd., 47 York Street, Sydney; and of RV15, Khabarovsk, Siberia.—Ed.]

**C**OULD any D.X.-er give me the call-sign of the Chinese station operating on 454 metres (665 kc.)? Also the call of the Philippine Island station operating on 484 metres (620 kc.)—the same wavelength as 3AR?—"M.B.S." (Palmerston North).

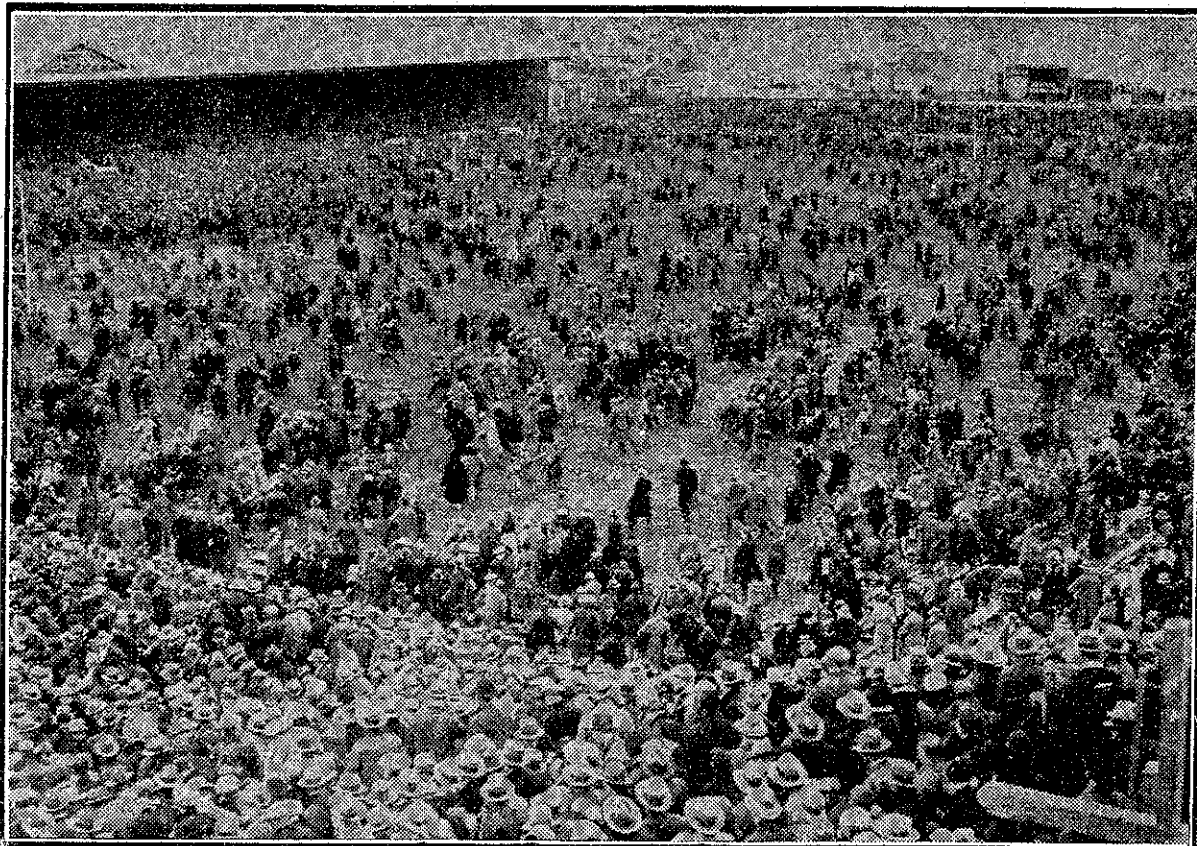
**R**E station RV15: I notice he is back in his old position on 70 metres again. While he has been missing from the usual spot would it be likely he was broadcasting on or about 60 metres, as I have heard, during the last fortnight, a Russian station on that wavelength? Now, on August 7, with RV15 back on 70 metres, this 60-metre transmission has disappeared.—"Short Wave" (Pahiatua).

**S**TATION heard about 3 degrees below 2FC. I think it was an American.—"Metre" (Huntly).

**A** NEW station on the air on August 2 at 7 p.m. was 2NC, Newcastle, on a frequency of about 1170 kc. (256 metres). 2NC is one of the new A.B.C. relay stations, the other, apparently not yet on the air, being 4RK, Rockhampton, and both are to have 2 kws. in the aerial. On August 1, at 11.15 p.m., I heard two very weak stations between 2YA and 6WF—could any reader identify these? Also, a station often heard on Saturday afternoons from 4.30 on at very good volume on a frequency of 1300 kc. (230 metres). He is between 2ZI and KFOX, and is characterised by very bad fading like 2YB. My log is 72 stations on a four-valve set. With reports away, I will have 45 confirmed.—"Taipo" (Palmerston North).

**O**N July 14 I logged 2ME calling London, but only at fair phone strength. Dial reading, 56 deg. to 55 deg. On about 48 deg. and 40 deg. station with continuous note followed by call sign (apparently) repeated rapidly in morse and beginning with G—, was coming through at R9 on phones. This was at 5.30, and about an hour later he was still continuing the transmission heard previously.—H.W.Y. (North Auckland).

**I** AM using a commercial seven-valve all-electric, and have heard about 50 identified stations. On July 20 I heard WOAI Texas (also WENR Chicago). I also heard an organ recital on Auckland's wavelength on July 21, from KHT Los Angeles, but did not know where it was



At the Close of the Game.—A portion of the huge crowd who witnessed the match streaming on to the field. Though the crowd numbered over 48,000—an attendance record for Athletic Park—it was remarkably orderly and after the game dispersed quietly.

—L. Wallace, photo.