

DX Topics

Logging New Zealand Stations.

SOME listeners report getting 26 New Zealand stations. This I do not consider out of the way for large sets situated in suitable positions in the North Island. I am situated in what is considered one of the worst localities in New Zealand and I have received 19 New Zealanders on a 4-valve all-electric single control set, using only one stage of audio. My total list is 40, and comprises 19 New Zealand stations, 13 Australians, 3 American, and 5 Japanese. Can any listener in beat this log for this type of set?—C.L.V. (Rakaia).

A Special New Zealand Programme.

TO-NIGHT (August 16), KFOX, of Longbeach, California, is broadcasting a programme for Australian and "Noo" Zealand friends, the volume being equal to 1YA. KSL, of Salt Lake City, Utah, also came in very well in the earlier part of the evening. KFOX is playing now "Give Yourself a Pat on the Back," and is coming through very loud on speaker. My total is now 38 American, 2 Honolulu, 1 Suva, and 2 Philippine stations, so with a little luck and good conditions I may reach "Kauspankers" record.—L.M. (Te Kuiti).

"Diogenes" Taken to Task.

RE "Diogenes" remarks in a back issue of the "Record." Everyone does not own a crystal set. About the imagination part of the business. I hold a verification of VORZ, a short-wave Viennese transmitter using a power of 20 watts. If "Diogenes" thinks that a listener can sit down in front of his set, imagine he has tuned in a station, imagine a few items, and imagine a call-sign, he is welcome to his thought. If a fellow can imagine all the above and receive verification for it, he should go to

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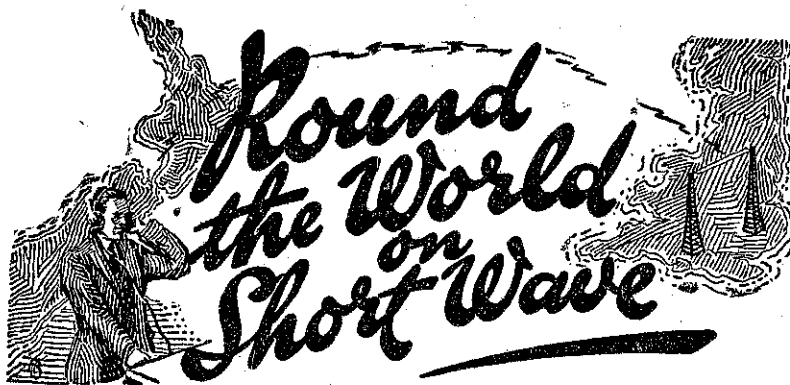
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U.S.A. and his fortune would be made. The set I use is only a det. and audio outfit—and no stage of "imagination" in front either. Wishing DX dial-turners plenty of good shooting.—V.W. (Auckland).

A Phenomenal Log.

I RECENTLY received a letter from a Mr. Ray de Marcus, of Los Angeles. He has a log of 287 stations, and stated that owing to information I sent him, he has received 2YA. He also stated that KMIC, 1120 kc. (268 metres) KGFJ,

and 268 metres (1120 k.c.). Just after writing the above I heard the call of the latter station—KMIC, Inglewood, California. Five Japanese stations were also very clear.—J.E.O. (Rosenearth).

[Since the inauguration of the DX competition a few readers have protested that for long-distance reception the country listener possesses an overwhelming advantage over the city DX'er. It may be seen from the above letter, by a correspondent living in the heart of Wellington, that this is by no means always the case.

Stations Heard During Week Ending August 23.

3RO, Rome, 80 metres: Each morning except Sunday.
? America, 72.5 metres (about): Friday.
RV15, Siberia, 70 metres: Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed. and Thurs.
? 52 metres (about): Monday.
W9XAA, Chicago, 49.34 metres: Tuesday and Saturday.
W3XAL, New Jersey, 49.18 metres: Sunday and Saturday.
W2XE, New York, 49.02 metres: Sunday.
Radio Saigon, Indo-China, 49 metres: Sun., Mon. and Tues.
K1XR, Manila, 48.8 metres: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.
? 43 metres (about): Thursday.
W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.4 metres: Sunday and Saturday.
ZEESSEN, Germany, 31.38 metres: Each morning except Sunday.
PCJ, Holland, 31.28 metres: Thurs., Fri. and Sat.
VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 metres: Wednesday.
NRH, Costa Rica, 30.5 metres: Sunday and Saturday.
VK2ME, Sydney, 28.5 metres: Duplex each day except Sunday.
GBP, Rugby, 27.7 metres: Duplex each day except Sunday.
ZLW, Wellington, 27.3 metres: Saturday.
CJRX, Winnipeg, 25.6 metres: Saturday.
G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat.

1210 kc. (248 metres), and KGFS are 24-hour stations. "Yankee" (New Plymouth).

A Two-Valve DX'er.

IN issue of August 15 under the heading of "An Excellent All-Electric Two," you say you have not heard of a better log for this set. I have a two-valve all-electric local receiver, and my log stands at the following: New Zealand 22, Australian 13, Japan 4, American 2, making a total of 41. All on loudspeaker. Americans received were KFOX, California, and KSL, Salt Lake City.—D.J.McI. (Pirinoa).

City Reception Conditions.

A NUMBER of American stations may be heard nightly—some loud enough to dance to. On August 13, between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., we received the following, identified by their call-signs:—Los Angeles: KGER, KNX, KFWB, and KTM; San Francisco: KPO, KFRC, and KGO; Oakland: Chicago: WENR; Denver: KOA; Honolulu: KGMB; and KFOX, Long Beach, California. Also three others (unidentified) on 385 metres (780 kc.), 290 metres (1030 kc.),

and 268 metres (1120 k.c.). Just after writing the above I heard the call of the latter station—KMIC, Inglewood, California. Five Japanese stations were also very clear.—J.E.O. (Rosenearth).

Short-wave News

Sunday, August 17.

AT about 2.15 p.m. NRH was at its best, being R4. Speech was too distorted to be readable, except odd words.

W2XAF was tuned in at 2.30 p.m., when they were just concluding the "Lucky Strike" hour; R7. They were off the air when tried for again just after 3 p.m. W2XE at 4 p.m. were quite good at R5, increasing to R7 by 4.30 p.m.

W3XAL, during the same period were about the same volume. Radio Saigon were excellent at R9 at 10.30 p.m. RV15 at 10.30 p.m. were R8-9, but spoilt by severe static.

Monday, August 18.

RADIO Roma (3RO) were perfect at R8 when tuned in at 7.30 a.m. The lady announcer was talking. Music followed.

Zeessen was good volume, but a morse station was almost on top of it, spoiling reception. At 7 p.m. 2ME were R8 and GBP R4. RV15 was excellent this evening, being R9 with talk and musical items.

On about 52 metres at 9.45 p.m. talk at R4 was heard. A strong ripple spoilt readability. This station had gone by 10.30 p.m. Radio Saigon at 10.45 p.m. was R7-8, spoilt by static.

Tuesday, August 19.

STATION G5SW at 7.30 a.m. was R7-8, gushy, but not quite as bad as usual. GBP and 2ME at 7.30 a.m. were R7 and R8. Zeessen was again spoilt by morse QRM. 3RO at 7.45 p.m. was only R2.

RV15 was R9 at 11 p.m., but static was very bad. Radio Saigon at R8 and K1XR at R5 were also spoilt by static. W9XAA were on the air with an early morning programme at 11 p.m. They were R8, but static reduced readability to 75 per cent.

Wednesday, August 20.

AT 7.30 a.m. 3RO was R7 with a slight gushiness. Zeessen at R8 was spoilt by morse.

2ME was R9 and GBP R8-9 at 7.45 a.m. G5SW at 7.45 a.m. was R8, spoilt by rapid fading. RV15 were excellent at R9 at 10 p.m., with slight static. K1XR on 48.8 metres at 10.15 p.m. were R8 with a programme of band music.

VK2ME on 31.28 metres were re-broadcasting 2UW at 10 p.m., who were describing the fifth Test match.

Thursday, August 21.

ZEESSEN at 6.30 a.m. was R7, increasing to R8-9 by 8 a.m. PCJ was very good at R5 at 6 a.m., but much better at 7 a.m.

2ME at 7.45 was R9 and GBP R8. ESW increased from R4 at 6.30 a.m. to R8 at 8 a.m. 3RO at 7.30 a.m. was R3, with a noisy background.

On about 43 metres at 7.40 a.m. singing was heard at R4, being very clear and steady. The item concluded at 7.43 a.m., and the station went off the air. EAR110, Madrid, is the only short-

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