

KOA, KGB, WADC, JOBK No. 1, JODK No. 2, 6ML, 2MO, and on Sunday morning, September 17, at 2.5 a.m., VK3HK (1180 k.c.) at R4, QSA3. I received 4BH's proper QSL card on September 20 (received football photo, last week). Details on the card were as follow:—"Transmitting hours: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Station situated at Bald Hill, Queensland. We invite you to listen to 'The Sheldon Follies of 1933,' every Sunday night, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m." Unidentified Europeans have been heard between 4.30 a.m. and 4.45 a.m. on approx. 610 k.c., 830 k.c., 905 k.c., 1085 k.c., and 770 k.c. The station on 905 k.c. announced in English once, mentioning Rome, and spelt out a call sign which sounded like LILL. On Thursday, September 21, I logged VK3RG (1140 k.c.) on a test programme at 1.10 a.m.—144MC (Christchurch).

XER Coming In Well.

RECEPTION of all stations has been excellent lately, and I have started to log 1 k.w. Americans. KFSD and KFAC have been heard at R4, while KHJ comes in at R5. Dxters who have not yet logged XER should be able to do so now, as he has been coming in at R7 during the past week. The best early American I hear is WHO-WOC, who sometimes comes in at R5. He closes down about 5.30 p.m., N.Z.T. Recent verifications are: WLW, letter, Ekko Stamp, and card which states that they are on the air from 6.45 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 12 p.m. to 2 a.m., Chicago time; and KPO, letter and I.R.C. returned. Both stations state that they are pleased to receive any comments on their programmes. Don F. Logan, of Brunswick Street, Truro, Nova Scotia, mentions in his last letter that he would like to hear from N.Z. dxters.—239A (Waiuku).

Reception Conditions Poor.

RECEPTION in this locality has been very patchy lately and at times I have been unable to hear even 3YA. Japanese, Australian, and American reception varies from poor to fair, but none are at good strength. My latest loggings are:—VK2GR, JOVK (R4, 500 w.), XER (RS, 75 k.w.), KLX (R5, 500 w.), KOA (R5, 12.5 k.w.), and 3KL (R6, 200 w.). My latest verification is 4ZL, Dunedin.—186W (Wellington).

Europeans Improving.

AMERICAN reception has been patchy lately, with the exception of one or two nights, such as September 10, when KDB (100 w.), R4, QSA 3-4, KGB,

Special DX Programmes

From WNBX

The management of WNBX, Springfield, U.S.A., advise us that they will broadcast a special N.Z. DX Club programme on 1260 k.c. (power 250 watts) on November 19, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. N.Z.S.T. Reports should be sent to Radio WNBX, Claremont, N.H., U.S.A.

From VK2SX

VK2SX, Slade Radio Coy., Lang St., Croydon, N.S.W., on 220m. (1370 k.c.), will be on the air Sunday nights from 10.30 to 11 p.m., Sydney time (12 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. N.Z.S.T.)—"Elgin" (Wanganui).

From WDAF

Station WDAF, Kansas City, Mo., 610 k.c. (499.7 metres) broadcast a dx programme featuring dx tips, every Sunday morning commencing 12.30 a.m. C.S.T. (6 p.m. Sunday evening, N.Z. S.T.).—99HB (Hastings).

VVVA, KFVD, KFSD were all logged. I also logged 1YA at 1 p.m. the same day, this being the first occasion on which I have logged this station during the day. European reception has been fair, and so far I have reported to the following stations:—Breslau (923 k.c.), Milan (905 k.c.), Bucharest (760 k.c.), Prague (614 k.c.), and Lwow (788 k.c.). Strasbourg (870 k.c.) was coming in R4-5, QSA 4, one morning, but was soon spoilt by power interference. Vienna (580 k.c.), despite its power, is not heard at good strength, the best being Leipzig (770 k.c.), Breslau (923 k.c.), Hellsberg (1085 k.c.), Prague (614 k.c.), and Milan, which was heard giving a news item in English one morning. Verifications are slow in arriving, the latest being JOGK, who sent quite a good card, and 1YA (daylight).

To those who have not tried this dodge it may pay them to experiment a little. The volume of Eastern and European stations is increased greatly by removing the earth and just using an aerial. This has just the opposite effect on American reception. During the summer months of last year I found that the volume of American stations was improved by connecting the earth to the aerial terminal (or wire) on the set. This may not work on every set, but is worth trying.—157W (Wellington).

2ZF's Schedule.

CONDITIONS for dxing in this district are unreliable, as on some evenings the Americans come in at excellent volume, and on others static ruins reception completely. Latest loggings are GGER, KLX, WSB, CFCN, and VK3HK. By sitting up till 6 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, September 17, twenty Europeans were heard, the best being one on 760 k.c. at R3. Latest verifications are:—VK's 2LZ, 2GR and 3GK (3 Good Kids, according to the card!). A very unusual type of verification received by 3HQ from VK7CW, states that all stamps sent with reports are still on the letters, unused. I have been requested by the management of 2ZF to inform dxters that cards cannot be sent to anybody reporting on a relay of 2YA, which has happened frequently lately. Those desirous of obtaining this station's card must re-

port on one of the station's own programmes, which are on Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and Sundays from approx. 8.15 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Sometimes the relay of 2YA's evening church service does not finish until nearly 8.30 p.m.

In a letter recently received from VK3LH, he states that he is particularly anxious for information as to how his signals compare with those of VK3BY, considering the strength and quality, the extra distance and the difference in power. 3BY normally uses 50 watts, whereas 3LH uses only 8 to 15 watts, and usually broadcasts on 1185 k.c.

The following are the frequencies at present being used by VK's who reside in suburbs of Melbourne, and are subject to a change every four weeks:—3BY (1114 k.c.), 3JB (1232 k.c.), 3CY (1173 k.c.), 3RI (1291 k.c.), 3KE (1350 k.c.), and 3WF (1450 k.c.).

38HB: One evening in April last, Q1 (one of your "Lone Stars") was in contact with KFI as part of a stunt broadcast. The announcer at KFI, after preliminary explanations, announced: "KFI calling Q1. KFI calling Q1. Can you hear us? How is the weather up there? How far can you see?" etc., then, "KFI off to Q1." Q1 then came on, was received by KFI, answered the questions, and was rebroadcast. This was kept up for about 15 minutes, and was very interesting indeed, although the accent of the flyer was far from pleasing. If I remember rightly, Q1 was flying some miles distant from Los Angeles, and was taking part in the search for the wreck of the Akron, the American dirigible. Although possibly I have my dates mixed, I cannot vouch for the truth of this; it may

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"Lone Star" Ladder

- 1.—A. Greening (9T) 23
KFQW, KFUM, KPSN, WFJC, WJAZ, WJBX, WOS (U.S.A.), XEQ, XBI (Mexico); LR2, LR5 (Argentina); CX26, BJML, VPD, CMCN, OAX, VUL, VB10BI, VK's 3CX, 2TW, 3JB, 4EM, 4XK.
- 2.—A. Maule (37T) 13
Huizen; VK's 2DS, 2BK, 2WS, 2RJ, 2SS, 2CM, 3CI, VJNM (s.s. Orama) (Aust); WLBZ, WAAM (U.S.A.); 2AQ, 9XF.
- 3.—S. Robson (1HQ) 12
Lyons (France); Berlin (Germany); Sundsvall (Sweden); Gleiwitz (Germany); Florence (Italy); WRDO, W.GBC, WILL, WNBX, WEVD (U.S.A.), VK's 30X, 2FW.
- 4.—J. E. Downes 11
WEXL, WMBH, WHEC, KFYO, KGDE, KWKC, WRNY, KBPS, WJTL (U.S.A.), CKCD (Canada); 4NW.
- 5.—F. Carr (150W) 11
WHA, WPCB, KICA, WJAS, KSCJ, KLYA, WKBH, WMA5 (U.S.A.); VK-4YG, VK4LP, VK4WJ.
- 6.—Ken Graham (38HB) 6
KJBS, EW7, Q1 (U.S.A.); 10BQ (Canada); XEJ (Mexico); Radio Saigon.
- 7.—"Bulova" 6
KFDY, WRUF, WGCP, KUJ, WSMK, WFOK (U.S.A.).
- 8.—"Omsk" (121A) 5
CHRC, CKFC, CKNC (Canada); LS11 (Argentina); XQHE (China).
- 9.—N. Jenkins (22W) 4
KFOR (U.S.A.); XEX (Mexico); Paris, 670 k.c. (France); VK3CB (Australia).
- 10.—"Digger" (Hamilton) 4
WEW (U.S.A.); Viapuri, Finland; Algiers, XHHG (China).
- 11.—L. G. Hopkins (164A) 1
GBY (Australia).

