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THE PIONEER DAYS

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In the March 27, 1939 issue, Members' Reports and Comments included reports from Frank A. Wayse, New York City; John Gard, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Field, Johnson City, Tenn.; Nancy Lee Saxton, Chicago, Ill. Milt Christa, Detroit, Mich.; Otto Renninger, Jr., Seattle, Wash.; Aubrey Deterly, Baton Rouge, La.; Lloyd J. French, West Hartford, Conn.; and Bill Benz, St. Louis, Mo.

High Frequencies Reports included those from Frank Hoxie, South Orrington, Maine; Jack Quintrell, Seat Pleasant, Md.; Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y.; M. W. Soplop, Allegany, N. Y.; Eric Beegle, Hackettstown, N. J.; Charles Leboeuff, Webster, Mass.; Neville Seymour, Baltimore, Md.; Alec Toms, Lower Hutt, New Zealand; Tom Denny, Indianapolis, Ind.; Herbert Tucker, West Point, N. Y.; and F. H. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Grace L. and Frank Simpson, Montclair, N. J. reported during the March FCC checks the addition of five new stations in one morning- WPIC, KRIC, KNEW, KERN, and WJMC. Other stations heard during March were WJLS, KLBM, KRMC, KELA and CKRN.

Joe Lippincott, East Vassalboro reported veries from Sottens, 677kc.; Prague, 638; Radio 37, 832; Droitwich, 200; 3GI, 830 and 3CV, 1470kc. 200 watts.

Al Koempel, Newark added a 2000 miler in the form of KOIN and other new ones were WHLS, WDWS, WEOA, KRIC, KRIS, KWNO, KOME, WJMC, WJLS, WICA, WJHL, WICA, WJHL, WBLK and PRF-3. Al's veries now totaled 848.

In the April 3, 1939 issue, the Members' Reports and Comments included reports from Jack Anderson, Duncan, B. C.; Martin Hanton, Frankville, Ont.; Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.; Fred Babineau, Montreal; Sanford Morris, Metuchen, N. J.; Ray Everly, Newton, Ill.; Steve Walbridge, Westmount, Que.; Ken Morey, Easthampton, Mass.; Mrs. Grace and Frank Simpson, Montclair, N. J.; Dick Wright, Chicago, Ill.; and Al Bartholomew, Bradford, New York.

High Frequencies included reports from Kenneth D. Morey, Easthampton, Mass.; Bob Russell, Taumarunui, New Zealand; John W. May, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Neville Seymour, Baltimore, Md.; Tom Denny, Indianapolis, Ind.; Birely Ross, Austin, Texas and Earl Roberts.

In the April 10, 1939 issue Chairman Joseph F. Smith announced the issuance of Junior No.155, Master 150, Past Master 135 and Ace No. 88 to Harvey Avery, Pittsburgh, Past Master 136 to Ralph G. Hughes of Bermuda; and Junior No. 156 to A. B. Johnson of Fort Hamilton, N. Y. Also A. B. Johnson qualified for SW Traveler No. 17.

Don Hill, Broken Bow, Neb. said the night of March 13 was very good when he heard five new ones- KLBM, CKTB, WJHL, WMFR and WLOK. Don added that he hoped to hit the 1000 mark any day.

Howard Kemp, Waterbury, Conn. reported his latest verifications as PRF3, Sao Paulo, Brazil and KORE Eugene, Ore. His latest catch was HJLABN on 1190kcs.

Members' Reports and Comments included reports from Miss Ida A. Van Nostrand, Flushing, N. Y. ; Dick Daneker, Lansdale, Pa.; Roy Licari, Huntington, L. I.; Stanley Chrzanowski, Waterbury, Conn.; Pete Clarius, Staten Island, N. Y.; Adam Zielinski, Newark, N. J.; Dick Wright, Chicago, Ill.; Ralph G. Hughes, Hamilton, Bermuda; and Mrs. Elwood Prall, Morristown, N. J.

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It is with deep regret that we learn of the passing of Roy X. Utter on November 13 and we extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends. We had known Roy for many years, meeting him through the various affairs the Club had had in the years gone by and as John Reichert wrote "We will all miss him", all we can add to this is that we will agree that truer words were never spoken. Members will recall that several months ago we devoted a page or so to the reminiscing of Roy during the early days of DXing.

From the April 17, 1939 issue, we find reports in the Members' Reports and Comments from Nat Handler, Bayonne, N. J.; Mrs. F. W. Reitz, Neptune, N. J.; Art Parfitt, Cleveland, Ohio; George Del Grande, Jersey City, N. J.; Ben Feinstein, Newark, N. J.; Don Hill, Broken Bow, Neb.; and Harold L. Hutton, Rome, N. Y.

High Frequencies Reports included those from George Jacobs, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jimmy Hart, Newark, N. J.; Martin Olthoff, Independence, Kansas; Neville Seymour, Baltimore, Md.; Al Bartholomew, Binghamton, N. Y.; Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y.; Jesse F. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Irving Goodeve, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dick Daneker, Lansdale, Pa.; Anthony C. Tarr, Seattle, Wash.; Jake Field, San Diego, Cal.; Birely Ross, Austin, Texas; and Clyde Hackett, Indianapolis, Ind.

DX Tips included VONF-640 St. John's, Newfoundland heard by Fred Babineau, Montreal, Que.; WAAW-660 Omaha, Neb. call changed to KOWH as of 4/1/39 by Don Hill, Broken Bow, Neb.; On 1200 WTOL and WIBX s/on at 0600 by Ed Hill, Toronto; On 1210 WJW, WJLS and WCOU s/on at 0600 and WSBC s/on at 0630 by Ed Hill, Toronto; KFKU-1220 on every Thursday from 2215 to 2300 with Round Table by Ed Beers; and WFDF-1310 and WHLS-1370 s/on at 0600 by Ed Hill, Toronto.

In the April 24, 1939 issue, we note in Members' Reports and Comment, letters from Bill Bauer, Baltimore, Md.; Art Foerster, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sidney G. Lashley, Bridgetown, Barbados; Mrs. Grace L. Simpson, Montclair, N. J.; Milt Christa, Detroit, Mich.; Roy N. Licari, Huntington, N. Y.; Frank Hoxie, So. Orrington, Maine; Birely Ross, Austin, Texas; Jack Siringer, Lakewood, Ohio; Anthony Tarr, Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Mary Page, Tulsa, Okla.

High Frequencies Included reports from Jack Quintrell, Seat Pleasant, Md.; Birely Ross, Austin, Texas; Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y.; M. W. Soplop, Allegany, N. Y.; and Clyde Hackett, Indianapolis, Ind.

Bireley Ross, Austin, Texas reported that he now had 100 countries verified and 139 heard and that a few Asian stations were heard including J2MI, XU8AH, XU8RB, and FN1C. The best station heard was FB8AH in Madagascar.....Roger Legge reported new stations heard VK7AB, VK3ED, VK3BW, HK4DC and VK2AKR.....Clyde Hackett reported VK9RM New Guinea on the air on 14.27 and two other good catches in KA2OV 14.26 and KA4LH 14.130.

In DX Tips, VONF-640 was reported as being heard regularly from 2030-2130 by Roy N. Licari, N. Y.; CKGB-1420 Timmins, Ont was reported destroyed by fire 4/2/39 by Don Wright, State College, Pa.; WBTH-1370 tested 4/9/39 and stated they would verify for a 3¢ stamp by Phil Nichols, Hartford, Conn.; and KTUC-1370 Tucson, Ariz the new call for KGAR was heard on 4/13/39 by Mrs. Mary Page, Tulsa, Okla.

Dave Thomas wrote that his log stood at 2276 verified on BCB and the last TA station heard was YMD in Danzig. Dave added that it had not yet verified.

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This takes care of it for this time and we wish everyone good listening!

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At the annual election of April 28, 1939 the following officers were elected: President, Irving R. Potts; Vice Presidents, Arthur E. Foerster, William H. Applegate, Lloyd S. Hahn, Lester W. Kraemer, Henry T. Tyndall, Earl R. Roberts, Louis Hahn and George H. Jacobs; Executive Secretary, Peter J. McKenna; Assistant Executive Secretary, John Sanderson; Treasurer, William A. Schweitzer; and Financial Secretary, Joseph F. Smith.

In the Members' Reports and Comments Section, reports were received from John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.; Peter A. Clarius, Port Richmond, L. I.; Morton D. Meehan, Elizabeth, N. J.; Dud Clarke, Montreal, Que.; Russell Johnson, Saskatoon, Sask.; Paul Sampson, Regina, Sask.; Aubrey Deterly, Baton Rouge, La.; Cliff Tavener, Rosenberg, Texas; Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bill Goff, Rutherford, N. J.; John L. Tate, Petersburg, Va.; and Art Parfitt, Cleveland, Ohio.

In the High Frequencies column, Jesse F. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa. was the first to report the new Navy prefix for Cuba, NY4AB in Guantanamo Bay heard on the HF end of the American band on 20 meters. . . . . Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y. reported that he had a VIC of 122 and VAC of 67 and that CT3AN Madeira was the 100th QSL card received from Africa. Also CQ5ZZ, 14.318 the Gatti Expedition in the Belgian Congo was heard at 5:40 PM. Roger also reported that the airplane "Guba" of the Archbold Expedition would return to New York flying across the Indian Ocean, Central Africa and across the Atlantic stopping at the Cocos Islands, Mahe, Kenya, Nigeria and the Virgin Islands. . . . . Barney Ahman, Baltimore, Md. received a card from CN1AF, 14.10 in Tangier stating that he was now using the call EK1AF.

On the Broadcast Band in DX tips on 660kc. KOWH- ex WAAW signed on at 0700 on a clear channel with new items. This was reported by Ray Everly, Newton, Ill. . . . Dick Daneker, Lansdale, Pa. said that CMCY-590 Havana, Cuba verified reception of 12/10/38 with a post card view of Cathedral Square.

Ben Feinstein, Newark in the June 15, 1939 issue stated his BCB log was 638 heard and 609 verified and that he hopes to bring the log up to 700 by the time a new season rolls around.

Jimmy Hart, Newark, N. J. reported QSLs from CR6AA, FZE8, CR7BH, VLR, VK6ME, ZHP, PK6XX, ZP14, PJCL and Radio Guadeloupe. . . . Charles Leboeuf, Webster, Mass. added VOLD, VP2AE, HK4DF, HK3CL, VK5RN, VK3XP, EA7BA, G5VT, G5HI, PY2FF, LU8AB and G6ZI.

From the FCC in the July 15, 1939 issue it was noted that W1OXDA aboard the ship Effie M. Morrissey was granted permission to use frequencies 6.425, 8.655, 9.135, 12.8625 and 17.310 mcs. with 100 watts. KBKC, Columbia Broadcasting System, aboard the Yacht "Geoanna" has been granted 4.7975, 6.425 and 8.655 ms. with 175 watts for the period July 1-25 for relay broadcast of a series of special programs incident to the Honolulu Yacht Regatta to be broadcast by station KNX. Amateur station W6LS has been licensed to operate for the Columbia Broadcasting System as a relay broadcast station on 4.7975, 6.425 and 8.655 mcs., call KAAC for the same period for the purpose of establishing the necessary cue circuit for a series of programs incident to the Honolulu Yacht Regatta.

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 Did you know that the present call KFCB-1380 Redfield, S. D. was assigned to Phoenix, Arizona on 1260kc. way back in 1926? Also KFMB-760 was in Little Rock, Ark on 1180kc. back in 1926. Also AT9 was the Army Station in Fort Bragg, N. C.  
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This just about takes care of everything for this issue and we wish everyone lots of good DXing the balance of the season. Also let us hear from some of you.

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The August 15, 1939 issue in the Members' Reports and Comment included reports from Harold Hutton, Sherburne, N. Y.; Clair Stahler, Richlandtown, Pa.; Louis Hahn, Rutherford, N. J.; and A. Mervyn Branks, Invercargill, New Zealand.

During the month of October, 1939, Vice President George H. Jacobs, Cincinnati, Ohio, in cooperation with the CPC, arranged a series of NNRC dedications titled "Parade Across Ohio" and included stations WSPD-1340 Toledo; WCOL-1210 Columbus; WICA-940 Ashtabula; WOSU-570 Columbus; WADC-1320 Akron; WLOK-1210 Lima; WPAY-1370 Piqua; WGAR-1450 Cleveland and WCPO-1200 Cincinnati.

Back in 1939 the following English Radio Stations were on the air:

National	Droitwich	200kc.	150kw
London National	Brookman's Park	1149kc.	20kw
North National	Moorside Edge	1149kc.	20kw
Scottish National	Westeylen	1149kc.	50kw
North Regional	Moorside Edge	668kc	70kw
Scottish Regional	Westelen	767kc	70kw
Scottish Regional	Buryhead	767kc	60kw
Welsh Regional	Washford	804kc	70kw
Welsh Regional	Penmorj	804kc	5kw
London Regional	Brookman's Park	877kc	70kw
North Ireland Regional	Finagarvey	977kc	100kw
Midland Regional	Droitwich	1013kc	70kw
West of England Regional	Start Point	1050kc	100kw
Stagshaw	Stagshaw	1122kc	60kw
Aberdeen	Aberdeen	1285kc	5kw
West of England Regional	Clevedon	1474kc.	20kw

In the High Frequencies section, reports were received from Bob Russell, Taumarunui, New Zealand; Nevillé Seymour, Baltimore, Md.; Ralph Gozen, Yonkers, N. Y.; Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y.; Martin J. Olthoff, Independence, Kansas; Dick Daneker, Lansdale, Pa.; Jesse F. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Norman Kriebel, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Alec Toms, Lower Hut, New Zealand.

It was reported that if you should hear an LB call, do not think it is a phoney as that is the prefix for portable stations in Norway. LB1G, portable LA1G was reported in a British magazine.....During August station HB9CE will be operating as a portable in the principality of Liechtenstein using the call HBLCE, HBL being the Swiss portable prefix.

On the Broadcast Band, Station KECA changed to 780kc taking over KEHE and they were announcing as 'KEHE the new station KECA station on 780kc.'. This was reported by Jake Field, San Diego, California.....On 1380kc., WSMK Dayton, Ohio started using the new call WING as reported by George Jacobs and Dick Daneker.....On 1420kc. WNOE was heard by Dick Daneker. This is the new call of WBNO.....Frank Waysse reported the WNYF on 1630kc tests with fireboats in New York harbor daily at 1500.

Chairman Joseph Smith of the DX Qualifications Committee issued the following certificates: Junior 161, Master 156, Past Master 141 and Silver Ace 34 to Mrs. Mary M. Page, Tulsa, Okla.; Junior 162 to G. G. Tolbert, Cincinnati; Junior 163 to Herbert Crail, Dayton, Ky.; SW Traveler 18 to Aubrey V. Deterly, Baton Rouge, La., and Explorer 10 to Arthur B. Johnson of Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

All for now, so will close with best wishes to everyone.

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REMEMBER JUNE 17, 1972 AS THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL NNRC PICNIC-CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT PATAPSCO STATE PARK NEAR BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND.

In the August 15, 1939 issue, Harold Hutton, Sherburne, N. Y. reported the following stations for his mid-summer report: KMA, WSNJ, CHML, KIRO, KHBC, KFAC, CJRC, WNBC, WHEC, KXYZ, KVGB, WLS, WKBW, WMFF, WQDM, WILM, WMAS and WTAM. Other new ones were XEMO, WKBH, TCW and WDGY.

A. Mervyn Branks, Invercargill, New Zealand advised that the mobile transmitter of the New Zealand Broadcasting Service, 5ZB, which had been on a railroad tour of New Zealand was dismantled.

On the High Frequencies, Neville Seymour, Baltimore, Md. reported reception of EA7BA, GM2DR, LYLJ, VP5IS, SV1KE, K6OJI, CE4AC and VU2JK. Neville's VIC is 101.

Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y. added LYLJ, OZ2EA, GI8TS, OA3B, OA4AV, G4B, G4FC, TI4AC, VK2AEF, VK2AFN, and VK4FW.

Martin J. Olthoff, Independence, Kansas reported three new ones VK4JU, K6PAL and KA7EF.

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In the September 15 issue, George Jacobs reported that the Cincinnati Times-Star to obtain war news, called on the Cincinnati Chapter of the NNRC on Saturday night September 9 to determine if:

- (a). Warsaw had fallen
- (b). Germany had captured a Warsaw station
- (c). Germany had a new station on Polish frequencies.

The members of the chapter enlisted the aid of every shortwave DXer and inside of one hour, the radio editor of the Times-Star had the report he and his editor wanted.

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In the High Frequencies section it was commented on that with the opening of the new war on September 1, the SWL's will greatly miss the long familiar G, F and VK calls that are now off the air. A large number of the British and French colonies were expected to follow suit at any time. The South Africans were on the air for several days after the last VK QSO was heard, but at the time of writing no ZS calls were being heard. The VE stations were expecting orders from the Government almost any day to dismantle equipment. All of the W's were warned by the ARRL to be strictly neutral in mentioning news of the war.

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In the Members' Reports and Comments section of the October 15, 1939 issue, reports were received from Harry McPoyle, Philadelphia; Stanley Chrzanowski, Waterbury, Conn.; Desmond Callan, Readville, Mass.; Stephen Walbridge, Westmount, Quebec; Dick Wright, Swarthmore College, Pa.; George H. Jacobs, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Anthony C. Tarr, Seattle, Washington.

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Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y. wrote WGY and WGRC about delinquent veries. WGY wrote back stating that all reports should be sent to the Guest Relations Division and that return postage should be enclosed (3 cents). WGRC wrote that all reports would be verified from the front office instead of relying on the stations Chief Engineer and return postage should be enclosed.

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In the High Frequencies section it was mentioned that the NY4 district of Cuba could be counted as a separate country apart from Cuba proper. Since the Cuban government refused to renew the license of amateur CO8YB, this station now uses the newly assigned prefix, NY4, and is now NY4AB licensed under the FCC.

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All for this time and we hope everyone will try to attend the NNRC Convention.

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FINAL REMINDER TO MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR JUNE 17, 1972 FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL PICNIC-CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT THE PATAPSCO STATE PARK NEAR BALTIMORE, MD. SEE YOU THERE!

This month we are up to the bulletins issued from November, 1942 and it was during this period when reports for publication were at a minimum due to many members being in the service and away from home.

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Hedley Simmonds, Hamilton, Ontario wrote that he had added a few new ones since his last report. Those heard included KXOK, WAIT, WRNL, KSKY, KXEL and CBJ.

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Steve Walbridge, Nitro, Quebec wrote that his DX had fallen off and on top of that his National receiver was being used for war purposes by a 'spotter'. Steve also said that Fred Babineau was trying to join the U.S. Signal Corps and that Leslie Briscoe was in the Signal Corps. Also the last time he saw Dudley Clarke, Dudley was in uniform.

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In the December 1, 1942 issue, in Frank Pytlak's DX Tips and News, it was stated that The Mid-America Broadcasting Corp. of Louisville, Ky. holders of a CP for new station WINK was forced to surrender their CP because of inability to obtain equipment. Other stations who had to surrender their permits for the same reason were WPER, WMAW, KTOM, KTRN, WHAL and KODK.

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The combined January-February, 1943 issue included reports and comment from Eugene Francis, Detroit,; Jack B. Schneider, Garwood, N. J. from Camp Edwards, Mass. ;Milton W. Fleischman, South Orange, N. J. with the 46th Air Base Squadron, Hamilton Field, Calif.; Corp. James E. Hill, RCAF, Toronto; Jake Field, San Diego, Calif. and Sanford Morris, Metuchen, N. J.

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Commencing with the March 1, 1943 issue, Jimmy Hart commenced editing the SW Tips and News as Earl Roberts was serving in the Air Force at Chanute Field, Illinois. Earl, while on leave, reported that he tuned in the Allied Force Headquarters in Algeria, North Africa between 0830 and 0910 on 15.95 mcs. This station was sending press reports to London and New York. Earl also reported reception of two new German stations DXH-2 on 15.120 and DXF-2 on 11.900 at approximately 1030.

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From Frank Pytlak's Tips and News it was stated that at the end of 1942 there were 37 commercial FM radio stations with regularly scheduled programs on the air. There were also 8 experimental stations. These stations operate on an average of 10½ hours daily. The FCC requirement was a minimum of 6 hours a day to 24 hour operation around the clock.

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In the April 1, 1943 issue in the Members' Reports and Comments, letters were received from PFC Harold L. Hutton, 4th General Hospital (Harold had been on Guadalcanal); Roy X. Utter, Succasunna, N. J.; Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cappie Hadley, Nashville, Tenn.; Lt. Roy N. Licari, US Army, 75th QM Company, Camp Atterbury, Ind.; Private Milton W. Fleischman, 46th Air Base Squadron, Hamilton Field, Calif.; Private Earl R. Roberts, A.A.F, 8th Technical School Squadron, T-278, Chanute Field, Ill.; Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore, Md.; Dixon Russell, Company C, 176th Infantry, Fort Myer, Va.

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Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore reported that FGGM, Fort George G. Meade, Md. was operating on 730 kcs. and coming in very well between 1745 and 1830 EWT. The programs were comprised of recordings and news of interest to soldiers.

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During this period the FCC was anxious to obtain information pertaining to the calls, frequencies, locations and operating schedules of foreign stations, especially those in the Axis countries. They requested that information be sent to the FCC in Washington, D. C.

In the High Frequencies section Earl Roberts reported GYO-18.08 London operating in parallel with GRQ-18.03. Also reported by Earl were AFHQ-15.105 in North Africa; Komsomolsk, Siberia on 15.23; HSp-5-11.715 Bangkok, Siam; DXZ-9.57 Berlin, Germany in parallel with DXJ-7.24; and Croatian Freedom Station-11.335.

In the June 1, 1943 issue it was reported that on May 16, the Belgian Government in exile inaugurated a world radio service by which broadcasts from New York, London and Leopoldville, Belgian Congo will be directed during eight hours of every day towards the population of occupied Belgium. This established a precedent among the United Nations.

In the October 1, 1943 issue a report on Television and Frequency Modulation was given by Jack R. Poppele who informed us that WOR had a weekly television program scheduled over the Dumont Television Station every Tuesday from 2030 to 2130. Jack stated that these programs have gone over well and have provoked considerable interest from listeners with regards to television's future. It definitely opens up a new field of radio dramatics which is unlike either radio or the movies, but a combination of both....The latest word from Washington concerning Frequency modulation said that the FCC planned to eliminate the use of numeral call letters and adopt an alphabetical form similar to the BCB. WOR's FM call was W71NY. WOR had under consideration the call letters WXOR, WMBS, WROW and WLBC among others.

In the November 1, 1943 issue, Members' Reports and Comments included letters from Pvt. Jack B. Schneider, APO36 New York; Al Koempel, Asbury Park, N. J.; Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore, Md.; Alex Keenan, Norfolk, Va.; T/S Eugene C. Bataille, APO758, New York; and Lt. Roy N. Licari, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

The December 1, 1943 issue was the 16th Anniversary issue. On December 7 the NNRC was 16 years old and comments were sent in by Director John W. Reichert; Vice-President Lester W. Kraemer; Vice-President Louis Hahn; Vice President Harold Robinson; Treasurer Walter L. Townley; Vice President Louis Hahn; Vice President Lloyd S. Hahn.

In the January 1, 1944 issue in the BCB Tips, Phil Nichols noted that WGBG-980 opened at 0600 daily; WTRY-980 commenced at 0545; KLRA-1010 was on until 0300; WBIR-1240 Knoxville, Tenn. tested the 3rd Friday of each month 0300-0315; WHKY-1290 is in the clear daily 0530-0600; and WCFI-1420 signs on at 0555 daily.

It was reported that Radio Martinique, Fort-de-France, silent since Admiral Robert and other Vichyites turned the administration over to the Free French resumed broadcasting at 1800 on January 4 on 9.705 mcs.

This is all for now. Have a pleasant summer and best wishes to all.

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In the February 1, 1944 issue, Members' Reports and Comments included letters from Cpl. Earl R. Roberts, AAB, Casper, Wyo.; Chet Roman, Aleutian Islands, Alaska; Lt.(j.g.) Louis B. Palmer, USNR; Frank Wayse, New York City; Bernard L. Ahman, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pvt. Vincent C. Stasen, L.A.M.A., Avon Park, Fla.; Charles Leboeuf, Webster, Mass. ; Cpl. Harold L. Hutton, US Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; and Paul D. Jones, Bay Village, Ohio.

In the May 1, 1944 issue, Jimmy Hart, our SW Editor reported reception of the powerful and new American station ABSIE, operating from London. Transmitting on 307 meters, ABSIE's programs which originates in its own studios in London and broadcasts from the "Voices of America" and the "British Broadcasting Corp. are transmitted simultaneously by a short wave station in the 49 meter band, three in the 41 and by four transmitters in the 31 meter band. Announcements were made every 15 minutes in English as "This is the American Broadcasting Station in Europe."

Members' Reports and Comments included reports from Howard Judson, Miline, Ill.; Herbert McLaughlin, East Keensburg, N. J.; Hedley Simmonds, Hamilton, Ont.; Mrs. Grace L. Simpson, Montclair, N. J.; Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.; and Bob Hepburn, Wilson, Conn.

In the High Frequencies section by Jimmy Hart, JLP-2 Tokyo, a new station was reported on 15.325; Azad Moslem on 15.220 using the calls "Azad Hind", and "Free India Congress". The station was definitely anti-British. Also ICA somewhere in Italy on 13.250; ZNR Aden, Arabia on 12.115 by Earl Roberts; AFHQ Algiers on 11.880; VPO-11 in Bridgetown, Barbados on 11.475; Radio Dakar, Senegal on 11.410 by Earl Roberts; Soldaten Sender Mittelmeer (Radio Mediterranean) possibly old SVM being utilized by the Nazis for propaganda purposes on 9.935; Leopoldville, Belgian, Congo on 9.765 by Earl Roberts; XGAP Peiping, China on 6.105; and MTCY Hsinking, Manchukuo on 5.830. On the Ultra-High Frequencies, on which 50 miles radius is the average, WGTR 44.300 Paxton, Mass. was reported and also on 44.700 WSMFM (W47NV) Nashville, Tennessee was mentioned but not reported.

In the June 1, 1944 issue, Bob Hepburn, Wilson, Conn. dialing the Ultra-High Frequencies logged W2XMN 42.800 in Alpine, N. J. and WMIT 44.100 Clingmans Peak, N.C.

In the High Frequencies section edited by Jimmy Hart for July 1, 1944 JRAK in Parao, Paulau Islands was reported on 11.740 with programs in Japanese; WARD a new call for one of the 'Voices of America' was logged on 11.625; RNB Leopoldville, Belgian Congo on 11.565 for a while and then switched to 11.635 and 11.645; EPF Teheran, Iran on 11.810; VLC-2 an ABSIA station in Australia on 9.680; Radio Shonan, Singapore on 9.555; TAP Ankara, Turkey on 9.465; and HET-4 Schwarzenburg, Switzerland 10.395.

In the December 1, 1944 issue, Members' Reports and Comments included letters from Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. John Wm. Kirk, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; E. C. Sailing, Estacada, Ore.; and A. Steven Walbridge, Montreal, Que.

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In the High Frequencies, PMN Bandoeng, Java on 18.160 was reported by Charles Sutton, Ohio; Radio Eire Athlone, Eire on 17.840 by Jimmy Hart; ZOY Accra, Gold Coast on 15.435 by Harris, Mass., Hart and Sutton; Kharbarovsk, USSR on 13.190 by Sutton; Radio Center, Moscow on 12.175 by Hart; and Radio Tananarive, Madagascar on 12.127 by Sutton, Ohio..... About all for this issue, best wishes for a pleasant summer.



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In the February, 1945 issue it was mentioned that, by reasons of their outstanding contributions to the short wave section, members Gilbert L. Harris, North Adams, Mass.; Charles S. Sutton, Toledo, Ohio; Cpl. Earl Roberts, Army Air Base, Casper, Wyo. and Paul Dilg, Monrovia, Calif. received the month's honorable mention.

On the Broadcast Band, Philip R. Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.; Joseph Enz of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Henry Wilkinson of Baltimore are steadily supplying DX tips and news.

Members' Reports and Comments included reports from Henry Wilkinson, Baltimore, Md.; F/O Frank A. Waysse, APO San Francisco, Calif.; Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cpl Earl Roberts, Casper, Wyo. and Lt. Lloyd J. French, APO New York.

The March 1, 1945 issue included reports from Sgt. James Hill, Toronto; Paul Sampson, Regina, Sask.; Joe Enz, N. Y.; John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.; Gus Magnuson, Providence, R. I. and Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.

Some stations reported on the High Frequencies included VRR Soney Hill, Jamaica on 15.62 by Charles Sutton; JANX Djakarta, Java on 12.275 by Charles Sutton; XGOY Chungking, China on 11.905 by Charles Sutton; Macao, Portuguese China on 7.510 by Jimmy Hart and DKSA Radio Atlantik, anti-Nazi station somewhere in Europe on 6.220 by Charles Sutton.

In the April 1, 1945 issue, Phil Nichols gave a review of the 1944-1945 DX season. Phil Nichols noted that reception was generally poor and there were two periods of two weeks each when reception was equal to or superior to the good old days of 1933-1934. The most outstanding reception during that season was that from station KFAR in Fairbanks, Alaska being the first time that many DXers in the East logged an Alaskan station. Trans-Atlantic stations registered as early as the first week in September. On January 19 station WAGM Presque Isle, Maine was completely destroyed by fire. Also KOMP Port Angeles, Washington came on the air and it was believed to be the only one in the country to use the trunk of a large Douglas fir tree for an antenna mast. KOMP's signals were equal to a 1KW station even though it only used 250 watts on 1450 kcs.

In the May 1, 1945 issue it was announced that the Broadcast Band section would be edited by Phil Nichols of East Hartford, Conn effective May 1, 1945.

The Members' Reports and Comment included reports from Arnold E. Gerrard of Miamisburg, Ohio; Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.; Lt. Roy N. Licari, c/o Postmaster, New York; Cpl Earl Roberts, Kirtland Field; T/4 Eugene C. Bataille, c/o Postmaster, N. Y.; Louis Shapiro, Toronto; Pvt. Jack Schneider, c/o Postmaster, New York; Col. R. B. Oxreider, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Sgt. Morton D. Meehan, Fairfield-Suisun AAB; and Cpl Harold L. Hutton, Vallejo, California.

In the High Frequencies section the following stations were reported: XGRS in Shanghai, China on 11.690 by Paul Dilg; SUV Cairo, Egypt on 10.050 by Charles Sutton; ZTJ Johannesburg, South Africa by Charles Sutton; XGOR Chungking, China on 9.730 by Paul Dilg; XGOY in Chungking, China on 9.645 by Paul Dilg and Hong Kong on 9.470 by Paul Dilg.

This just about does it for this issue. We hope this page is of interest to everyone and would appreciate your comments and what you would like to read. The best to all for a pleasant remaining summer.

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In the June 1, 1945 issue in the BCB Section edited by Phil Nichols, it was stated that WGBS-710 was the new call for WFTL and KUOM-770 was the new call for WLB. In the Members' Reports and Comments section reports were received from Lloyd Hahn of Baltimore; Hedley Simmons, Hamilton, Ontario; Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Harold L. Hutton, Vallejo, Calif.; Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.; Len Kruse, Dubuque, Iowa; Bob Gorsuch, Des Moines, Iowa; Arnold E. Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio and John Tweedie of Oakhurst, N. J.

In the High Frequencies section edited by James J. Hart, WVLC-18.600 Philippines was reported sending messages to the U. S. daily at 0730 and 2015. This was reported by Charles Sutton. Also by Charles a new French Equatorial Africa station at Brazzaville was reported on the air from 1158 to 1940 with English at 1925..... MTCY-15.340 Hsinking, Manchukuo was reported by Jimmy Hart at 0445 with s/off at 0500.

In the July 1, 1945 issue of the BCB Section it was reported that hearings would be held on June 20 on the FCC's proposal to add 540kc. to the BCB. The present 928 stations plus 23 under construction will just about fill the channels from 550-1600. The proposal to add 540kc. would accomodate some of the 180 new stations for which applications are now on file.

Reports on the BCB were received from Norman Maguire, E. Hartford, Conn.; Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Arnold E. Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio; Len Kruse, Dubuque, Ia.; Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore, Md.; Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.; Cpl. Earl Roberts, Albuquerque, N. M.; Cpl. Harold Hutton, Vallejo, Calif.; A. Stephen Walbridge, Charlottetown, PEI; and Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.

In the High Frequencies section it was noted that a new 200kw International Short Wave Transmitter operated by the CBS for the OWI began operations on June 15 at Delano, California. The transmitter was beamed toward the Japanese homeland and Japanese occupied countries.

In the August 1, 1945 issue in the Members's Reports and Comments section, reports were received from Lt. Frank Susorney, APO 858, Postmaster, NY; Cpl Harold Hutton, Vallejo, Calif.; Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Len Kruse, Jr., Dubuque, Iowa; Charles Sutton, Toledo, Ohio; Cpl Earl Roberts, Albuquerque, N. M.; Norman Maguire, E. Hartford, Conn.; Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Arnold E. Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio and Phil Nichols, E. Hartford, Conn.

In the September 1, 1945 issue, Chairman Louis Hahn of the DX Qualifications Committee reported that he had issued the following certificates: Junior No. 171 to Edward Shirley, Cassadega, N. Y.; Super Ace No. 129 to Leonard Kruse of Dubuque, Iowa; the Merit with 7 bars to Leonard Kruse who received certificate No. 32 and SW Traveler certificate to Charles S. Sutton of Toledo, Ohio. Certificates issued to the date of the report were: Junior 171; Master 160; Past Master 167; Ace 194; Super Ace 129 and Silver Ace 39 on the BCB; SW Traveler 21 and SW Explorer 11.

Members' Reports and Comments included letters from Leonard Kruse, Jr., Dubuque, Iowa; Cpl Harold Hutton, Vallejo, Calif.; E. C. Saling, Estacada, Ore; A. Steven Walbridge, Kingston, Ont.; J. Edward Hill, Toronto, Ont.; Robert Gorsuch, Des Moines, Iowa; Arnold E. Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio; Lloyd J. French, W. Hartford, Conn.; Norman Maguire, E. Hartford, Conn. and Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y.

Radio Andorra, 748kcs. started experimentally on Sept. 1 beaming programs to Spain Portugal, France and Switzerland employing English, French and Spanish on commercial programs. . . . . All for now, best wishes to everyone.

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At the beginning of the new DX Season in the latter part of 1945, the NNRC bulletin commenced twice monthly publication. The issues were dated the 1st and 15th of each month through March of 1946.

From the FCC came information that WJOL-1340 Joliet, Ill. was the new call for WCLS and WTON-1400 Staunton, Va. was the new call for WSTN.

In the DX Digest for the BCB edited by Phil Nichols the following were reported: Limoges, France-648 at 0130 by Phil Nichols; KGU-760 Honolulu by Hank Wilkinson at s/off 0447 and heard as early as 0230 by Phil Nichols; the BBC-977 heard as early as 0115 using French by Phil Nichols; and KSAI-1010 Saipan by Hank Wilkinson 0500-0630.

Over the week-end of the 9th of September a successful meeting of DXers was held at the home of Phil Nichols. Among those attending were Ray Edge and Ralph Johanns of Buffalo; Al Bartholomew of Corning, N. Y.; Dick Cooper of Kittanning, Pa.; Joe Becker, Sr. of Hamilton, Ohio; Carroll Seth of Erie, Pa.; Bill Stone of Toronto; Gil Harris and Joe Mazie of North Adams, Mass.; Al Maley of West Point, N. Y.; Les Kraemer of Newark and Norm Maguire.

In the High Frequencies section edited by Jimmy Hart, Jimmy was asked frequently how he managed to log so many stations that had no regular operating schedules or those supposedly off the air, such as France, Germany or Japan. Jimmy's formula was if you tune world-wide news over NBC, CBS or Mutual at 8 AM or 6:30-7:30 PM you will hear re-broadcasts from these countries. Then tune to the commercial phone stations from 7 to 9 mcs. in the morning; 11 mcs. in the afternoon and 15 mcs. during the evening. By doing so you will hear the networks contacting those countries. Here is where a second receiver came in handy as one was able to hear both ends of the conversation. (Note: This may hold true for today. It would be worth a try.)

Radio Omdurman, Omdurman, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan was reported from 1615-1703 with s/off "Goodnight Waltz". This was on 13.315 mcs.....KIUM 7.640 on the Battleship Iowa was heard with a commentator at 0715 on 9/26/45. The ship was 963 miles east of Okinawa and on its way to Peral Harbor.

In the October 15, 1945 issue it was announced that a plan for the elimination of conflict in the arrangement of courtesy programs, for the co-operation with the broadcasting stations and for the issuance of specific verifications of reception had been drawn up to be submitted to four radio and DX clubs. They were the Universal Radio DX Club, Victory Radio Club, National Radio Club and Newark News Radio Club. The NNRC Committee was headed by Frank Pytlak, Maywood, N. J.; CPC Chairman Louis Hahn, Rutherford, N. J. and Arnold Gerrard of Miamisburg, Ohio.

In the BCB Section edited by Phil Nichols it was reported that the FCC started it herculean task of processing the following:- 513 FM applications; 129 commercial TV stations; 265 standard broadcast stations; and 147 applications for changes in existing standard broadcasting stations.

DX seemed to be picking up as Members' Reports and Comments included reports from Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.; Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Len Kruse, Dubuque, Iowa; Harold L. Hutton, Boonville, N. Y.; Howard Kemp, Waterbury, Conn.; Carl L. Horton, Athol, Mass.; Norman Maguire, East Hartford, Conn.; Joe Becker, Sr. of Hamilton, Ohio; E. C. "Ted" Saling, Estacada, Oregon; Arnold Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio; Charles P. Atherton, Clifton, Mass.; and Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.

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In the BCB Section of the November 1, 1945 issue, it was reported that WXLQ, an Armed Forces Radio Station operated on 1240kc. daily and was located at Camp Bell, Kindley Field, Bermuda on top of Coral Nob Hill. The station broadcast special events, news and sports via AFR Station WOOV New York on 11870kcs.

In the DX Digest Section, Editor Phil Nichols reported Beromunster, Switzerland on 556kc. from 0115-0130; Limoges, France on 648kc. from 0115 to 0200 and later; on 677kc. Sottens, Switzerland 0115-0130; AFR-790 Quarry Heights, Canal Zone at 0530 sign-on; Toulouse, France on 913 from 0100-0200; and Bordeaux, France on 1077 from 0115-0200.

Other good catches reported were KFQD-790 Ketchikan, Alaska at 0430 by Hank Wilkinson; JOAK2 Tokyo, Japan on 870 kc. from 0437-0502 by Hank Wilkinson; and KSAI Saipan on 1010 from 0400-0415 by Hank Wilkinson on the West Coast and by Ralph Johans in Buffalo on the East Coast. Also WVUR AFR New Hebrides on 1045 by Phil Nichols.

In Members Reports and Comments, reports were noted from Leonard Kruse, Dubuque, Iowa; Joseph Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry T. Tyndall, Burlington, Vt.; Gilbert Harris, North Adams, Mass.; J. Edward Hill, Toronto, Ont.; Robert Gorsuch, Des Moines, Iowa; Carl L. Horton, Athol, Mass.; Gene Ferrell, Williamson, W. Va.; Charles P. Atherton, Mass.; Howard Kemp, Waterbury, Conn.; Arnold E. Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio; Henry Wilkinson, Burbank, Cal.; Roy X. Utter, Succasunna, Pa.; Ray. B. Edge, Buffalo, N.Y.; Sgt. Martin Werheim, WXLQ, Bermuda; Ralph Johans, Buffalo, N. Y.; Peter J. McKenna, West Orange, N. J.; and Phil Nichols, Hartford, Conn.

In the High Frequencies column edited by the late Jimmy Hart, Jimmy gave a few pointers regarding antennae which probably holds true today as it did back in 1945. Jimmy noted that no radio is better than the antenna which serves it. The longer the better and it should be installed as far away from power lines as possible. To his antenna system, Jimmy added two whip aerials - one 14 feet high and one 8 feet high - and the additions made quite a difference. Stations that were barely audible before came in with good strength. ....Perhaps we can take a page from Jimmy's book.

On the High Frequencies, Charles Sutton reported KUIM-18.150mcs. the Battleship Iowa with a news commentator. Also reported on 7.550mcs. nearing Pearl Harbor and calling San Francisco.....Paul Dilg, Monrovia, Cal. reported ZBW-9.465mc. Hong Kong at 0545 and at 0700 with English.....Jimmy Hart reported WVLC-9.295mc. Tokyo, Japan. This station was known as General MacArthur's station and operated by the U. S. Signal Corps and was relocated from Manila. It is used for relay work to the U. S. Networks along with the "J" stations.....Paul Dilg, Monrovia, Cal. reported Korea on 2.510 mcs., the station now under U. S. control.

The November 15, 1945 issue included reports on the Broadcast Band by Ray Edge, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ted Saling, Estacada, Ore.; Arnold Gerrard, Miamisburg, Ohio; Raleigh Biss, Banning, Cal.; Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore, Md.; Paul Sampson, Regina, Sask.; Charles P. Atherton, Clifton, Mass.; Ralph Johans, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lloyd J. French, Kansas City, Mo.; Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dudley Clarke, Verdun, Que.; Henry T. Tyndall, Burlington, Vt.; Peter J. McKenna, West Orange, N. J.; Jimmy Dunnigan, New Britain, Conn.; Leonard Kruse, Dubuque, Iowa; Louis Hahn, Rutherford, N. J.; Harold Hutton, Northwestern, N. Y. and Henry Wilkinson, Burbank, Cal.

As this is the issue before Christmas, we wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHFUL NEW YEAR.