

3 Thright St
Lancaster
28/1/62

Dear Reg.

Nice to get your letter. Its 7.15 Pm now
& if we get there tonight I'm just wasting my time.

Sorry about your TV, thats a pleasure that
awaits us up here. Peter ~~is~~ runs his rig on 144
whilst his wife watches TV so guess it can be got
over.

Normally I keep a log of every signal &
carrier I hear but what with pressure at work &
sheer laziness - & tiredness - I've slipped up
this season so can't give you a list of the nights
I've heard you or your carrier. Anyway Reg I'm
on the job every night I'm home with a rig on
at 1945 & 2015. Sometimes its tone if I'm doing
something. 7PF is also around time permitting -

Den 7DK now has his little rig going much better
& also calls you. Don't know his exact freq but
not far from you. What as I can say is 144.2.

Will watch for Tony & have (Bloody Bairo's)
advised Den, Peter & I am his freq.

Would be very interested in knowing ZEE's
freq & when he is going at Batlands.

Looked for you last Sunday ~~for~~ expecting to hear your signal - Now I know why I didn't.

Did Barney tell you of my experience with the 7W1 antenna from Mt Wellington? When next you go up take Barney's antenna. Its worth 35 points on the 7W1 one.

Peter & I may go up Mt Barrow for the Feb. Field Day - Waiting on permission from Peter's firm. Will have 240V & about 50/60 watts if we go. Will have to camp the night as its a pretty rugged trip with no mod cons.

Now for what we have done up here, just to keep you up-to-date. Will start from after our QSO of the 9th inst.

10th, 11th, 12th 50% openings - only UK2, 4, 5, nothing any good.

13th 50% to UK2 & 4.

14th - 144 opened to UK3 at 1930 hrs. Worked 18 different UK3 stations mainly in Melb./Seelong area - only one from Ballarat.

15th 1900 hrs 3ZLP as loud as 7PF - only worked 4 UK3's - Had to go back to work. 7DK worked 3ZLP, 3ABK & 3ZNC for his first UK3 (7BQ, 7PF was also on both nights but don't know their calls)

17th UK2 & 4's on 50%cs

19th UK 2 & 5 on 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.

21st 7BQ rang me up - I was tuning 144 looking for VK3's & you - Len advised 8AV at Batchelor coming in on 50 $\frac{1}{4}$ s. Len had QSO'd him on C.W. I rushed out there he was Sq yarning to 3OF, one of his old friends. As his sig started to fade out he called CQ of me. Took ten minutes to swap reports on C.W but never the less we made it - Time was 1200 hrs.

Have had tone running of Hobart & just called & tuned - no go.

23rd 3ZLP, 3ZNC 3ZMG all Sq, 3ZNB S8, 3ZAV Sq, 3YR 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ 3ZMTS 7 all on 144.

24 & 25th weak 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ ays only.

Now you are up-to-date Reg. 144 is going to be worth watching, as you can see there are plenty of VK3's & its just a matter of condx.

Haven't heard any real DX on 144 & haven't heard the chaps from the East Victoria area as yet.

Another chap at Portenas has sat for his limited ticket. (He has heard VK3's on 144 already)

Also a DCA type, forget his name, has passed his exam & is revamping as 522. He will be on from Evendale. - Haven't sent for his call yet.

That's all Reg. See you soon - 73

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Reg One night when I was copying you
in bits & pieces you went on & worked
7 ZAV & on two ovens I heard a carrier
come on when you passed it over. Couldn't
get any more off it but willing to bet it was
ZAV's sig bouncing off Wellington. That
might give him a lead Reg.

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