

## Identification Wanted

**STATION** operating close to 3ZC, Christchurch, on December 29. Final items were recordings of flute solos with band accompaniment, and after playing "The End of a Perfect Day," the station closed down. Reception was very clear at 9.30 p.m., but the announcer's voice giving the call sign was so jumbled I could not catch it, and only heard him asking for reports. Not knowing where to write, I am unable to assist him.—C.M.R. (Wellington).

**STATION** heard on December 28 between 8 and 8.30 p.m. at R1 to R2. Heard on phones. Wavelength below 300 (1000 k.c.). Foreign talk. Items heard were:—(1) Talking; (2) Banjo or ukulele item; (3) Song "Ukulele Lady," with ukulele. Also heard on 27th.—"Foreign" (Wellington).

**HEARD** American December 26 2.15 a.m. on about 243 metres (1230 k.c.). Call sounded like KG—Salomi, California. Still going 3 a.m. (7 a.m. station time). He was on gramophone records, some of which were played especially for different persons in various parts of California. Some records heard were 2.22 a.m., Song, "Toymaker's Dream"; 2.25 a.m., Lew White, Organ solo, playing "Holy City," for lady at San Pedro, California, followed by song, "Jingle Bells"; 2.48 a.m. organ solo. Static heavy and fading bad.—"Clematis," (Raurimu).

**DOES** anyone know who the stranger is, operating in the early mornings, between 4YA and KF1? I picked him up at 2.18 on the 26th. Fairly strong carrier, but little modulation.—"Ray Dio," (Shannon).

**AUSTRALIAN** station (just below 2HD, Newcastle) on 210 (1430 k.c.). Closed down 11.35 p.m., December 31. Dial readings: 2HD, 25; unidentified station, 24. Another on 222 metres (1850 k.c.). Closed down 10.43 p.m. December 31. Dial readings:

2Z1, 36; 2XN, 35; unidentified station, 34.—R.J.R. (P.N.).

**STATION** heard on approx. 1510 k.c. (195 metres) at 10.30 p.m. 26/12/30. Fair volume, music slightly distorted. The only announcement heard was 5BC testing on 195 metres. Where is this station located?—M.B.S. (P.N.).

**AUSTRALIAN** on about 200 metres heard about 12.35 a.m. on January 2. Could not get call on account of static. Dial readings: 3GL on 16deg., 2HD (212 metres) on 13deg., unknown station on 8deg. Dial, 0deg.—180deg.—"Dink" (Helensville).

[3GL, Geelong Broadcasters Pty. Ltd., Geelong, 214 metres (1400 k.c.), power 50 watts in aerial.—Ed.]

## Stations Identified

**B. W.** (Stratford).—3KZ is apparently correct. Details are 3KZ, 322 metres (1350 k.c.). Industrial Printing and Publishing Co., 24-30 Victoria Street, Carlton, N.Z. The station on 490 metres (612 k.c.) is a Jap. I make this call out to be JOAK, but this must be a mistake.—"Ray Dio" (Shannon).

## D.X. Topics

### Christmas Broadcasts from America.

**ON** Christmas night between 7.30 and 8.30 (New Zealand time) WTAM's Christmas party was coming in at

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good speaker strength. Americans previous to this had been weak with me for some time. At 1 o'clock on Boxing morning American stations were coming in strongly. WFAA, KFKB, KRLD, KMOX, and WOAI were all at good speaker strength and a host of others at less strength. They were all giving Christmas greetings at 7 a.m. on Christmas Day. The Americans appear to come in the best at midnight now (that is, their early morning).—W. L. Peters (Pahiatua).

### Test Transmissions.

**HAS** 2YA ever been known to broadcast out of hours? At approximately 2.45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, I heard a gramophone record in progress on 2YA's frequency. I did not hear the beginning, but there was no announcement at the end. There was nothing on only a few minutes before. The volume was fully equal to that of 2YA. It seems rather strange that 2YA should play a record before opening time.—"Tiger" (Carterton).

[2YA comes on the air regularly at approximately the time mentioned. The transmissions are unofficial, and are for testing purposes only.—Ed.]

### A Special Broadcast for New Zealand.

**MANY** of the American stations remained on the air all night from Christmas Eve (in U.S.A.) until well into the next morning. One in particular, KGW, Portland, was still going strong at 3 o'clock on the morning of Friday, 26th (i.e., 7 a.m., Thursday, Pacific Coast time). I first picked him up, on 483 m. (620 k.c.), at 12.45 p.m., when he was very weak. From about 1.30 a.m. on he was coming in at good speaker strength with dance music. I also logged WOAI at 1.5 o'clock the same morning. KFKB was logged at 10.46 o'clock on Thursday evening. A metre or two above KNX, WOAI comes in on 3ZC's wavelength.

Presenting a special Christmas programme, WTAM was picked up about 8 p.m. on Thursday, 25th, and held until 9 p.m., when, after an ensemble "Auld Lang Syne," he signed off. During the programme greetings were broadcast to New Zealand and the studio orchestra played the New Zealand National Anthem. WTAM was received at excellent loudspeaker strength. Another American I have logged recently is KJLX, Oakland, 341 m. (880 k.c.). He is found between 7HO and JOAK.—"Ray Dio" (Shannon).

### Some Recently-Heard Americans.

**"CABBAGE"** (Gishorne).—I have an official programme of KTM dated September 27, 1930, and their power

is rated as 1000 watts, so I am inclined to stand by my previous statement unless you can prove to me otherwise. I hardly think their power would be decreased since last September. Perhaps some of the "old-timers" would come to our aid.

**"Jaka"** (Wellington).—Your report of WTAM, Cleveland, Ohio, is interesting. I have not tried for him at the time you mention, but logged him the two Sunday evenings previous to Christmas at about 7.10 p.m. and held him till approximately 8.25 p.m., when he closed down. On both occasions he was acknowledging subscriptions to the Christmas Cheer Fund for the poor of their city. Musical items were given in between, and on the first Sunday I had the pleasure of hearing the best vocal quartet I have yet heard from America. When closing down he said he would be on the air again at 6.59 a.m.

On Christmas night, I tuned in WTAM with Christmas carols and had him for two hours at wonderful strength. It is interesting to note that they put on extracts from Dickens's "Christmas Carol" recently broadcast by 2YA, so I had an impression of an American "Scrooge" with his "wonderful" accent. I have recently added WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut, to my log. This is my most distant station to date. KFKB, Milford, Kansas, has been coming in well the last few evenings. I get him from approximately 10.15 p.m. (when he is just starting up) onwards. I am glad to see "Kauspanka" (Hawke's Bay) on the job again. I really thought he had gone with several of the other "old-timers" on a tour with "Rip Van Winkle." Sunday, December 28, is the best night I have experienced this summer. I have recently received verification from WENR and KFVB. The latter seems very pleased to receive reports on their station and asked me to send in more later.—"Kia Ora" (Frankton Junction).

### An Unusual Night.

**JANUARY 1** was an excellent night for Americans. There were so many on parts of the dial that it was impossible to separate them. Some of the eastern stations were relaying New Year celebrations from the Pacific Coast. One item of interest was the relay of the Mission Bells of California, which have rung in the New Year for 200 years. Reception was excellent.—M.B.S. (Palmerston North).

### Recent Loggings.

**THE** following stations have been added to my log during the last week:—WTAM, Cleveland, 1070 k.c. (280.2 metres); 7LA, Launceston, 1100 k.c. (278 metres); 2AY, Albany, 1320 k.c. (227 metres); KMA, Shenandoah, 930 k.c. (322.4 metres); WOAI, Texas, 1190 k.c. (252 metres). On 25th ult. I listened to WTAM for an hour and a half, while broadcasting a special three-hour Christmas Eve programme. Reception was remarkably clear, and the volume was sufficient for the items to be heard all over the house. On 1st inst. the same station broadcast by re-

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