

Identification Wanted

ON September 7 between 6 p.m. and 6.35 p.m. station on 360 metres (833.3 kc.), playing band music and also singing "rag-time." Mentioned something about "review" or "revue." Fairly certain that it was an American. Also on September 8 (6.30-7 p.m.), strange station on 535 metres (560 kc.), playing band music. Not an Australian—believe to be American.—"Interested" (Dunedin).

SEPTEMBER 11, at 11.30 p.m., station on approximately 1047 kc. (dial 23½), midway between 2KY and 2UE. It sounded like an American, but speech was unreadable owing to heavy static. Another heard at 11.45 p.m. on dial setting 76, two degrees above 4YA (dial 74). Heard another one degree above 4ZL's wavelength (dial 14), on dial setting 15. Static made calls unreadable. I have had my seven-valve a.c. set for three months, and have logged 58 stations—22 New Zealand, 21 Australian, 9 American, and 6 Japs.—R.E.K. (Westland).

ON September 9, at 3 p.m., I received a strong carrier wave with faint music, between 3LO and JOGK, on dial reading 42½ (I receive 3LO on 39, and JOGK on 44). On the same day, at 7 p.m., I heard a fairly strong carrier wave just one degree below 3LO. On Thursday, September 11, at 4 p.m., and again at 7 p.m., I heard a carrier wave with faint music, one degree above 2BL. This station was heterodyning 2BL. On Friday, at 11.30 p.m., I received a station, one degree above 2ZI Hastings (I get 2ZI on 8). The station was broadcasting a piano solo, after which a man said: "You will now be entertained with —" (I couldn't hear the rest because of static). I also received another station at 11.35 p.m., two degrees above 2ZI Hastings. The announcer's voice was very muffled, but the announcement sounded something like 4—Woodville. Both these stations faded right out at about 11.40 p.m. What is the call of the Japanese or Chinese station just below 3LO Melbourne?—"Electron" (Wgton.).

[These particulars are very vague. More than dial positions of stations heard is required for definite identification. JOCK Nagoya, Japan, operates on a frequency slightly higher than 3LO.—Ed.]

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STATION heard on September 5 after Wellington closed down, a shade above Wellington's wavelength. Sounded like Japanese. At 6 p.m., September 6, station heard on approximately 605 k.c. (496 m.), dial No. 77 (0-100). 3AR, Melbourne, is 72½. Faint talking was heard. September 10, station on 245 m. (1176 k.c.), approximately. A lady was talking at 12.30 p.m. and shortly afterward a banjo selection was heard. September 5, a station was heard on 233 m. (1290 k.c.), approximately. They closed down at 4.45 p.m., and said they would be on the air again on Sunday, September 7. Call sounded like 2ZFI. I have received 4BC, Brisbane, 7HO, Hobart and 3BA, Ballarat recently. I have had my set 3 weeks, and have logged 41 stations.—J.L.D. (Clyde).

ON September 17, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m., I logged a foreign short-wave station giving frequency as 10,050 kilocycles (20.9 metres). Call sign sounded like 4SH, and one item recognised was "Marseillaise" march. Signals were very clear and steady. Strength R9.—"Novis" (Cross Creek).

FOREIGN station on 29 metres (approximately) heard on September 13 and 14, from 2 p.m. until 2.30 p.m., when he went off the air. This station came in at R9 with records. A call was given commencing with, "Allo Parée! Allo Berlin!" Another station just below W9XF (49 metres) heard the last few Sunday evenings, but always too weak to get call. This station goes off the air at 6 p.m.—J.V.M. (Wellington).

ON September 16, at 3.10 a.m., station on approximately 370 metres (810 k.c.) on bed-time stories. I couldn't get the announcement as static spoilt it.—"Mug" (Erua).

STATION operating on about 32 metres on Monday afternoon, September 15, broadcasting music, which continued for a long time before any talk was heard. When talk did commence it was

at R8 in a foreign language, and the man seemed to repeat some big numbers (hundreds of thousands) four or five times. Music then commenced again. The only item recognised was a waltz "amoureuse." At 4 p.m. talk was heard, and the National Anthem played. The station then went off the air. Would this be Zeesen, Germany? An American station was heard broadcasting music about 1 degree above W3XF on Monday, 15th. It closed down about 4.30 p.m. The talk sounded like German. It came in at R8. VK3ME, the experimental station at Melbourne was heard on 14th, playing records, and asking for reports. It was R9. Could anyone give me the address of ZL2DU, the new Palmerston North amateur transmitter? "Metre" (Huntly). No, I have not heard the station



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on 16.75 metres, but will listen for him. Could you tell me the call-sign of the "ham" in Huntly—J.C. (New Plymouth.)

I was up at 5.30 on September 14 to hear the relay of the America Cup, and while turning the dial I brought in a stranger on 39½ metres (760 kc.). Volume was good enough to be heard all over the house, but static was causing a lot of interference. At 5.45 a.m. a woman announced in a foreign tongue, and the foxtrot "Blue Skies" with vocal chorus came through. The singing was in English, so I take it that it was a gramophone record. This was followed by a Wurlitzer organ solo. The woman spoke again, and at 6 a.m. a gentleman commenced to talk, and was still talking when the station faded out at 6.30. On the morning of the 17th I heard them again with good volume, playing two accordion solos, followed by a violin solo. The music was in very quick tempo, like some of the foreign folk dances. The gentleman started to talk again, and was talking when the fade out came. I think I have identified this station as Bucharest, Rumania, 394 metres, power of 12 k.w. Anyway, I have written for verification. On Wednesday I also heard four more strangers, 690 kc. (434m.), 770 kc. (389m.), 860 kc. (349m.), 1070 kc. (280m.). The latter, as Mr. Ellis states, in his DX notes, sounded very much like German. It is very likely that the one on 690 kc. is 1RO, Rome, as this

is a very powerful station, operating exactly that frequency.—M.B.S. (Palmerston North.)

MONDAY, September 15, between 12 and 1 a.m., station operating on 3½ degrees (0-100), 1485 k.c. (203 metres). Another on 1460 k.c. (205 metres), call sounded like 4LW. No location. A further station on 1025 k.c. (292 metres) heard after 2UE closed down. Would this be 6LM, Perth? What appears to be a New Zealand amateur usually discussing parts of a receiver and using a good deal of morse operates on 1200 k.c. (250 metres) and seems to encroach on 3ZC's programme between 7 and 7.30 p.m. every Tuesday night. I logged VK2UR, Uralla on 1360 k.c. (220 metres). Can anyone recognise him? Has anyone heard if KGMV, Honolulu, has changed their call-sign to 3XX, Hawaii? This was what I gathered, but reception was weak.—B.W. (Stratford).

SEPTEMBER 16, 8.40 p.m., about 680 kilocycles. The station appeared to be testing, for the announcer was counting to five and repeating. The call sounded like DHU or 2HU, followed in good English by "Testing; how is clarity, Mr. Maxin?" It appeared to be one of the whaling ships, but faded badly.—S. Ellis (Okato).

STATION on about 82 metres, which came on the air at approximately 10.30 on Monday, September 15. The "Stein Song" was played, but about halfway through was suddenly cut off. After a few minutes its put on again, this time running the full course. This was followed by the "Caribbean Love Song." Station then went off the air, but came back later with a strong carrier, but no music. Strength R9, carrier R8.—"Short-waver" (Wairoa).

ON recent mornings from 5.30 onward I have been trying to identify foreign stations, but without much success, although they come in at fair strength. They are situated on 275 metres (1110 k.c.), 280 metres (1095 k.c.), 352 metres (860 k.c.)—one degree below 2BI—and 382 metres (770 k.c.)—one degree below 4QG. The announcers all speak in a foreign language, the one on 4QG being a lady. I have heard some splendid music. On a recent morning I heard some of the finest singing I could ever wish to hear from the station on 2BL, while the one on 280 metres broadcast some splendid violin solos. One announcement was, as near as I could make it, as follows: "Uce, sama, callama; tereme." I should be pleased to hear from the Milton enthusiast, and Mr. S. Ellis, if they have identified them. These stations are on the air too late for Indian stations—I have not heard Calcutta after 3.30 a.m. Are there broadcasting stations in Cairo and Constantinople? Incidentally, one station appeared to be relaying from a ballroom.—J.P.C. (Palmerston North).

ON September 18 at approximately 10.30 p.m. heard the end of a radio talk from a station on 485 metres (690 k.c.). After this followed, "What is on at the theatres?" succeeded by two piano solos.—Bob (Wellington).

ON Sunday, September 7, at about 2.50 p.m., I heard an American on 2YA's frequency with band music. Also heard him the previous day. Caught the name of one item, "I Want to be Sad." Then the leader said "28, 36, 64, hike," and a jazz number started. Would this be WGN, Chicago? Strength R8. Heard 2ZL, Hastings, on the 7th at about 10.45 a.m. Has anyone his address? An American station on approximately 202 metres (1490 k.c.) has been heard broadcasting boxing matches on one or two occasions. Heard them on September 11 reading out names and numbers. One name mentioned was Galloway. Sounded like Wall Street news. Was this WBAM? Strength R3. Has anyone

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