

POW Monitoring in the NNRC

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No one knows for certain how many World War II SWLs were engaged in POW monitoring—tuning in to the messages of POWs that were broadcast from Berlin, Tokyo and other Axis shortwave stations and passing the messages on to the POW's family by card or letter (and sometimes by a recording, a visit or a phone call). An ongoing compilation of the names of civilian POW monitors in the U.S. is up to around 330, and growing. To be sure, these were propaganda broadcasts, intended to attract listeners and enlarge the audience for Axis shortwave broadcasts in general. But the messages were genuine.

The monitors were people with shortwave receivers who found POW monitoring a rewarding home front pastime. But it appears that most were not DXers, that is, their interest in shortwave listening did not usually extend to the harder-to-hear stations, QSLing, etc. There were, however, exceptions, and during the summer and fall of 1943 (and once in 1945) the NNRC bulletin contained some interesting entries from NNRC members about their POW monitoring experiences. These entries from the pages of the wartime NNRC bulletin are reproduced below. They are as follows:

- July 1, 1943 - Club Executive Secretary Peter J. McKenna of West Orange, NJ related his experience in hearing POW messages over the weekly Saturday night program, "Calling Back Home," from Berlin, and suggested that members submit the names and addresses of the POW families to headquarters so they could be listed in the bulletin and the families informed.

- August 1, 1943 - The front page of the bulletin contained favorable comment on POW monitoring and urged more members to get involved. Member Gus Magnuson of Providence, RI, told of sending families some 334 monitored messages. (The "Midge" he referred to was American Nazi propagandist "Axis Sally," who sometimes called herself Midge.) Shortwave section editor James J. Hart told of his experiences and urged members to monitor both Tokyo and Berlin.

- September 1, 1943 - Cpl. Harold L. Hutton, then at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA, recounted his experiences monitoring POW messages while in Australia. Also in the bulletin was a letter from a John McEvoy of Newark, NJ, who had heard about the SWL POW monitoring effort in the *Newark News* and requested monitors to listen for any news of his nephew, who was missing in action in the Solomons.

- December 1, 1943 - Member Joe Stauhs of Bloomfield, NJ, reported on his efforts in monitoring Radio Tokyo. He delivered some of the messages by phone.

- March 1, 1945 - Gus Magnuson checked in again. By this time he had relayed 3,368 POW messages.

These pages—see below—conjure up some nostalgic images of wartime shortwave listening.

MESSAGES FROM PRISONERS OF WAR - By Secretary Peter J. McKenna

While listening to short waves on Saturday night, June 5th, from 9:30 to 10 P.M. EWT, I heard a program broadcast from Berlin. It was titled "Calling Back Home" This was a transmission beamed upon North America and while it contained a lot of propaganda, it also featured messages from American prisoners of war in Germany. The announcer asked those listening in to jot down the names and addresses heard and to notify the relatives mentioned, together with any messages that might follow. This program is broadcast every Saturday night, at the time mentioned above except, presumably, when Berlin is being bombed. It is suggested that NNRC members listen in to these broadcasts and forward the names and addresses heard to Club headquarters for insertion in our bulletin. The Club will then send bulletins to those who are mentioned which may help to relieve the anxiety of wives, mothers or other relatives who may not have heard from their loved ones in a long time or who may not have been notified by the War Department.

The announcer spoke rather rapidly and of course, some of the names and addresses are not easily pronounced. However, this listener did the best he could. The persons mentioned below are all from Ohio and Pennsylvania. It seems to be the practise of the Berlin radio to give the names and addresses from a different section of the country every Saturday night.

Following is a list of names and addresses of war prisoners, together with names and addresses of kin and messages heard:

Harry Pisaraski, 348 E. 48th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Mother Mrs. Pisaraski, 9902 Reno Avenue, Cleveland.

Vincent Dierger, 1254 First Ave., Cincinnati. Rose Dierger, mother. Mentioned "Albert"

William Lehman, 1220 Wesley Ave., Steubenville, Ohio.

Albert Ricci, 214 Edgar Ave., Steubenville, O. Mrs. Ricci, mother.

Martin J. Harris, Reynoldsville, O. Mrs. Harris, mother. Wants timed tobacco and cigarette papers sent via the Red Cross.

Phil Taranzina, 1162 Donation St., Youngstown, O.

Ernest Wilson, Route 1, Leesburg, O. Mentioned "Yvonne" and wants her informed that he is a prisoner of war.

A.J. Geissler, Route 2, Convoy, O. Mentioned son "Carl" and said: "Please contact through the Red Cross."

Harold L. Martin, Miamisburg, O. Mrs. A.L. Martin, mother. Mentioned "Freda" and said: "Please contact through Red Cross!" Said he was well.

Joseph Pacetti, 985 E. 66th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Pacetti, mother. Said he is well.

Alex Jos. Muschynka, 3328 N. Lawrence St., Philadelphia. Mrs. Muschynka, mother.

James J. Ebin, 1927 Keron St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Orville Yahn, 303 Fourth St., Elwood City, Pa.

Ralph Salzata, 95 S. Gelatine Ave., Uniontown, Pa. Mrs. Jos. Salzata, mother. Mentioned "Madge" Said he was well.

Mitchell Saysoll, 1219 E. Mechanic St., Bethlehem, Pa.

P. Rosser. Mrs. Milo, Aleppi, Pa.

Walter Morris, 136 E. Ridge Ave., Bloomsburg, Pa. Mrs. Morris.

Peter Sharak, Box 57, Genoa, Pa. Mrs. Sharak, mother.

Harry P. Myers, P.O. Box 373, Lewisburg, Pa. Mrs. H.R. Myers, wife.

Wants his mother, Mrs. J.A. Harris, Route 4, W. Tampa, Fla., and his sister, Mrs. Violet Welden, Savoy Hotel, Des Moines, Ia., be notified he is well.

Soldier Gehringer, W. Main St., Bloomsburg, Pa. Mrs. Schuyler, W. Main St., Bloomsburg, Pa. Gave names of the following Bloomsburg boys as prisoners and asked that their relatives be notified: P. Brooksm R. Eyer, J. Cunningham, N. Hauck, W. McCormack and R. Gehringer.

More names and addresses were given but due to atmospheric conditions and the speed with which the announcer gave them, all the above weren't heard in their entirety. Invariably the boys asked for cigarette papers, timed tobacco, sugar, chocolates and cookies.

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August 1, 1943.

Mention in the Club bulletin and in your editor's column in The Newark Evening News, of messages from American prisoners of war broadcast by the German and Japanese short wave stations, has brought a veritable flood of mail from those with sons or relatives fighting with our armed forces. The majority of course, are from those who have received notice from the War Department that a loved one is "missing in action!"

From these letters, it is evident that short wave listeners are doing a very efficient job monitoring these broadcasts and that there is little likelihood of any of the messages not reaching the person or persons for whom intended.

Naturally, we are gratified to know that some NNRC members are contributing to the war effort by monitoring these broadcasts and in turn notifying the relatives or friends of the soldier, sailor or marine whose message to the folks back home has gone out over alien air waves. We hope, however, that still more members will do their part in this patriotic and charitable work.

GREETINGS

To R.W. Coakley, 502 South Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, Md., who recently joined the Club. A member of the U.S. Naval Reserve, Brother Coakley is currently assigned to Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna. As with other NNRCers serving with the armed forces of the United Nations, we wish him the best of luck and trust that before long he and all those other gallant boys fighting to preserve a decent world, will, before long, return to peaceful pursuits of life.

PFC Watson Wendt, 28th Signal Co., A.P.O. 28, Camp Pickett, Va., has re-enrolled for another year. Watson's promptness, states Treasurer Townley, is much appreciated and Walt further states that he wishes other members who might be in arrears, will follow this example. So how about it, NNRCers?

CONGRATULATIONS!

Director John W. Reichert on July 30th received his gold button commemorating 25 years of continuous and faithful service with Public Service Electric and Gas Co. of New Jersey. And was Director John surprised when his boss, making the presentation, spoke of the excellent work John has been doing for The Newark News Radio Club for the past 15 years. In substance, John's boss said that one of the reasons why the NNRC is the foremost radio and DX club is because of the fact that it has had a director who has never ceased to labor untiringly for its welfare and success. To which we, who are cognizant of all that John has done for our organization, agree most heartily.

Those members especially, who have been ill from time to time, or who have suffered some other misfortune, will remember that solicitous visit or written words of cheer from John W. Reichert, good and welfare committee chairman and one of the old reliables.

John was one of the 55 organizers of the Club back in 1927. His is a meritorious record of service for the "pioneer" radio club of the world.

MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENT

GUSTAVE A. MAGNUSON, Providence, R.I.: "Can you spare space in the bulletin for the following from Gustave A. Magnuson of Providence, R.I.? It isn't very often that 'O.M. Gus' makes the bulletin insofar as DX goes. And still I have nothing in the DX line to report due to working in a war plant on the 'graveyard shift' for the last 15 months.

"I noticed the report of our secretary, Pete McKenna, in last month's bulletin re: 'Messages from Prisoners of War'; and the special program from Berlin every Saturday night at 9:30. No doubt by this time, Pete has found out that we hear a regular program to the same effect, every evening except Sunday.

"At the present time, these programs begin right after the 10 P.M. news bulletin. The broadcasts have been heard here for the past four weeks and nearly all the messages relayed to the persons and at the addresses given. From my experience by return 'thank-you' mail, it would be of no value whatsoever, to relay these messages to be published in the bulletin and then to mail the bulletin to the party in question, as the news would by that time, be very old.

"To date I have relayed 334 such messages to all sections of the United States and nearly everyone has told me they have received anywhere from 25 to 104 cards and letters, mostly from the Eastern states and Canada. And in some cases, they tell of receiving the message the same evening, not only by local but even by long distance phone.

"I am confident that every message that comes in clearly enough every evening, is reported by several persons by first mail and so it would be of no value to mail the bulletin to the persons for whom the messages are intended, a month or so later. It is certainly wonderful to read some of the replies from mothers, wives and sweethearts thanking you from 'the bottom of their hearts' for the glad news relayed to them. And even though they write and mail out up to 100 cards and letters, some even send stamps or post cards with the request I keep up the good work. One lady enclosed \$1. I wrote and thanked her adding that her donation would make 100 more mothers happy.

"By the way, a great number of these messages have been relayed to New Jersey. I have covered that state from Hoboken to Belvidere and from Heislerville to Ramsey. Of the 334 messages sent to all states save four, no less than 35 have gone to New Jersey.

"Here follows a typical message: 'Dear Mom- Am prisoner of war in Germany, not hurt or wounded. Am treated well and am in the best of health. Love, Tony! It was addressed to his mother, Mrs. Doris Raisis, 247 Park St., Lawrence, Mass. The message was mailed from here the following day and by return mail I received a very kind letter acknowledging my relay. Some messages mentioned that the interned Americans were receiving a Red Cross package every week.

"One message was relayed to Miss Ann Licko, 5 Pomona Ave., Newark, N.J., who states she received more than 100 letters and cards relating the glad tidings. And if you print my story, how about sending a copy of the bulletin to the two above mentioned persons? It might be the means of having two young men inquiring about membership in the good old NNRC when they some day return home from Germany. By the way, I have a hunch that it is the radio DXers who are relaying most of these messages because that has always been the spirit of the 'gang'- to do a good turn for your neighbor, especially if it has anything to do with radio reception.

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"These broadcasts are carried every evening, as the announcer states, on 11, 9, 7 and 6 megacycles. They are received best here on 6.140, 7.240 mcs. and over one station I don't find listed in any of my records- on approximately 9.520 mcs. The announcer of the majority of names daily is one 'Midge', who says she is an American girl and is familiar with most of the names of the locations given in the messages. She said once: 'You know why I am here' but she didn't explain further at that time. She often gives personal words of comfort to the boys' mothers and asks listeners to be sure and relay the precious messages. She reads slowly, repeats and often spells difficult names, but the broadcasts on Saturday nights at 9:30 are usually tough nuts to crack. A man and woman alternate in reading off the names then, with ordinary talking speed. Even by using shorthand one sometimes slips up, especially with regard to names as they are neither repeated nor spelled.

"In closing, I want to say that I like to keep up this work even though my daughter, Edna, is doing most of it- taking the messages down in shorthand and then typing them. There were no less than 41 of these messages received on Saturday, July 17th and that meant a lot of work. However, you are amply repaid when you read some of the replies you receive! ... A mighty fine letter, Gus, and we only regret we don't hear from you more often. Incidentally, we believe it was Secretary McKenna's intention that members immediately relay the messages heard by card or letter to be followed up with a bulletin to let the recipients know how the Club and its members are cooperating in this highly commendable work. We'll be only too happy to send you some extra copies of this bulletin and will also send copies to the persons you mention in your letter. Keep up the good work and don't forget to commend your daughter for us- she most certainly is deserving of a pat on the back for her generous assistance.

SGT. JULIUS I KRUPP, Pullman, Wash.: "Am receiving Club bulletins occasionally and am very glad to read of what others are doing with a hobby that has afforded me many hours of enjoyment. I am still interested in the art of DXing but cannot possibly give any time to it at present due to military service.

"Have been moving around the past several months and my new address is as follows: A/S Julius I. Krupp, 319 C.T.D. (Aircrew), Class 43 C-7, Section G, Pullman, Wash.

"I also received your post card stating that a DX program to members in the service, was to be broadcast over WOR. Unfortunately, I was unable to hear it but assume it must have been good- as good as they always have been over that station. Closing with 73 to all my fellow-members! ... Don't neglect to keep us posted on any further changes of address, Julius. We want you to receive all issue of the bulletin while you are away from home. And the best of luck to you!

ALICE ROMAN, Chicago, sends us further information concerning her brother Chet (both Alice and Chet are now NNRCers) who is in there doing his bit for Uncle Sam. Chet is president of the Commercial Radio Round Table and belongs to the following clubs: Universal, American QRA, Victory, International Radio Monitors, IDA, Radio Signal Relay League and of course, the NNRC. Alice also informs Treasurer Townley that she is writing to Watson Wendt, Lloyd French, Jack Schneider, Dixon Russell, Don Brewster, Gene Bataille and Dick Al- bright, all of whom are in the armed forces of the United Nations. It goes without saying that all the boys will be most happy to hear from her and we want to add that both Alice and Chet are going to be grand members.

AN APPEAL TO SW LISTENERS - By James J. Hart

The subject to which I shall refer, will take only about 15 or 30 minutes of your time whenever you can spare it. And here is my request:

Will you kindly listen in to the Japanese stations on 15.105, 11.800 or 9.535 megacycles at 7:15 P.M. EWT, every evening, or to the Germans- DJD, 11.77; DXB, 9.610, or DKL13, 9.520 mcs. at 7:15, 9 and 11:05 P.M. EWT?

These stations transmit messages from American prisoners of war in Japan and Germany. Our boys, who have done and are still doing their bit for you and me want these messages relayed to their loved ones at home who anxiously await some word from the missing one.

Whenever you hear one of these messages, just write a card or letter to the boy's folks or friends, the names of whom are invariably included in the message. You will never regret this kindly deed! I have been doing this for some time now and the letters I have received in return are, I assure you, well worth the time and effort I have devoted to this work. In fact, I will always cherish them.

I have even picked up a message from a Newark boy and I will never forget the scene when I called to deliver that message in person. It seems that the boy, before entering our armed forces, lived with his mother and grandmother, both of whom had believed him dead previous to my visit. Incidentally, this boy's letters have since been delivered to his mother who has now answered them.

Now then, won't all of you please listen in on the stations above mentioned and relay the messages you hear? Some nights reception in your locality might be excellent, whereas in mine it may not be so good. So, if we all cooperate, we are pretty certain to efficiently cover all the messages broadcast. And who knows but that one of the messages might be from a personal friend of yours.

At least, let's do this much for our boys who are in there giving their all to preserve our American way of life!

LET'S LISTEN TO THE U.S.S.R.- By James J. Hart

<u>Mcs.</u>	<u>Station, Location, Etc.</u>
15.310	RW97, Novosibirsk.
15.230	Komsomolsk. To North America from 6:48 to 7:23 P.M.
15.110	Komsomolsk. To North America from 6:48 to 7:23 P.M.
14.300	Kuibyshev.
12.260	Moscow.
12.190	Moscow.
11.970	Moscow.
11.948	Moscow. To North America from 6:48-7.23 and 8-10 P.M.
11.830	RW96, Moscow.
11.805	RW96, Moscow.
11.780	RW96, Moscow.
11.750	Moscow. Japanese program from 7:30 to 7:55 P.M.
10.445	Moscow.
9.880	Moscow. To North America from 6:48 to 7:23 P.M.
9.860	Moscow. To North America from 6:48 to 7:23 P.M.
9.565	Komsomolsk. On from 5:45 to 6 A.M.
9.545	Komsomolsk. On from 7:30 to 8 A.M.
9.480	Moscow. To North America from 6:48-7:23 and 8-10 P.M.
7.520	RL1, Moscow.
7.245	RW100, Tachkent.
6.000	RNE, Moscow.
5.440	Moscow. To North America from 6:48 to 7:23 P.M.

Note: The slogan of U.S.S.R. stations is "Death to the German Invader." Due to uncertainty of transmissions, schedules are omitted.

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CPL. HAROLD L. HUTTON, Bldg. 214, Ward 4, U.S. Naval Hospital, U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.: "Even though I wrote you a couple days ago, I just had to write again for today (August 7) I received the August 1st bulletin and took time out to read a complete set- March through August. It took me several hours and in the entire lot I could only find one DX report. There was only one that even mentioned over five or six stations. And you must all hand it to that one DXer- presenting the Moline (Illinois) Flash- Howard Judson. Yes sir, in all those six bulletins covering half a year, there was only one DX report!

"Once in a while some obsolete DXer handed out a sly dig to another and presto! it would bring a newsy letter from him telling how he hoes his victory garden or is learning Spanish or is playing around with music. Anything for an excuse. Then this writer would hand out a few digs himself and so on and on until in April and May we heard from quite a few of the has-beens. Perhaps they had been hibernating and when the temperature soared above 40 for the first time figured their collective noses were at least safe from frostbite. After a few digs, the Firelighter splurged and bought himself some ink and wrote in a nice lengthy letter that amounted to exactly nil. Or did he write it with pencil, Irv? And if you think we're running a sports magazine, Hankie Cyrus Tyndall you are away off the beam. Send in all golf reports to Bill Stern. I can just visualize the former Vermonter and the Connecticut Spud toddering around a golf course. And Rooster Hahn was nicknamed right when someone tacked that 'rooster' on him. Imagine crowing over a 'catch' 25 miles away!!! Then he comes along with another astounding report about catching a 50 kilowatt at least 50 miles away!!! Am I going to town! Why I even pick up KNX just 126 miles away. Do I rate a medal for that?

"But there is one who rates a hand. He is the veteran Frank Scott. Frank has a record of which he may well be proud. Gene Bataille's letter was really interesting and descriptive. Let's have more of them, Gene! And Jimmy Hart is doing a swell job, too!!! His 'Let's Listen To ---' are O.K.

"After reading those articles about listening to messages from prisoners of war, I remembered what a few of us did back in February. While in a hospital in Adelaide, Australia, I used to see what I could get on a little five-tube set made in Melbourne. On short waves I could pick up almost anything- Moscow, London, Tokyo, Lisbon, etc. By the way, Radio Lisbon broadcast German propaganda. One night about 9:15, Adelaide Time, we happened to tune in Radio Tokyo. The program was announced as that of the International Red Cross and the girl announcing had some trouble with her English which gave us reason to believe she was a Jap. She read messages from Australian prisoners of war intended for their families. We used to copy these messages and relay them to wives and mothers and we received many letters of thanks. It sure means a lot to the home folks to know their sons and husbands are safe after being reported as missing in action.

"And we used to like to listen to the Nazi and Jap propaganda broadcasts and many a laugh we had over them. At times while on Guadalcanal, I used to help carry a radio that was portable and which was handled by three men. We used to go on two-to-seven day patrols out in the jungles. And when we bivouacked we set up our radio. Twice we heard via Tokyo that we had been annihilated and that Guadalcanal was in the hands of the Japs. Did we get a laugh at that! My best to Gene Bataille and Jack Schneider! ... Our best to you, Harold. You certainly have the 'goods' on several of our has-beens.

WELCOME!

To W.M. Brooks, Fullerton, Penna, who, through the good graces of that esteemed NNRCer, L.W. Wotring, Allentown, Penna, has become a Newark News Radio Club member. Mr. Brooks, who is assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, has become interested in short wave radio primarily because of the fact he has two sons fighting with our armed forces overseas. Under these circumstances, we can well understand why Mr. Brooks is so interested in those foreign broadcasts of casualty and prisoner lists. Mr. Brooks has been interested in radio since its infancy. His other hobbies are printing, stamp collecting and tropical fish. We're happy indeed that Mr. Brooks is now affiliated with us and we sincerely hope he will find his NNRC connection an extremely pleasant one.

MISSING IN ACTION

The following letter written by John McEvoy, Newark, contains a request for assistance from NNRC members and other short wave listeners for that matter. Mr. McEvoy's nephew has been reported missing in action and like so many others, feels that where there is nothing definite with regard to his nephew's fate there is still hope. He writes:

"In your recent column in The News, I learned of your Club's fine work in obtaining information about our prisoners of war. My sister's only son, Seaman Francis Class of the U.S.S. Juneau, has been reported as missing in the Solomons area since last November. He was only 19 years of age and a fine American boy.

"Since he is only considered as missing by the Navy, we all hope that he was taken prisoner somewhere. Therefore, I will appreciate it if you will notify my sister that your radio club members will keep her son's name in mind and listen for mention of it on some Jap broadcast. I realize that this may be a hopeless request but it will make my sister happy to know you all are remembering her boy. And I sincerely thank you for any interest you may take in this request."

If any members or other listeners should hear mention of Seaman Francis Class on foreign short wave broadcasts, they are kindly requested to write to his mother, Mrs. F. Class, 103 Eleventh Avenue, Belmar, New Jersey.

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Congratulations are in order for Director Milton W. Fleischman serving with the air force at the San Francisco Airdrome. Milt was recently promoted to a first sergeant. He is also editor of a bulletin sent out daily to members of his outfit. In his last letter Milt wrote that he had met Mort Meehan of Elizabeth, N.J., who is stationed at Ragsdale Field out there in the Golden Gate State.

Cpl. Harold L. Hutton is back in the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. after a long visit with the folks back home in Rome, N.Y. The Corporal says that among the many letters and cards that awaited him at home were verifications from WING, WBNY and 3UZ, the latter in Melbourne, Australia. Now Harold has ten "down-under" confirmations of reception. He says that he had hoped to see some fellow members during his leave of absence but that his visit at home was too pleasant and long to take in any side trips. He concludes: "Best of luck to Jack Schneider and Gene Bataille and I hope to get to see Jake Field in San Diego soon!"

MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENT - Cont.

JOE STAUHS, Bloomfield, N.J.: "A few lines to comment upon the wonderful work some of our members are doing by relaying prisoner of war messages broadcast by the German and Jap short wave stations daily. I only monitor the latter as they are more difficult to log. I forward about 80 per cent of all messages received; those I do not forward are ones addressed to the West Coast and I know that section is better covered than any other one in the country. In a radius of 400 miles I have been delivering messages via phone. One recent call to Ohio was the first direct contact from an Air Corps man to his family in more than three years. He was one of the first Jap captives. This family had two phones in its home so it was a three-way conversation. Such is the satisfaction we derive from doing this work. When this family learned I was calling from New Jersey, the phone charges were promptly reversed. And I am afraid we didn't adhere to the five-minute period as requested by the phone company but in cases like this I am sure it can be overlooked.

"Many cannot believe we are doing this work without compensation. When I had to apply to an official of the WPB for a priority to purchase a set of crystal earphones to replace my 22-year old ones, and after explaining why I wanted a new set he said: 'You surely are entitled to a priority as this is a damn fine service you listeners are doing!' He then spent an half-hour reading some of the letters I received from parents and relatives of our men now prisoners of war. So, let's all keep on with this good work. Let us also stress the fact that these men want most of all, plenty of mail from the folks and friends at home.

"On this 16th anniversary of the Club, I send greetings to our officers and committeemen who have helped to keep the organization together down through the years and especially during the present difficult times. Many a DX club has fallen by the wayside but THE NO.1 DX CLUB is still going right ahead. Thanks for the hard work boys and keep it up! To our members in the armed forces, I feel that from the letters you receive from us here on the home front, you know we are thinking of you constantly and doing all we can to get you all back home as soon as possible. To those at home who have slipped up on this all-important job, I suggest you spend a few minutes thinking of our boys in many far away countries all over the globe. Then I know you will continue to buy stamps and bonds to help conclude this war quickly and successfully. 73 to all! ... Sentiments well expressed, Joe. Here is an old timer who has never been found wanting in a pinch.

LLOYD (ROOSTER) HAHN, Baltimore: "Don't faint, but I did a bit of DXing last Sunday morning (November 14). Mrs. Hahn and I had been to a family get-together at my sister's home and we arrived home just before 2 A.M. I picked up 'The Robe' to read a few chapters before retiring and switched on the radio. Each time a station announced I tuned to another station. I jotted the calls down and here are the results: WSAI, WBNS, WLIB, WKBN, WOL, XED, WAAT, WRNL, WCCO, CKLW, WJBU, CFL, WSM, WPTF, WOR, WLW, KFI, WJZ, WEAJ and KPO. Heard two others- the Pawtucket (R.I.) station on 1420 kcs. and the California high fidelity transmitter on 1570 but I didn't procure their complete calls. Can anyone help me on these? The Pawtucket station was the only one of the lot I had not heard previously and while I admit the above list of catches isn't startling, I believe I might take another fling at DXing one of these mornings. It seemed like old times again to be waiting for the announcement of call letters! ... We're withholding comment on the Rooster's DX report pending fulfillment of that half-a-promise to twist the dial again. Nevertheless, these catches are a decided improvement over FGGM and WTOP, which up to now have been the Fowl's only new ones in nearly a decade.

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JOE ENZ- "DX fans have gotten a break from WWDC, the all-nighter on 1450 kcs. They will stand by for any special broadcasts on their frequency. Bob Shaffer of WWDC is one swell guy. He is an old time DXer himself having logged JOAK, Tokyo, on the broadcast band several years ago. Bob has had a ham license since 1923. He will always be a friend of the DXer. It is too bad other all-nighters haven't men like Bob in their staffs; if they did have then DX would be lots better. I do and I know that many other DXers need stations on 1490, 1440, 1340 and 1230 kcs". ... When you write Mr. Shaffer, Joe, won't you kindly convey the Club's appreciation of his generous co-operation?

JOHN T. TWEDDIE, Oakhurst, N.J.: "Here I am with a DX report at last! Have been dialing for a short time and have added some new stations to my log. The new ones are WALL, KXEL, TIBAS, TIPC, TIENG, WTTM, WWDC, WNHC, WGBG, WJHP, WRRF, WJLD and WIAC. Of these, WALL, WTTM, WNHC and WGBG were logged before 7 P.M. WIAC was hooked before 8:30 P.M. Veries have been received from WALL, KXEL, WTTM, WWDC and WIAC whose address is P.O. Box 4504, San Juan 22, Puerto Rico. J.V. Aguirre signed WIAC's verification.

"ZNS is a nightly visitor here, as early as 6:30 P.M. Have also heard the overseas station on 1149 kcs. with speech in French and Dutch or Flemish. Also the one on 877 and another on 1122 kcs. The Cuban stations are much in evidence during the early evening but without an up-to-date log I am at a loss to write to any of them. Has anyone an up-to-date log that I might purchase?

"Since beginning this letter I have picked up two more stations namely, WFCI and WWSR. Both were heard between 6 and 7 P.M. XEM seems to be on every morning on 1270 kcs. Have also heard XESM several mornings; it appears to be on about 1470 kcs. KRIC transmitted at 3:40 A.M. Monday, February 19. WCAP, Asbury Park, N.J., is now owned by the Charms Co. As the result of a tip from Phil Nichols in the bulletin, I was able to log WNHC. And finally, I will try to have a report every month for the bulletin containing as much DX information as I can obtain. Best of luck to all! ... Keep up the good work, John! Treasurer Townley has the cards you enclosed with your report.

GUSTAVE A. MAGNUSSON, Providence, R.I.: "I am always very interested reading the bulletin and even though I have had no time for DXing for three years now (have been working the third shift in a war plant) I keep informed of what members are doing. Come to think of it I did stumble on three stations on three different Sunday mornings after coming home from work. They are WTCN, which by the way, has not verified yet; WSWA and WHP both of which sent me verifications. Hadn't logged them previously and you may be sure I was glad to add them to my log total of 795 on the BCB. My short wave log shows 314 stations.

"With the help of my daughter, I have copied and relayed 3,368 prisoner-of-war messages from the evening Berlin broadcasts. These messages have been mailed to every state in the Union and a few have gone to Canada. I have received thousands of 'thank you' letters and cards from mothers, wives and sweethearts with the result I feel my efforts have been appreciated". ... Mr. Magnusson is deserving of the highest commendation but as he states, he has been amply compensated by those grateful letters and cards. He assuredly has undertaken a tremendous job. We, his fellow-members, honor him for his patriotic endeavors.

PHIL NICHOLS, East Hartford, Conn.: "Haven't so much DX news to report at this time. Have received several veries since my last report to bring my total to 1188. Included are WJZM and CKIW which I consider to be a very good one. I am waiting to hear from eleven more stations and it begins to look as if I would make that 1200 mark before the end of the season. The Hammarlund is back just like now and I am all set for some more good DX. Recently received nice letters from Sgt. Ed Hill and Frank Scott. Read in a local paper that Lt. Lloyd J. French has received another citation. A mutual friend said it was an oak leaf cluster. His hours of flying increased from 270 to 500, Lloyd has about 135 more to go". ... All of us are proud of Lt. French's aerial accomplishments on the western front in Europe.