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Dear Richard,

Sorry about the delay in answering your

letter but time just seems to go so fast these days.

I really appreciated your enclosure and I'll start

here with my comments. First the photo of Phil 3 years

80' mast - no, I can't remember seeing it up at Phil's

home in Mary Pt. 7 BA + myself visited him in 1933

& I'm sure it wasn't up then. Phil had not been on

the air yet some time & in fact he appeared to have

disposed of his goat. he gave me a motor which I

used both on my 200 motor broadcast X'mast & my

Hartley oscillator for the 80 + 140 metre bands. It was

a metal case motor & with a cord & a phone jack

it got quite a lot of use.

(It departed its useful life suddenly when I got

my hand over the motor gave adjoining room in the

front of the motor & its metal case.)

you will see the motor in the enclosed old photo

of my station which I built whilst living in a

traveling house at 21 York St. Lancaster.

Next back to your question. I started with a

measuring boy for a dispenser about in 1927 & although

I had been building crystals. As I got a couple of years

I did not forget what an amateur station was although

I used to listen to 2BA & 2CS it meant nothing to me.

I'm not sure of making records on my life's run

a very high lattice wooden mast in front of a property

at Elphinstone Road in a residential suburb. Now after

seeing your photo I know where it originally came from

— either that or Phil had moved his QTH.

Regarding the names of these in the photo which

you gave. The one next to Pop MacLennan is unknown