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These stations QSLed for return postage: K6QUD, 6OJ1, 6IQN and 6SRZ.

Wanted by L. N. Stracener, Jr. (R1843) the QRAs of OA1A, W5XGV and W10XNL (heard on 4412.5 kcs.), W8GYV, W8GT and W3IRA.

Some requested QRAs: XE1IF: Luis Farel Cubillas, Triangulo No. 702, Col. del Valle, Mexico, D. F.; W6RX: John Insand, 1040 Channing Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.; W1KLC: F. B. Newton, Nauset Rd., East Orleans, Mass.; W1LYH: Guy A. Bixby, 107 Malden, Everett, Mass.; W8SQL: G. H. Fitzgerald, 419 Beech, Lansing, Mich.



Zeke, Coop, and Bax, the gang at K5AT.

• Our special guest of the month is K5AT, operated by three fun-loving gentlemen commonly known as Zeke, Coop and Bax. They call themselves "The Jungleers" and the accompanying photo shows them just returned from a hunting trip in the jungle with their catch. They didn't say what the catch was but from the photo the animals either are alligators or lizards—we'll guess the latter.

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K5AT has been operating at Fort Davis in the Panama Canal Zone for the past three years with a rotating gang. That is, it is sort of a club to which the members pay dues and then take turn operating the station. The dues help to keep the equipment in pretty fair shape.

Coop, Bax and Zeke write the following:

"The Commanding General governs our time on the air and also the bands that we operate. At present our schedule of working hours are 3 to 5 E. S. T. on the Ten meter band, twenty meters from 5 to 8 and Forty meter CW 8 to 11. At present we have only three active members and our hours of operation are divided equally among us.

The gang are as follows—Capt. Harry N. Cooperman D. Dental Corps ("COOP"), Sgt. Marion W. Baxley ("BAX"), Sgt. Stanley W. Kulpa ("ZEKE"). We feel that K5AT is the most popular 10 Meter gang and we can prove it with the number of contacts each week. During this past summer the 10-meter band has been very dead but most of the Op's in the states claimed that we were still coming in. We have given signal reports to as many as 31 Hams in twenty minutes. What has happened has been that the moment we placed a CQ out every 10 meter op up in the states, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the many numerous US possessions come back with a call. In the past there have been too many to let out and our practice down here has been such as to ask any of the op's calling us to alternate their call and our call and in this manner understand that they would be satisfied with just a report. This has been working out in fine shape and that is where we have established our record.

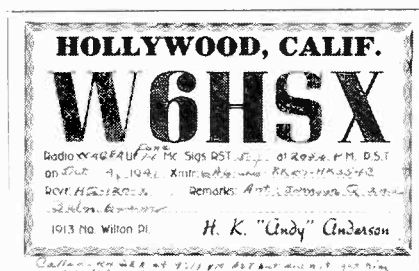
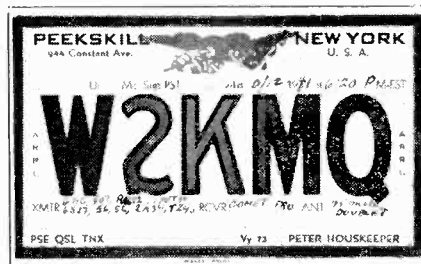
"We are using a Hallicrafter SX 28 receiver and our rig is nothing to speak of as to its modern design. Our transmitter uses a three element rotary beam, cathode modulated hav-

ing about 150 watts input with a pair of 812's in the final, Speech amplification using 616's.

What gets us is that the Panama Canal Zone has a wet season of 8 months and a dry season of the remaining four. During our rainy sea-

son (May to January) we have a most extraordinary high noise level and our receiving is a little bit shaky. But with the winter setting itself in up in the states we feel that the noise will deminish and that the old band will hold up."

THE "W" SECTION



A very interesting chap by the name of Sherwood Espenschied is the op of W8TMP, representing the 8th call area in this month's W Section. He is only 17 years old but has operated for two years, having obtained his license when he was but 15.

Sherwood is on 160-meter phone with 150 watts using a TZ40 final and a half wave flat top antenna, pair of 6L6s in Class A-B, plate modulated.

His DX is 32 states on 160, and incidentally, he exchanges cards with ALL SWLs. His QRA: P. O. Box 134, Hartville, Ohio.

He offers the following dope on Akron (Hartville is a suburb) YL ops: W8VFL is Martha Lee Bishop, who used to write a ham column for the Akron Beacon-Journal and is now Mrs. W8UDR of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. W8WLO is "Rita," who will soon have 5 watts on the air instead of 25. (Boys: Rita's xtal frequency is 1832 kcs).

Sherwood boasts of the longest QSO we have ever heard of—11 hours and 9 minutes with W8SKM of Akron.

W8TMP has two pet peeves: when he hears someone he wants to talk to and the rig keeps continually arcing or the crystal won't kick in, and when he's got the power turned away up listening to a distant station and a local comes on the air almost tearing the earphones from his head!

Peter ("Peter") Housekeeper, the op of W2KMQ, is responsible for many hams now operating. He is a science teacher at the Peekskill, N. Y. Senior High School, and is trustee of the High School Radio Club, W2KVR. He is also president of W2NIK, the Peekskill Community Club and Skipper of the Jans Peek Sea Scouts.

W2NIK and the Sea Scouts did a great job relaying from a boat in the Hudson River the time and position of the first 51 boats in the Albany-New York races recently.

Pete's own rig is operated on 20 and 75-meter phone. It consists of a 6A6, 807, pair of RK12s and a single 100TH running about 300 watts. TZ40s are used for modulators, and there is an Astatic D104 mike. The