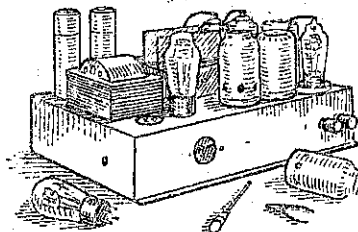
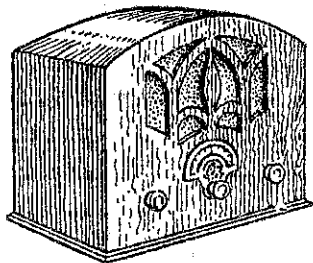


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THE DIALS



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Answers to Correspondents

157W. (Wellington): Acknowledgment of reception must definitely be stated on the card.

Stations Identified

D.D. (Bay of Plenty): Your stations are XER (735 k.c.), and KOA (830 k.c.). —"Elgin" (Wanganui).

122M.C.: Station heard September 17, on 750 k.c., playing "Love Me To-night," and Eastern music, was HS7PJ, Sala Daeng, Siam. 186W.: Station is HSPI. Bangkok, Siam, on 850 k.c., not F81CD. HSPI uses six notes on a piano, quite often.—157W. (Wellington).

DX Topics.

Extracts from Verifications.

I HAVE been receiving verifications for the past six months, and so far have no stations on my non-reply list. The following are included in the latest: KNX, card and Ekko stamp; they stated that their station is on a nationally cleared channel of 1050 k.c.; XEPN, card and three photos; the writing is in Spanish and English, and reads: "Received your report on our broadcast, and we hope you will continue hearing us. Reception verified." JOHK, a letter-card; KHJ, a card and WHO-WOC, a letter. I received 2KY's card in six weeks, and KZRM's card in two months. The address on KZRM's card was Waniku instead of Waiuku, but fortunately I had put in "near Auckland" on my report, so that in case a mistake was made, the postal authorities would have some idea where I lived, and through this I received the verification safely.—"Bluey" (Waiuku).

European Reception Patchy.

EUROPEAN reception has been patchy lately, Breslau (923 k.c.), Heilsberg (1085 k.c.), Leipzig (770 k.c.), Prague (614 k.c.), and Moscow (707 k.c.), being the only ones heard at any volume. The carrier of Vienna (580 k.c.) was at good strength, though music, etc., was weak. American stations are at weak volume in the evenings, though several come in well on their morning sessions, the best being KMOX, KRLD, KFBI, and KM-MJ. XER is heard at good volume after 2YA has closed down. Latest verifications are: 4MB, Maryborough (50 w.), JOFK, JOFK (both very good. cards), JORK (photo of transmitter), KEFO

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(a good photo), KTHS, KPRC, and CF-CN, which is my first Canadian.—157W. (Wellington).

"Lone Star" Ladder

- 1—Ken Graham (38HB) 21
EW7, EQ7, WRDW, KSEL, KGFJ, KRKD, KPOF, KFXR, KEGG, KXL, Q1 (U.S.A.); XEJ, XEP, XEK (Mexico); Radio Saigon; LR8, LR4, LR9, LR5 (Argentina), YVIBC, FBR.
- 2—A. Greening (9T) 18
KFQW, KFUM, KPSN, WFJC, WJAZ, WJBX, WOS (U.S.A.), XEQ, XEI (Mexico); CX26, VPD, CMCN, VUL, VEIOBI, VK's 3CX, 2TW, 4EM, 4NK.
- 3—S. Robson (1HQ) 14
Lyons (France); Berlin (Germany); Sundavaal (Sweden); Gleiwitz (Germany); Florence (Italy); WRDO, WGBC, WILL, WNBX, WBEV, WBBG (U.S.A.); VK's 30Y, 3CY, 3DH.
- 4—A. Maule (37T) 10
HUZEN; VK's 2DS, 2BK, 2WS, 2SS, 2CM, 3CI, VJNM (s.s. Orama) (Aust); WAAM (U.S.A.); 2AQ.
- 5—J. E. Downes 10
WEXL, WNBH, WHEC, KPYO, KGDE, KWKC, KEPS, WJTL (U.S.A.); CKCD (Canada) 4NW.
- 6—F. Carr (150W) 10
WHA, WPCH, KICA, WJAS, WMCA, WMAF (U.S.A.); VK4YG, VK4LD, VK-4WJ (Aust.); JOCG (Japan).
- 7—"Omsk" (121A) 6
CHRC, CKFC, CKNC (Canada); LS11 (Argentina); XQHE, XOPP (China).
- 8—"Bulova" 5
KFDD, WRUF, WGCP, WSMK, WFOX (U.S.A.).
- 9—N. Jenkin (22W) 5
KFOR, WPRO (U.S.A.); XEX (Mexico); Paris, 670 k.c. (France); VK3CB (Australia).
- 10—"Digger" (Hamilton) 4
WEW (U.S.A.); Vinpuri, Finland; Algiers, XHEG (China).
- 11—L. G. Hopkins (164A) 1
6BY (Australia).

Reception Excellent.

RECEPTION lately has been excellent. Australian and American stations being particularly good, though the early morning sessions of the latter are their best. Japanese stations have also been heard at good volume from 8.30 p.m. onward. Latest loggings are: KPRC (1 k.w.), and KFVD (250 w.), both at R2; WOAI (50 k.w.), R8; KTM (500 w.), R3; KVOO (5 k.w.), R4; KTFJ (500 w.), R5; JOXK (500 w.), R2; and THO (50 w.), R3. My latest verifications are: JOIK (card), JOHK (card), WVVA (letter) and WLW (very good letter and Ekko stamp). On the evening of October 7, WOAI was R8 at 11.43 p.m., when he gave his time as 11 minutes 40 seconds past 6 o'clock. I heard KVOO on a test programme at 12.11 a.m. on October 11, his call being given four times in 15 minutes. At this time he was badly heterodyning 4BC, Brisbane. On the morning of October 12, I heard KTFJ from 1.23 a.m. until 1.43 a.m., at 1.34 a.m. he gave his time as 6.32 M.T. I also hear KFBI and WLW close down.—"Philo", 186W. (Wellington).

Experimenting with Aerials.

DURING the last week or so I have been experimenting with various types of aerials, and the one I am at present using is giving excellent results. Similar to a Beverage, it is a 900ft. length of unbroken No. 12 galvanised wire, run from a hill 150ft. high to my old aerial pole, which is 10ft. from the house, and 40ft. high. Another pole on a smaller hill, just below the big one, relieves the weight of the wire. I used fish-paste jars for insulators, and strained the wire with a fencing strainer. Without hesitation, I recommend this type of aerial to country listeners who are anxious to improve their dx reception.

I am now able to receive 1YA at mid-day, while 2FC and 2BL can be heard every morning at R8. The reception
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