

## Short-wave Notes

## W3XAL and W3XL.

THE above stations, located at Boundbrook, New Jersey, are being well received in New Zealand at the present time. The following are their schedules as given "over the air" during the past week (both stations are owned and operated by the same company):—W3XAL, 49.18 metres, Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, 6.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; W3XL, 46.69 metres, Saturday and Sunday only, 6.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (N.Z. summer time).

## Shortwave Reception in U.S.A.

AN interesting letter has just been received from Mr. Page Taylor, Detroit, Michigan, who tells me all about what is heard in the Eastern States of U.S.A. Mr. Page says: "PCJ, Holland, is not so good. It is a very hard station to get in this part of the country on account of WIXAZ, and a harmonic of longwave XEX in Mexico City being right on PCJ's wave. When he comes in, however, he is quite good, but I have never heard PCJ without hearing WIXAZ at the same time."

HVJ, Vatican City, has been reported in the East by a few, but it is also a very difficult station to get on account of being on at the wrong hours to suit us.

Moscow and REN have been reported by a few listeners on the West Coast.

TLO, Nairobi: I don't know of anyone in this country ever hearing this station. I have tuned for him for two years without success.

F3ICD is beginning to come in well now. I have heard him very well with only ten feet of aerial.

RV15 is not being heard yet. After Christmas RV15 and F3ICD come in like locals.

VE9CL is poor, and has been for some time. HRB and VE9CL are trying to share the same wave; one of them will have to move or we won't hear either.

NRH has not been heard for over a year. He is putting on a test this morning (October 28), at 1 a.m., and the two following mornings, so that we in U.S.A. can hear him again. I understand that some gentleman in New Zealand recently sent him a report of seven days' consecutive reception. That is better than we have been able to do here for a long time. PLW is the only Javanese being heard at the present time.

YK2ME is absolutely like a local on 31.28 metres.

FYA, G5SW and I2RO are beginning to fade out, and probably will not be heard well again until next spring.

ZL3ZC was heard by several listeners a few years ago, but has not been reported since.

ZL2ZX has not been reported. Winter is coming, and with it good night and early morning reception.

ZL I have heard weakly. It is best heard on the East Coast.

KKW is a new Bolinas, California station, new this last week; tests with JIAA in the late afternoon, on 21.95 metres.

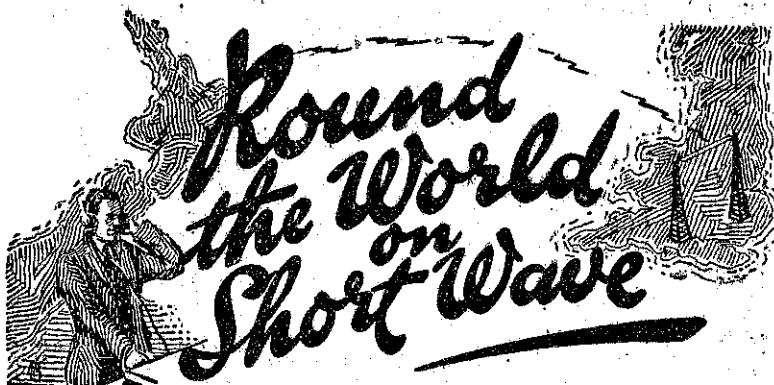
KKQ is also at Bolinas. Look for KKW, KKQ, KIO, and JIAA from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m., E.S.T. (7 a.m. to 1 p.m., N.Z. summer time).

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TIR, Cartago, Costa Rica, has recently come on the air. His wavelength is 39.8 metres, and is usually on from 7 till 8 p.m. (12 noon till 1 p.m.). Owned by the Tropical Radio Telegraph Co., the same firm that owns HRB.

CMCI, Havana, Cuba, has recently come on too. This station is of very good volume on 49.95 metres. CMCI signs off at 6.30 p.m. (11.30 a.m.).

HKF, Bogota, Columbia, 39.4 metres, is about the best station at the present time. Sometimes he comes on as early as 7.30 p.m. (12.30 p.m.), but his regular schedule is 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.).

HKM, Bogota, Columbia, 45 metres, also is coming in well on the same schedule as HKF.

El Prado, Riobamba, Ecuador, comes through very well every Thursday night from 9 p.m. till 11 p.m., on 39.8 metres. (N.Z. time, Friday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.).

KWO, Dixon, California, is a new station that I heard for the first time last night (October 27), conducting word tests. They were on 33.5 metres, but he announced that they were also on 15.355 megs. This may be KOO; am not sure if he said KWO or K double O.

EAQ, Madrid, Spain, is on irregularly on 30.4 metres. When he is on he is like a local. Usually heard from 8 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. (1 p.m. to 2 p.m.).

CTIAA, Lisbon, Portugal, on 42.9 metres, is heard on Fridays from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. (Saturdays, 9.30 a.m. till 11.30 a.m.). This station is a hard one to hear on account of QRM, but comes through quite nicely occasionally.

Zeesen is harder to get than PCJ. I have never heard it. 2XAF and 1XAZ are on each side of it, and completely cover it. If I were a little from these two big stations, or closer, it would help.

## Log for Week Ended December 5

R15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: Good volume each evening from 7.30 p.m.

RV59, Moscow, 50 metres: It is necessary to be up very early to receive this station at all well now. At 7 a.m. it is quite weak.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres: Usually reaches R9 by 6 p.m.

ZL2ZX, Wellington, 49.5 metres: Too close to be other than maximum volume.

W8XAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres: Reception best from 11.30 p.m., when R9 signals are the rule. Usually reaches R6 by 6 p.m., but QRM is troublesome.

W3XAL, Boundbrook, 49.18 metres: This station comes in at about R9 from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m., when they close down. F3ICD, Saigon, 49 metres: Still R9 from soon after 11 p.m. each evening.

W3XL, Boundbrook, 46.69 metres: On Sunday two new stations, KGHL and KGR, Montana, were included in the National Network, from which a programme of music was heard. RS-9 at 5 p.m., increasing to R9 soon after.

REN, Moscow, 45.38 metres: Like RV59, this Russian station becomes very weak by 6.30 a.m. these mornings.

39.3 metres (about): Saturday, 11.45 p.m. Records at R9, gushy, with slight static. No call was heard. Duplex telephony (foreign), commenced before midnight.

Radio Maroc, Rabat, 32.26 metres: Monday, R6 at 7.45 a.m. to R3 by 8.15 a.m. Have not heard Maroc for a long time.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres: Saturday night, R9 with one stage of audio. The quality was excellent, except during short periods when distortion was noticed.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres: Weak until nearly signing-off time, 4 p.m., when they are usually R7-8. Audible in the mornings about 8 a.m., but weak as a rule. On Tuesday at 7.45 a.m. they were RS-9, dropping suddenly to R3 at 8.15 a.m.

W1XAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres: Comes in quite well from 4 p.m. at about R8, but they seldom transmit later than this time.

VK2ME, Sydney, 31.26 metres: Sunday evening, R9, with their usual weekly programme.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: Not worth while in the mornings, weak and gushy. Tried them on Wednesday night, or at least Thursday morning, at 12.25 a.m., when their carrier was RS and gushy. The call, G5SW, etc., with tomorrow's programme, was about 50 per cent. readable. Big Ben on the half-hour was clear. Organ music followed at R9, quite good except for the gushiness.

W8XX, Pittsburgh, 25.25 metres: Audible some mornings between 6.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Very rapid fade on Thursday and Friday, the only mornings heard this week.

FYA, Paris, 25.2 metres: Another station almost "out of hearing." When audible between 7 and 8 a.m., is very gushy.

HVJ, Vatican City, 19.84 metres: Have not heard HVJ on this wavelength since

the opening day, when this station was opened on 19.84 metres, until Saturday at 11.20 p.m., when they were calling 2ME, Sydney, without any luck, while I was listening. Volume was RS-9, with a slight surge. A metronome could be heard ticking in the background.

## N.Z. Short-wave Club Notes

## From the Secretary's Pen

WHAT appears to be occupying the minds of many short-wavers is how to get the set out to where they are going to spend the holidays. The first thing to do is to notify the inspector of the change of address. Another distressing happening might be to find the batteries have failed; it is always advisable to have a spare. For a two-valve set an emergency "A" battery is one of the pocket lamp type. A benzine case with the tins inside would make a waterproof carry-all, and would serve as a table, provided precautions are taken against shorting the batteries when packing up.

A number of people are going short-wave nowadays, but there are still a few "die-hards." I received a letter last week wherein the writer stated that he had written to a northern firm for particulars, and his reply was not to bother about short-wave, as it was a complete failure.

A report from Dunedin, in comparing the reception log, stated that the Americans given at R9 in Wellington have been only R6-7 down there, with the exception of W8XAL, at 11.30 p.m. At the present time Saigon and RV15 are exceptionally strong, but the number of "howlers" seems to be on the increase.

There is a growing feeling among listeners of all classes that something should be done with regard to electrical interference. I think that a leading light of the DX Club, who had a listen-in while in town, is satisfied that he has the best "possie" after all.

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