

Answers

Bulova.—Probably have no place in stations identified.

"Battery" asks certain questions with regard to the Competition. The replies are:—

1. The band available for the Competition is from 540 k.c. (555.6m.) to 1500 k.c. (200m.).
2. The hours given for summer daylight are standard.
3. We are sorry you do not agree with us with regard to 2KY and 2UW.

Address Wanted

VK4MW heard from 8 p.m. onward on (1500 k.c.) Tuesday and Friday night last week.—5HB.

Stations Identified

1S: KTFI, Twin Falls, Ida. 500 watts, 1240 k.c. (242 m.).—Ed.

128MC: VK4LW, Rosali, Brisbane (1500 k.c.). Manku—Breslau (925 k.c.).

Radio.—Your Europeans are: (590 k.c.), Brussels No. 1; (690 k.c.), Stockholm; (570), Riga; (850), Graz; (600), Florence, IFI; (1030), Vihuri. Japs are **10NK** (680 k.c.); **10AK** on (645)—Omsk.

A.N: KFOX (1250KC).—Manku; Prague, 617 k.c.; and Breslau, 923 k.c.—Bulova.

"Radio" (Wellington): American on 3BO (970 k.c.) is KJR, Seattle, 5 kw. Australian amateurs do not transmit below 1200 kc., so station on 1135 kc. must be 6MW, Perth.—113A.

A.N. (Wellington).—Last night (27/10/32), I heard a station on approx. 1305 k.c. Announcer called 4ZD, Cromwell. I followed programme, part of which was sponsored by a Dunedin firm from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Station went off air several times for adjustments. Perhaps J.L.L. (Cromwell) could give us some information about this station. Strength of station was about R5, with rapid fading and distortion.—GTMO.

Identification Wanted

Station on 1240 k.c., 241.8m., giving the call KGFI. Heard on Sunday, October 16, closing down at 7 p.m., N.Z. summer time. As KGFI broadcasts on 1500 k.c. this apparently was a relay.—L.S.

American heard on 1040 k.c., 28/10/32, at 7.45 p.m. Items were given out in groups; several fox trots and tangos were heard, then announcer said: "Operating on 1040 K.C. by authority of the Federal Radio Commission," and then went off.

Chinese or Jap station on 680 k.c. heard every night, comes in about R6.

American station on 1280 k.c. heard on 15/10/31; Phil Harris's Band playing at the Coconut Grove was heard very plainly, and Phil sang "Oh, Monah." Was this a station relaying KFI, Los Angeles?—DX124W.

What American is located in Washington, D.C., with a call sounding like WGF—, and working on 1450 kc. (frequency is O.K.), closes down at 6 p.m., N.Z. summer time?—113A (Bay of Plenty).

What is the American on 1180 k.c.? The announcer spoke with an American accent, and I tuned him in just as he said, "Good morning, everybody," about 1.45 a.m. Also a station about 1540 k.c. This station was surging, similar to short-wave. The item being broadcast was a song by a male performer.—"Brunswick"

DX Topics

LATEST Americans include KFAC, KFRC, KHQ, KHJ, KTAR, KFSD, WTAM. Best Europeans are Hellsberg (Konigsberg) and Bordeaux Lafayette. I would like to get into touch with dxers using a Rogers a.c. model 710 set, in order to compare results, etc.—67 MC.

News and Views of the DX Club

Does 7UV Verify?

HAS any dxer received a verification from 7UV, Tasmania yet? It is about two months since I sent my report in. I have just received a verification from WCCO, Minneapolis, of test broadcast on August 21.—191A.

2UW Special.

CONGRATULATIONS to 2UW. It was certainly a great dx "special." Perhaps some other dxer might be able to inform me who secured this special—was it H.Q. or one of the New Zealand secretaries?—"Sally" (Gore).

[It was secured by one of the secretaries.—Ed.]

Non-Reply Stations.

STATIONS on my non-reply list, three months overdue: 4ZL 1ZQ, 2SM, 3HA, 7XL, KMOX?, KZRM, KFPY?, KDB, KCRG, KTRH, KRID, XER.

Reception for American stations has been bad here lately. The Australians are very strong, logging 3AR, 4QG, and 2KO, daylight reception; all before 5 p.m.—DX150W. (Wanganui).

Card From 3LR.

I RECENTLY received a card from 3LR, but there were no details with regard to their hours of transmission. The frequency is 5800 k.c. I forwarded a report to certain overseas stations enclosing the usual postage for reply. I received my verification by return mail, and the postage stamps were enclosed. So much for the charm of dx notepaper.—149W.

[The address of 10.O. is: H. Stephens, c/o Railway Station, Katanning, West Australia.—Ed.]

Dxers Not Corresponding.

HAVE any dxers written to any of the transcontinental dxers whose names

were published in the June issue of the "Times," and received a reply? I wrote simultaneously to six New Zealanders, one Australian, and two Americans, and so far I have received letters only from the two Americans, who answered quite promptly. I am using a 5-valve A.C. set, and I have greatly increased my range and selectivity by incorporating a wave trap. It brought in stations I had not heard before, including XER, Mexico, WCCO, KOA, KGO, and 2ZK.—29MC.

Evening Reception and Americans.

RECEPTION of American stations in the early evenings has fallen off somewhat. East Coast stations and central ones, like WENR, WABC, WLW, are very good, but KFI and most of the Californians are very much weaker. At midnight, however, the Americans are stronger. KMOX is best, while WLW, XER, and WLS are very powerful. WLS is heretofore JOAK badly, and WBBM can be heard through JOAK. I logged two new ones one night—KMMJ, Clay Center, and WJJD, Mooseheart. At first I took the latter for KSL, but the call given was WJJD. At 2.30 a.m. KFI came on, and was good for a while. KTM, KFOY and KOL were also audible at this time, and many others yet to be identified.—Bulova.

Latest Verification.

I WROTE KZRM on July 17, and the replies have just come to hand. Particulars from their card indicate that the location of the transmitter is on Manila Heights, it is crystal controlled, with a power of 50 kilowatts. Wavelength 485m. (618.5 k.c.). Antenna height, 300 feet, the antenna being of the inverted "L" type. The studios are situated on top of the Insular Building, at Manila, Philippine Islands. The standard time is 120 deg. E. Meridian.

I recently received a reply from WCCO, seven weeks before writing. Incidentally

I see a local dxer received a card from 2ZK after the same lapse of time. Stations on my non-reply list are: 2SM, 3HA, 2KY, 7ZL, 4ZL and 4ZP-115W.

Breslau Controversy.

FROM a card I learn Breslau opened August 28, 1932, is rated at 60 kw., and transmits on 920 k.c. (325 m.).

I see by this week's "Wireless Weekly" that the war is still raging with several New Zealand dxers.

Re the list of no-reply stations, mine are: 3HA, 4ZL, 7ZL. My cards to hand are KFI, 2GB, 2ZW, 2ZP, 2ZK, and more. Also six or seven on the way. My log stands at 98 stations now. The last two are the harder to log than the first 20, I think.

Re the special transmission from 2UW on the 15th inst., I listened at 12.30 p.m., and heard the announcer give his closing announcement and then played "God Save the King," and closed down.—141A.

Europeans at Good Strength.

WE have had a period of easterly winds which seems to have affected the reception of Americans, who are not nearly so loud as usual. The Europeans continue to come in better than ever. Breslau and Milan were R7-8 on 18th inst., while Genoa, Hellsberg, Lwow, Bucharest, Bratislava were R4-5 on the same morning.

2LO is heard fairly often, but volume is never above R3 except on 18th, when I held them for an hour at R3-4. Also heard a Mexican on 1270 k.c. on 14th and 18th inst. CFCT, B.C. was heard at R2 recently. VAS was heard on 16th inst. at 8.30 p.m., held him for 25 minutes. KSL, Salt Lake City, was heard testing on the 19th, coming in R6. I notice some dxers give call of Chinese station on 680 k.c. as XEOA. This is incorrect, correct call being XGOA. Address was given in last week's "R.R."—Omsk (Whakatane).

New Verifications.

LATEST verifications are 2GB, VK2BK 5DN, KGA and KTRH, and 4ZC, Cromwell. 2BK transmits on 1160 k.c., 12.5 watts. I received a card from 5DN (an excerpt from KTRH): "Recently we came across a number of letters from dxers, among which was one from you with postmark 'May 7,' and there was no record of it having been answered. I had already received one from them, so 'Bulova's' may turn up yet. 4ZP, Cromwell, would appreciate reports. Address, J. I. Bilton, Cromwell. Schedule: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Sunday, 10-11 a.m. Thursday, 8-10 p.m. Frequency 1260 k.c., power 25 watts."

Reception has been poor lately. The Americans in the early evenings have been practically inaudible, but in the late evenings came in at good strength. KNO3 being among the best, with WLW a good second. KSL has been heard at good strength also.—Ranganui (Dunedin).

Verification from 3ZR.

3ZR asks us to notify all those who have not received verification cards to communicate with the station immediately. The majority of verifications were suspended pending the printing of new cards. The transmission hours have been revised, and greater power is now used. 3ZR requests reports from the various districts in N.Z.

"Some enthusiasts send in, and continue to send in, reports of 3ZR on 820 k.c. We notice in a recent "Record" one enthusiast's protest against his not receiving a card. He reported stating he heard us on 820 k.c., whereas we had been on 1300 k.c. for some weeks prior to the date of his letter.

"Concluding we wish to advise that owing to increased efficiency of our staff, all correspondence will receive immediate attention for return mail."—M. E. Spiers,

Good Dxing.

DURING the past few weeks dx has been very good indeed. A power leak up this way has been very troublesome during the rough weather, but

Where Are We Heading?

A Challenge to Present Dxers

I DO not know if I am at liberty to use this suggestive title, but I feel it is appropriate when one seriously considers the Dx Club news and views of the last few issues. Probably I shall be unpopular, before I have finished; someone should take it upon themselves to call a halt.

The question has been asked where are the old writers, and as I consider myself one of those, I have been quietly sitting back and digesting the news which appears to-day, and comparing it with what constituted dx news some two and a half years back. When S. Ellis, "Kausparker," "Amazon," "B.W." (Stratford), "D.N.A." (Timaru), "M.B.S." (P.N.), "Bob" (Lyal Bay), "Cromdale" (Otago), and a few others used to express their views, and report on new stations, they were real dx. We had no books to work upon, and a station call must be heard before it could be logged. What a pity those logs ever came into the country. Nowadays, it seems to me, a carrier wave is picked up, the book is consulted, and there is the station, irrespective of power.

Chinese stations especially are interesting traps, as half the stations which appear in books don't exist.

I was pleased to see 23A (Cambridge) had the courage of his convictions. I don't wish to single out anyone for special mention, but I would like to hear more about the verifications from many of these logged stations. I like N. Jenkins's method. He never considers a station logged until he has definitely heard the call, or written away to a doubtful one, and received verification. I note with interest the loggings of London, Aberdeen, Davenport. No consideration of time in these places at time of logging seems to be taken. Might I say that in September most mention is made of them. Now at 5 a.m. N.Z.S.T. it is 5.30 p.m. in England, practically in the middle of the afternoon, and still at least four hours off dark, which I would consider really good dxing time. I maintain if England is going to be heard at all, it would be December or January, when it is dark at 4 p.m., and just breaking day here.

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