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Charles — Hope you manage to get the "Weekly Courier" page out of the plastic tube.

The field day was originally thought of by Cliff Parish 7CP who got his ticket November 1932. (I got mine March '33) & we done everything together for a few years. He & I talked about a field day & got Jack Batchelor (7WV) interested & it just grew up from there.

Hope you can read that. This Bins may be easier on the eyes.

The picture on the top right hand side of the page will give you some idea of the "old boys" The eleven standing up starting from the right are

- 1 VK7LZ — no comment
- 2 VK7BQ licensed about 1925 very well known in the north for his excellent musical programs on 200 metres every Sunday (9³⁰m to 11³⁰m & 3³⁰m to 5³⁰m) worked a lot of DX in the early days & later was on 144^m/43 & 50^m/43
- 3 VK7CK Another from the 1920's father of the present 7CK at Deloraine, at the time he owned a property at Ratone he generated power for his transmitter from a creek on his property
- (4) CP Like myself started off with 45 valves etc. on 80 metres. Worked on end built one of the early day BC stations & worked on Tasmanian BC stations all his life
- (5) 7XL As prominent NW Coast amateur. Hope I'm OK on this one
- (6) 7JB a very prominent Hobart amateur. Joined the military pre war & ended up a Major his XYL

VK7YL still keeps her amateur license.

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XFM

The call he used before call signs were officially organised I forget his other call, he made part of history on the 3 July 1901 by making a 2 way contact with a Mr W P Hallam with HMS St George & HMS Juno as they were coming in to Hobart. They operated from One Tree Point - Sandy Bay. The HMS ships were escorting the Duke & Duchess of Cornwall who were on a visit to Australia.

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Can't remember this one.

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7JW Had a motor workshop at Longford. 7CP & myself used to ride out to his place of a night to see his gear. — a push bike job —

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Sorry about this a neighbor came in & messed things up. 9 is 7PA Peter Allen. you will see him in another photo on the page

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7JH Jack Hooker was at Waddamanna in its early days.

The 4 in the lower part are Val Sydes who started as a boy at 7LA. Crosby Walsh 7CW is next. Not sure but think ? Valentine an amateur is next but Tom Allen should know him & the last one is 7RC from Burnie who joined the RAAF & stayed in VK3 after the war. He died recently

This project has ended in a bit of a mess so I hope you can get something of interest from it.

Every time I start to do ^{any} thing I get interrupted & everything goes haywire.

All the photos were taken with a Kodak folding camera which took a post-card size photo.

Of the 15 in the picture 3 was ramblers on about eleven & possibly twelve are now deceased.

Just found my list of a lot of VK7 amateurs showing the year they received their licences.

7AA later 7DX thought to be 1921. ^{The RA was taken from him for Government use.}

7AG 1921

7AR 1922/23

7AQ, 7AR, 7AS, 7BC, 7BT, 7BK all prior to 1926

7BQ 1926

7CW 1926

7JB 1932

7LA (an amateur) 1926

7LJ Low Jensen 1925

7OM Bob O'May 1923

7NC Neville Campbell 1932

7CK 1932

7CL 1936

7MC 1927

7JW 1931/32

7CJ 1935

7LZ 1933 Certificate N^o 1099