

News and Views of the DX Club

Identification Wanted

A station heterodyning 20A, Canberra, on 1050 k.c. (286m.), at 11.25 p.m., on Sept. 27. Dance music, followed by an announcement about dollars, made in an American accent, was heard. Also an American often heterodyned by 200, Corowa, 560 (535m.), after 7 p.m. Another American was heard at 6.45 p.m. on September 20 on 590 k.c. (508m.) relaying organ music from KFI. Another station is often heard on 940 k.c. (319m.) after 7 p.m., but it is spoilt by a loud rippling noise.—"Radio" (Wgtn.).

call being plainly heard, though QRU, and fading was severe.—NZ16W (Wellington).

57MC (Dunedin).—Station on 324m. (925 k.c.) is Göteborg, Sweden. OKP, Prague (or Praha), Czechoslovakia. 14N (Nelson).—Station on 1195 k.c. is Montpellier, France. "Omsk" (Whakatane).—I have heard this station often, and speech has always been in English. It is not London National, but London Regional, on 356m. (842 k.c.).—"Digger" (Hamilton).

"OMSK" (Whakatane): (1) Naples, Italy, 315 m. (940 kc.); (2) Genoa, 312 m. (960 kc.), 10 kw.; (3) probably San Sebastian, Spain, 453 m. (665 kc.), which has increased its power lately; (4) Khakov, 428 m. (700 kc.), 25 kw.; (5) IMI, Milan, Italy, 331 m. (910 kc.), 75 kw.; (6) Scottish National, 288 m. (1040 kc.), 50 kw.; (7) Radio Trieste, Italy, 248 m. (1210 kc.), 10 kw. "Speagle" (Nelson): (1) Rabat, Morocco, 417 m. (720 kc.), 6 kw.; (2) this may be quite possibly Athlone, Ireland, 413 m. (725 kc.), with 60 kw. power. "131A" (Rangataua): (1) Lodz, Poland, 253 m. (1185 kc.); (2) EAJ13, Barcelona, 268 m. (1120 kc.); (3) Heilsberg, 276 m. (1085 kc.); (4) Bratislava, 278 m. (1080 kc.), 14 kw.; (5) Nice, 285 m. (1050 kc.); (6) Muhlacker, Germany, 360 m. (833 kc.), 60 kw.; (7) Lwow, Poland, 380 m. (790 kc.), 21 kw.; (8) Milan, Italy, 330 m. (910 kc.), 75 kw.; (9) Bucharest, Roumania, 394 m. (760 kc.), 16 kw.; (10) probably Sottens, Switzerland, 408 m. (745 kc.), 60 kw.—16W (R.J.H., Ohakune Junction).

DX Club Meetings

OTAGO BRANCH.

At 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, in the room above Barnett's (Radio Dealers). The Octagon. Entrance to Stewart Street. (Dxers please note new meeting room and entrance).

H. W. NATTA,
District Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH.

At 7.45 p.m. on October 12, at the rooms of Messrs. Chas. Begg and Company, Manchester Street. (Please note change of meeting room.)

ERIC W. WATSON,
District Secretary.

Station heard on 770 k.c. (389m.) at R5. Closed down at 5.58 a.m. Also station on 925 k.c. (324m.) at R5. Speech was foreign. He closed down at 5.45 a.m.—160W (Wanganui).

Station heard at 5.45 p.m. on Sept. 24 between 2GB and 4RK. Music was heard. Announcer spoke with an American accent, and the only words I could catch were: "Nine o'clock."—J.W. (West Coast).

American on approx. 735 kc. (408 m.), heard at 11.15 p.m. on September 27 heterodyning badly with 50L, Adelaide. An American doctor was heard giving lectures. At the close of this song were heard, followed by dance music interspersed with foreign vocal numbers. I heard this station often during summer last year, but was unable to get the call.—L.B. (Johnsonville).

Stations Identified

42W.—JORK is right. Kochi City. "Digger" (Hamilton).—VUC, Calcutta. "Omsk" (Wellington).—JQAK works on 645 k.c. (465m.). Perhaps you have heard him. Your others are new to me. NKS is on 952 k.c. (315m.), 172A. All your stations will reply if you address them to their respective towns. "Radio" (Wellington), COMK, Mukden, 723 k.c., Strasbourg on 870 k.c., and Prague on 616 k.c. 64MC, Probably WKBO on 1450 k.c. (207m.).—"Marama" (Invercargill). 33T (Patea).—You probably heard the fourth harmonic of 2UW, Sydney (267m.), which comes in on 67m. I heard it on September 28 at 11 p.m., at R6-7, the

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"Omsk" (Whakatane).—Could you please give me VKA's address?—64A (Mokau).

DX Topics

1ZQ Promises Verification.

42W (Wellington): I wrote 1ZQ Auckland on July 7, and I received a letter stating that my items were correct and that a card would be sent as soon as fresh supplies were available. So far I have not received it.—164A (Morrinsville).

Earthing the Beverage.

PERHAPS my experience with a Beverage aerial may be of some assistance to those wishing to know if earthing of the far end is beneficial. I have an American custom-built set, for which the makers recommend for maximum results a thousand-foot aerial. I discussed the matter with another Beverage aerial enthusiast, and with him made a series of experiments. There is a large hill behind the house, and I ran an aerial of No. 14 galvanized wire to the top of this (about a quarter of a mile), and then at right-angles along the brow of the hill for approximately another quarter-mile. In the first instance the far end was not earthed, and there was little or no improvement over my short aerial of 300 feet. We then earthed the far end, and found a noticeable improvement.

We then decided to put a resistance in series with the earth, and the question arose as to the value. My friend overcame this difficulty in rather an ingenious manner. He managed to obtain two field telephones, one of which was connected to the far end of the aerial. With the set connected and turned on in the ordinary way, the buzzer from his end would operate my loudspeaker and indicate

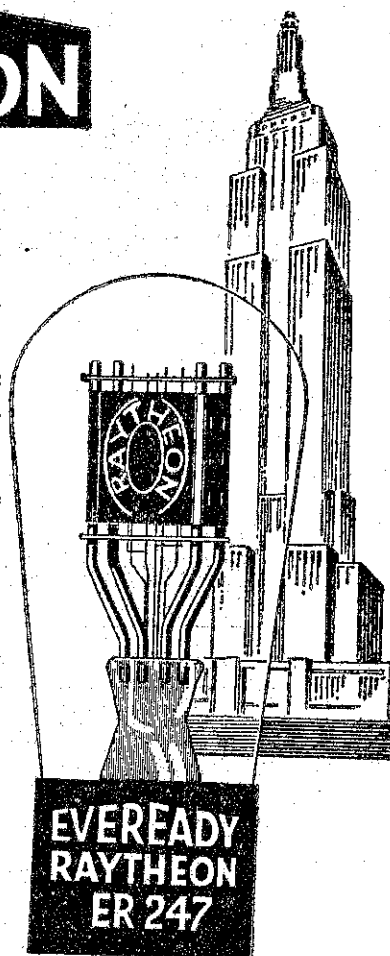
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