

T H E O X ' E R

FROM THE EDITORS MAILBAG

continued.

T19MHB

FOR THE OX'ER, DATELINED DANVILLE, CALIFORNIA, FEB. 17, 1955, FROM W6LW:

DEAR GANG: Argonaut, Jason Beck, T19MHB is still collecting the Gilded Fleece from COCOS ISLAND. Anyway he is still in there in the QRM 449 at 7004 kc digging. Last reported number of QSO about 1200 two days ago, John wants to especially credit the RADIO CLUB of COSTA RICA and T12DLM for getting permission to operate from Cocos Island. Indicates he will not operate M/M from Cocos to Costa Rica but will be on 2I.1 from C.R. to USA., Will visit San Jose and will probably be on from T12PZ or BX Friday or Sat. Feb. 25-26.

John says in comparison with T19, W6 is very low as a DX QTH; believes the place he is in, CHATHAM BAY, is one used by T19UXX and T19AA. It is surrounded by hills except to the north but seems to get out in all directions anyway.

Expedition arrived 8 Feb.--due defect ships transmitter there was no contact with C.R. until T19MHB set up on Cocos 0400z 10 Feb.--first QSO a WI then KV4AA--from there on no record here. It was on 7mc and in the mud here until 0620 when made contact up 20 kc. First I knew John was on, W6DFY foned at 0410. As I was unable to read him at the time, I called W6AM and W6TT on fone to get word around. (Have both T19AA & T19UXX so was in no special hurry).

John says he has the dope on T19BR--never was on the Island--Card held by many but will be no good after he makes a report on circumstances.

LW made a 7mc QSO from W6MHB so John can send himself a QSL--less said about this the better--too many buttons and a drifting receiver gave the ole goat a bad time. 1700z 17th had a good solid qso 14mc again s7 to 8 both ways CW--his fone not so hot but readable when he was qso 7HXG shortly afterwards. John is hoping for a fone qso with xyl Sat. via W6IDY.

Post card from LW dated Feb. 21, 11:00 am.

Last qso MHB last night 1559-3,5mc. says packing up tomorrow AM and expects leave 4 pm local today Monday 21 Feb.--he was qso quite a few on 3.5 after qso.

TNX TO W6LW.

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VQ8AY is on 14060kc with 5 more days to go--8NBK said he could hear me--but he was in mud here--say best time for him for W6 & W7 is 1630z.

Bob will make VQ4-VQ6 & ZC4 before going home. Tnx To W6LW.

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FROM W6TT: Just received a QSL card from SM6SB dated MAY 18, 1930 7mc CW, it was made out under my old call W6CAZ, It was mailed in 1948 to present holder of W6CAZ in Mountain View, California who just ran across an old call book showing my name as former holder and he forwarded it to me at the store. That must have been good DX in those days!