

10th

**JAMBOREE
ON-THE-AIR**

August 5-6

1967

REPORT



BOY SCOUTS WORLD BUREAU

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CANADA

**ZS6JAM, at Mafeking,
where Baden-Powell first
had the idea in 1900.**



**GB3BSI, at Brownsea
Island, where the first
experimental Scout
Camp was held from
1st to 9th August, 1907.**

(Photo: S. F. James)

**K7WSJ, at Farragut State
Park, Idaho, U.S.A. where
the XII World Jamboree was
in 1967, exactly 60 years
later.**





Queen's Scout Gary Giles, of Ottawa, Canada, at K7WSJ. Gary was an assistant operator at VE3WSB for the 7th, 8th and 9th J.O.T.A.s and now, having attained the minimum age, 16, is busy studying for his own licence.

(Photo: Rev. John B. Brady)

FROM CITY STREETS . . .



**CR7HC, Scout H.Q.,
Lourenco Marques, Mozambique**



**9V1SJ, Scout H.Q.,
Singapore**

(Photo: O. B. Fernandez)

ON BOARD SHIP . . .



**VK4ZWC on board the 'Invicta' Trimaran.
Shorncliffe Sea Scouts, Queensland, Australia.**



LA3GL, Notodden, Norway.
Norway's youngest radio
amateur!



OE5FAL/5
at Niederkappel,
Austria



ZS9JAM, Gaberones, Botswana



, 1st Oppsal Group, Oslo, Norway



5N2BSN, Lagos, Nigeria

. . . ON MOUNTAIN-TOPS

HB9CM/P
Le Landeron,
Switzerland



. . . FROM SCOUT H.Q.'S.



VU2BSG
New Delhi,
India

(Photo: V. P. Dhawan)



LX1JAM
Luxembourg



9M2BP, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



VK4QH, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

(Photo: P. R. Film Unit, B.S.A.)

10TH JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR ACTIVITY

GENERAL

In most countries, participation did suffer slightly as a result of the change in dates from the usual October weekend to August, but in a few it actually increased, perhaps as a result of the synchronising with the World Jamboree in Farragut and the holding of so many 'link camps' around the world.

Undoubtedly, for the fortunate few who were actually at Farragut State Park in Idaho, U.S.A. the experiment was more than justified. One had only to see the crowds around the station there, at almost any hour of the day or night, and to see the faces of the boys when they were actually able to hear, and sometimes to speak with, people in their own countries many thousands of miles away, to know this. To judge from the reports received, Scouts present at stations around the world experienced an equal thrill when their operators managed to contact K7WSJ at the World Jamboree, GB3BSI at Brownsea Island, in England, or ZS6JAM at Mafeking. These three stations were the focal points of this 10th J.O.T.A. providing a radio link with both the past and the present.

The accompanying reports from National Organizers and Commissioners tell the story in detail and we are only too sorry that space prevents us from giving them in full. Several points seem to stand out, however - firstly, the large number of out-of-door stations this year, perhaps due to the change in date? - secondly, the number of Scouts and Scouters who have obtained their own licences, and, finally, the addition of a second 'maritime mobile' station this year. This is the 'Invicta' a trimaran using the call VK4ZWC and operated by the Shornecliffe Sea Scouts, from Queensland, Australia. The first is, of course, the M.S. 'Sarpent', SM7XA/MM, from Simrishamn, in Sweden. Reading of these makes us wonder who will come along with the third and which country will have the first 'aeronautical Mobile' operating in a J.O.T.A.!

Alan Ritchie reports that South Africa, thanks to the excellent support from their amateur radio league, has 1 ham for every 400 Scouts in the J.O.T.A. A quick calculation shows that Australia had one amateur for every 280 Scouts. We wonder whether others can beat this?

NATIONAL ACTIVITY

BROWNSEA ISLAND (GB3BSI)

This station was located at the National Patrol Leaders' Camp commemorating 60 years of Scouting. The camp itself was on the actual site used by B.-P. in 1907, while the station was located on high ground not far away. Seven Scout amateurs (from seven different areas of England!) comprised the operating team and supplied the equipment, other than generators and antenna masts which were generously loaned by a local Army unit.

One of the object of the station was to provide training for the Patrol Leaders in amateur radio. Each day, five one-hour talks and demonstrations were given; the 'interest shown was most impressive,' so much so that the operators had no lack of volunteer loggers in the evenings and rapidly came to the conclusion that 'most of today's Scouts will be tomorrow's QRM!'

8 contacts with K7WSJ at the World Scout Jamboree in Idaho enabled the station to talk direct with British leaders attending. One unusual contact was with W1PFA/mobile - a Scoutmaster in a car in New Hampshire on his way with equipment to set up a station at Camp Onway for the J.O.T.A. This was just one of 14 mobile stations contacted. Contacts were also made with ships and with an aircraft flying at 17,000 ft. between Iceland and Greenland.

In all 111 Scout stations in 22 different countries were worked during the JOTA weekend. One of the final ones was with HV3SJ in the Vatican, with an ex-Scout operating!

K7WSJ

Report submitted by Ed Gribi, WB6IZF, Assistant Operator:

"Statistics - 2030 QSO's in 87 countries and all states (Note to DXCC Committee - we elevated Brownsea Island to a country!) between July 30 and August 10, 1967.

Operators - Chief, W8DUS; assistants, W1UED, W2GQN, WB6IZF, W2NIC, W2GND, VE3EWE, WA4WRA, WB6PFN, W7HLL, and a multitude of guest operators ranging from DULHR to XE1VG.

Jamboree-on-the-Air - 825 contacts on all continents with at least one rig operating 45 out of 48 hours and four stations for 30 out of 48.

Traffic - 471 pieces of traffic handled through Jamboree station via 2 meter repeater (W7AAG/FM operated by Inland Empire VHF Radio Amateurs) to a marvelous group of Washington and Idaho amateurs from their own stations; Spokane Dial Twisters, K7VNB, WA7DXI, K7LRD, W7HCJ, K7UXS, W7PUL, K7OUV, WA7FNS, WA7FSM, K7EUA, W7WIL, WA7GPW, K7EAM, WA7CJM, K7RZE, WA7GBM, K7ROE, W7KYY, W7DBI; and Canadian Scouts Gary Giles and David Lee-Thompson.

Equipment - Four complete HF stations ranging from Heath Novice Transceiver to Hallicrafters SR-2000 with two 6 element beams and two trap dipoles. Other equipment by Electro-Voice, Sideband Engineers, Squires-Saunders, Collins, Hy-Gain.

QSL - Cards were made up and forwarded to QSL Bureaus in the respective call areas. If you don't get yours, send a request to K7WSJ via ARRL.

Thrills - The schedules that were made and kept with Brownsea Island (particularly when the TV station interviewed us) and with DU1BSP at Phillipine Scout Hq.; the several late night sessions working the VK's with a good portion of the Australian contingent in the shack; the lovely sight many times when every rig was busy from novice up with Scouts and Scouters talking all over the world; the beautiful roar as Shelly, W2GQN, organized the callers DX style and picked them off in rotation; the kick of hearing my own peanut whistle station from a thousand miles distant.

Frustrations - Calling CQ with no replies and, worse, trying to convey the marvels of the Jamboree and Friendship and still picking up all the calling stations in those big pileups.

Hopes and Promises - There are a tremendous number of amateur-Scout-Scouters, more than any of us realized, in every part of the world. We should be able to be in contact more than once a year.

AUSTRALIA (Noel B. Lynch, National Organizer)

The Postmaster-General's Department granted special permission for Scouts and Guides to actually 'talk' during the J.O.T.A. and this naturally increased everybody's enjoyment of the event. As John Leech, the

Branch Organizer for Western Australia pointed out in his report (which was quoted by Noel) because of the very remoteness of his State, many boys would never get the chance to talk to boys from other countries if it were not for J.O.T.A. He comments that 'the Postmaster-General's Department and the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements are playing a very important part in promoting World Peace.

As in previous years, the Australian Chief Commissioners for both Scouts and Guides recorded messages to officially open JOTA. From all accounts, the tapes were exceptionally well received, particularly by Scouts and Guides in the more remote areas, who normally never hear the voices of their Australian leaders.

No less than 395 stations participated, representing 487 Scout Groups and 132 Girl Guide Companies. There was a grand total of 8,870 Scouts, Guides and visitors recorded! Total number of contacts logged - within Australia, 4,377; overseas, 544.

It is impossible to reproduce the whole of Noel's very comprehensive report (which, as usual, was accompanied by many good photographs, newspapers clippings, QSL samples, etc) as we would wish. Noel's report covers 14 foolscap pages and is itself a summary of reports received from his seven Branch Organizers! Unfortunately, we have to content ourselves with just a few of the more interesting or unusual happenings noted.

All branches report contacts with K7WSJ at the 12th World Jamboree in Idaho, U.S.A. and many stations were able to talk with Scouters from their own States attending the Jamboree. (The writer, who normally operates VE3WSB, but never, unfortunately, on the very rare occasions when it has made contact with Australian stations, was extremely happy to be operating K7WSJ during the time it was in contact with some 10 Australian stations).

South Australia (Basil Dennis, Branch Organizer) reports that VK5NM talked to the leader of their contingent at the World Jamboree; with Expo 67 in Canada, to an aeronautical mobile flying at 35,000 ft. over Texas, and to many other countries. In a matter of minutes they learnt that Perth, in Western Australia, was enjoying a perfect sunny spring day; that in Sydney, N.S.W., there was a howling gale; while in New York, it was midnight and was wet, cold and foggy!

In Victoria, link camps were held at 7 different centres, two of these being near Melbourne. One of these latter was held on an island and visitors were ferried across in a rowing boat. The Branch Organizer, Jack Nicholson, visited the camp on the Sunday morning and the Sea Scout Crew made him row them across! The other had 102 boys in camp and 312 visitors, with complete T.V. coverage. Scouts from Birchip and Donald transported their station by jeep to the top of Mount Jeffcott, some 960' above sea level and were the first Australian station to contact Brownsea Island.

Ray Jeffrey, the Branch Organizer for Tasmania, includes some very interesting and sometimes critical comments. Being rather 'fenced in' by stations on the mainland, they did not make as many overseas contacts as they would have liked. However, some stations were able to 'work' the World Jamboree and Brownsea Island.

Despite torrential rain and wind and the fact that their publicity seemed to have encountered a 'bottleneck' somewhere, Scouts in New South Wales had a fairly successful weekend, with many stations reporting contacting K7WSJ, together with all Australian States, Europe, America and many countries in the Far East.

Barry Smith reports from Queensland that, despite a lower participation than last year, it was a most successful J.O.T.A. A number of Districts held 'link' camps, the largest being at Bluewater, where 7 Groups from Townsville were in camp. A Queensland Sea Scout Troop operated 'marine mobile' from a Trimaran recently presented to them! In Brisbane, the capital, State H.Q. operated their own station VK4QH and also established a 'link' station, VK4JQ, in Baden-Powell Park. This latter was one of two Queensland stations to talk to the World Jamboree.

VK4UC had several very interesting contacts, among them being one with an aboriginal Scout Troop in Yirrkala, Northern Territory, (VK8UG).

New Guinea (Pete Whitlock) has problems of its own - transport being one of them. The General Secretary spent most of the weekend ferrying Scouts and Scouters to and from the two stations in operation - 'a pretty fair effort when 7 Groups were involved at one station and 7 at the other'. VK7TB operated from Branch H.Q. with an aerial rigged between two convenient

coconut trees. The other station, VK9BS, made 21 overseas contacts on the Saturday afternoon, one of them being with K7WSJ, where the operator at the time was from South Australia!

AUSTRIA (National Organizer, Josef Falzeder OE5FJL)

Due to the holiday season, not many stations were active, but the few that were active were comparatively successful. OE3WEW/3 at Tulln, managed to work all continents and was heard by K7WSJ but, unfortunately, the QSO could not be completed due to the heavy QRM. OE6HDG operated from the International Alpine Jamborette at Groebming, Styria - there were 400 Scouts around the station on Sunday afternoon! OE5FAL/5 was at summer camp 25 miles northwest of Linz. Rover Scouts constructed an 80 ft. tower for the beam antenna and organized a Scout garden festival with two brass bands!

Josef himself had a roving commission his first location being at Gallneukirchen, at the Anglo-Austrian work camp. Heavy thunderstorms handicapped the station in the early hours of Saturday, so much so that they decided to close down. Five minutes later the building was struck by lightning. On Saturday afternoon, as the storm still continued, Josef visited OE6HDG and, from there, worked GB3SSA at the home town of some of the Scouts attending the Jamborette. Later on, contact was made with another International Jamborette, SM3JAL, in Sweden.

Unfortunately, on Sunday morning a Tenderfoot (!) Scout tripped over one of the guys holding the Quad. a antenna, and the station had to continue operating with a dipole. Despite this, some very interesting and exciting contacts were made with Sweden, Norway and Finland.

CEYLON (NATIONAL ORGANIZER * R.S.L. SUMANASEKERE)

During the year, district organizers had been appointed for all the main areas of the country. As a result - and with the wholehearted cooperation of the Radio Society of Ceylon - nine stations were active. These represented some 200 Scouts and Scouters, and enabled most of them to participate in the many 'round-tables' which took place over the weekend, among these nine stations.

4S7NE, which was visited by the Chief Commissioner, made every effort to contact K7WSJ but, unfortunately, without success. They did, however, talk to several other stations in the United States and these undertook to relay greetings to the World Jamboree site. Other contacts made by this station included Scout stations in India, Germany and Singapore. During one of these latter contacts, with 9VISJ, the two National Organizers concerned had a long conversation and exchanged news and advice.

Two other stations which made overseas Scout contacts, were 4S7PB and 4S7YL. This latter is operated by the only lady operator in Ceylon! Between them they talked to Singapore, India, South Africa, Guam, Rhodesia, Maldivé Islands, New Zealand and Malaysia.

The report concludes; "J.O.T.A. has come to stay in Ceylon and all participants will be looking forward to a brighter and more successful 11th Jamboree-on-the-Air in 1968.

FINLAND (National Organizer Bo Ahlnas, OH2BHU)

Bo has been participating in J.O.T.A. for several years and has been National Organizer for the last two. This time was the first time with his own licence! Congratulations, Bo.

Three stations were active, OH2BHU in Helsinki, OH3NY in Riihimaki, and on Aland Island. Between them they worked Scout stations in U.S.A., Singapore, Gt. Britain, South Africa, Rhodesia, Switzerland, Ireland, Sweden, Australia, Norway, Austria, Netherlands and Luxembourg. Two of the stations were successful in contacting K7WSJ.

GERMANY

Only one report received - from DK2AQ/P in Hanover who managed to talk to several other German Scout stations; and with Scouts in Israel, Great Britain, Denmark and Austria. The writer, Frank Schiemann, 'had a lot of 'fun' and suggests that, in future, German stations arrange a fixed frequency and time to meet up with each other. At least five other stations are known to have been active.

GHANA

A special station was set up at Scout H.Q. in Accra under the call 9G1RS. No direct report has been received, but several stations in other countries report making contact.

GREAT BRITAIN (National Organizer - Les Mitchell, G3BHK)

Les sends in his usual detailed and interesting report, which as always makes us wish we had more space so that it could be reproduced in full!

In the United Kingdom a total of 125 stations took part as against 194 last year - the drop being of course due to the event being held during the vacation season. Despite this, however, more overseas stations in more countries were contacted than ever before! A total of 162 overseas troops in 40 (perhaps 43 - see below) were contacted. One station reported working Scout stations in Yugoslavia, Poland and Hungary!

GB3BPH at Baden-Powell House operated on a reduced scale this year, as many of their regular operators were on Brownsea Island with GB3BSI. They reported 'an opening to South Africa on the Sunday evening when African Jamboree stations were jamming one another - a most unusual situation'. GB3HGB had a static display, too, which included a full-scale model of the Early Bird satellite. GB3SP - operating from the site of the 1957 World Jamboree - contacted K7WSJ twice. They also talked to W2BEE, a Sea Explorer Group in New Jersey and report that 'this latter station must be flooded with letters as it appears they asked every contact to write and send photographs! GB3ASF, in Coventry, comment that their aerial masts were erected by the local B.-P. Guild, who made the whole operation look ridiculously easy! GB3KL, King Langley, was apparently the only British station to contact the Philippine Scouts. This station was located at the rear of an establishment called "The Rose and Crown" - the Scouts erected a 50' tower of bamboo, Scout Staves and coloured rope to carry their antenna.

G2SU/A had, amongst its operators, a Guide, G3OMM, and her daughter. During a contact with an American warship off Puerto Rico, the operator on board offered to swop 900 sailors and 450 marines for them both!

GB3CSM, in Cornwall, had Scouts fell 30' trees for antenna masts. Their greatest surprise was a visit from VK2GE, a regular JOTA participant, who was on holiday nearby. G3BN/A and G3JIJ/A, 37th Rochdale, made the first contact with Iranian Scouts since 1964, and also the first ever contact reported in Britain with Indian Scouts, (VU2DKZ). G3OJE, operating from a campsite in Hertfordshire, contacted OH3NY in Finland for the 6th consecutive JOTA. They proved how thrifty Scouts can be when an oilfilled transformer burst during the weekend by saving the oil and using it to varnish their notice board!

G3BOR/A and G3UCK/A, Shipley Scouts, were nearly arrested right at the start! They had permission to erect antennas around the local Church and were in the midst of doing this by flashlight late Friday night, when the whole area was surrounded by police cars and policemen. Some well meaning passer-by had reported hooligans on the Church roof! GB3HH, near Gravesend, had two operators at a time - one manning the station and the other exhausting himself playing cricket outside!

GB3WHS, in West Ham, produced an excellent 'hand-out' for visitors, which gave a simple description of the station, and explanation of what was going on, and details of the Q code and how to report signal strength. At the bottom was a space to log contacts actually heard while visiting the station.

Les includes one very interesting paragraph which is reproduced below. Arithmetic not being one of our strong points, we would not try to dispute it!

"It should be pointed out that this report only lists the total number of Scout stations here and abroad. These figures do not take into account the number of contacts made by each station. If you puzzle it out, a group of 10 stations can have 45 contacts between them without speaking to the same station twice. Permutate this for the 300 odd stations taking part this year and there are some 45,000 possibilities."

INDIA

Three stations are officially known to have participated - VU2BSG in New Delhi, VU2MAH in Bombay and one other in Calcutta, but other reports indicate that there were others in Rajkot, Jamalpur and Madras.

VU2BSG, unfortunately, experienced extremely bad weather, including torrential rain. Despite the inevitable dislocation of traffic, 18 local Scouts managed to reach the station, contact was established with other Indian Scouts and also with Singapore, with whom greetings are exchanged, and an invitation to attend the 5th Indian Jamboree in December accepted.

Bombay Scouts and Guides took part in a JOTA for the first time, using the call VU2MAH. Over 80 of them were present on the station and heard stations in Ceylon, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Mozambique, South Africa as well as a steamship off the coast of Sumatra.

KOREA

Although no information on their participation in the 10th J.O.T.A. has been received, it is interesting to note that the Boy Scouts of Korea established a station at their 3rd Korean Jamboree under the call sign of HM9A and held their own Jamboree-on-the-Air over the period 10th - 15th August, 1967.

We hope that this call will be heard during the 11th J.O.T.A. in 1968!

LUXEMBOURG

Despite the holiday season, 2 special stations were again established - LXIJAM at the Scout Training centre at Neiheisgen, some 16 kms from the capital, and LXIWIL at Fischbach in the North of the country, at a Scout H.Q. LXIJAM had the satisfaction of contacting K7WSJ and talking directly to one of their own Scouts attending the World Jamboree there, while LXIWIL were equally delighted to talk to GB3BSI on Brownsea Island. LXIJAM made contact with 34 countries and LXIWIL with 17.

The report concludes "c'est avec impatience que nous attendons l'année prochaine, tout en donnant rendez-vous à nos frères scouts du monde entier à l'occasion de lle Jamboree-on-the-Air."

MALAYSIA

Scout H.Q. had hoped to use the station in their own building, but local 'hams' advised against it because of the proximity of many sources of electrical

interference, notably neon lighting. Alternatively, the National Training Centre at 'Camp Semangat' 12 miles south of Kuala Lumpur was considered, but it proved impossible to beg or borrow a good enough antenna for the weekend. Luckily, two local 'hams' Messrs. Narayana and Avatar Singh, came to the Scout's rescue, with the latter offering the use of his own station.

As a result 9M2BP was 'on the air' for the 10th J.O.T.A. It has been hoped that there would be other stations active from Malaysia, but unfortunately none of the other amateurs who had taken part in previous years were available.

9M2BP was on the air for only about 4 hours, but during this period managed to contact Scout stations in Singapore, Philippines, and South Africa. Radio Malaysia gave wide publicity to the event.

MOZAMBIQUE (National Organizer - J.N.R. Vinhas)

10 stations participated and between them contacted Scouts in 28 countries - a total of 141 stations. Most stations were in the Republic of South Africa, to whom the Scouts awarded the title 'Honor Country' as a result. Among their contacts were: GB3BSI at Brownsea Island; ZS6JAM at Mafeking and also ZS9JAM (Botswana).

A contest for the best report and photographs submitted by Scout Groups and Guide Companies was held - winners were - Scouts, Lourenco Marques - Group No. 3 (S. Jorge); Scouts, Beira - St. Joao Baptista Group; Guides, No. 4 Company.

Since the last J.O.T.A. 3 Scouts have obtained their licences but the 'most interesting part is that the radio amateurs' sons and daughter are joining the Scout family'. Plans are still afoot for a permanent Scout station.

NIGERIA

Station 5N2BSN was established at National H.Q. in Lagos and was officially opened at 0001 hrs. 5th August by the Deputy International Commissioner, Mr. Idris Lediju, deputising for the Hon. Mr. Justice Lambo, Chief Commissioner. To quote from their report,

despite rather gloomy forecasts, "the event was a huge success."

No less than 455 Scouts, Guides and Leaders attended at this station over the two days, and took part in contacts with Scout stations in no less than 22 countries and 12 states in the U.S.A. Unfortunately, no contact was made with K7WSJ and the pile of messages for the Nigerian Contingent at the World Jamboree could not be transmitted.

In 1966, the organizers prophesised that there would be greater attendance and many more contacts this year. This prophesy undoubtedly came true!

PAKISTAN

The Pakistan B.S.A. had during the year obtained a 'brand-new' transmitting set and, having set up in their H.Q. in Karachi, they started a Scout Amateur Radio Club and were all set for this 10th J.O.T.A. - the first time Pakistan had been able to take part. Unfortunately, they experienced extremely bad conditions. Despite this, they made contact with Scouts in Rhodesia, Kenya, Sweden, Japan, Malaysia and Mauritius.

The station is cooperating in U.N. Day on 20th October, the theme for which is 'Tourism as a passport to peace.'

NORWAY (Nic Holter, LA5CH - National Organizer)

Following the pattern of the last few years, a very fine report comes from Nic Holter and his efficient JOTA staff. It contains not only reports on activities but also a map showing Norwegian stations, a summary of publicity made, a directory of Scout amateurs, (including several who obtained their licences as a result of the JOTA) and a full page of photographs.

33 stations were active, including 16 taking part for the first time. 14 of these stations were located at camps or in Scout H.Q.'s.

In Oslo, LA1JAM was again established on the 16th floor of the Norwegian telecommunications Building. On Saturday, following an official opening ceremony, a Scout net was held and 27 of the 33 participating stations checked in! On Sunday, activities

started with messages from the J.O.T.A. team, the International Commissioner and NRRL President. There followed the introduction of the Scouts who had obtained the licences since the previous JOTA - as their names were called the Scouts concerned 'checked in' from their own stations.

Most northermost station was LA2PC, almost on the Arctic Circle! They had 8 Scout and 2 Guides present. Unfortunately, they made no JOTA contacts at all, but everybody enjoyed the contacts they did make, which were many.

The 1st Kjelseas Group, taking part for the sixth time, had a great number of cubs present. Their ASM is Knut Aashamar (one of the twins depicted in our 1965 report) who got his own licence this year with the call LA2NL. Incidentally, his twin brother Chris is now 'Baloo' in the Group.)

Nic says that LA8RG and LA8QI (1st Sørumsand Troop) sent in the best report - 8 pages with logs, home-made QSL, newspaper cuttings, plus comments and suggestions. These stations made Scout contacts in Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Luxembourg. Incidentally, this troop now has a new type of boy leader title - a PRL, Patruljens Radio-Leder! Each patrol has a PRL, whose duty it is to arrange participation in the weekly Scout Net, the annual JOTA, etc, and generally advise his patrol on radio activity. (Other Troops take note?)

LA8BI operated from 'deep in the forest', while the Karmøy Rover Crew again took part from their 'bunker' H.Q. on Karmøy Island. La3GL, Arve Roterud, 15 years old, took his patrol of the 1st Notodden Troop to their favourite spot, a lake some 15 miles away, where they operated 'portable'. Arve got his ticket one month before the JOTA and is the youngest radio amateur in the country.

Two major camps in southern Norway had stations, LA9K at the Kristiansand District Camp and LA2S and LA8D at the Vesterlen District Camp. 574 boys, including German, English and Danish Scouts, took part in the latter camp.

LA3II operated from the Norwegian Training Centre at Telemark, where 3 different courses were being held at the time. Each course received two hours participation in the JOTA as part of their training. (Nic asks - 'are we the first Association adapting the JOTA into the Gilwell Training Programme?').

PANAMA

The Liga Panamena de Radio Aficionados graciously placed its club station HP1LR at the disposal of the Scout Troops in Panama City. 4 Troops took advantage of this and one of them, Troop 34, set up tents and stayed the night. Contact was made with Scout stations in Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Venezuela, Guatemala, Peru and Jamaica - a most successful weekend, despite the failure to contact the World Jamboree.

PORTUGAL (National Organizer, Justin Esteveao da Silva)

Although, unfortunately, almost all the hams in Portugal, together with many of the Scouts, seemed to choose the JOTA period to take annual vacations, the Escoteiros de Portugal had a most successful time - the culmination of many months of careful planning and publicity. All troops and hams had previously been sent copies of a specially prepared 24 page booklet containing all the information necessary to take part and much background material from previous JOTA's. To help cover the cost, and, incidentally, to publicise the event still further, they arranged for 2 special postmarks, and the Postal Authorities established a special post office at Scout H.Q. for the weekend. Furthermore, "O Século Ilustrado" - a widely read illustrated magazine, devoted 3 pages in its issue of 12th August to the Event.

Some 25 stations were in operation; 15 of these being in Lisbon.

RHODESIA (National Organizer - Mike Hardy)

Several stations are reported active; two being located at special 'Link' camps held at Ruwa Park, Salisbury and Gordon Park, Matopos, respectively. At the former, 3 Troops were in camp and 2 more, plus a Guide Company, visited during the day. No less than 8 troops were represented at Gordon Park.

The Ruwa Park station made some 155 contacts, including 36 Scout stations - these being mainly in Europe and included both Brownsea Island and Gilwell Park. Gordon Park contacted stations in South Africa, (including Mafeking), ZS9JAM in Botswana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Angola, plus GB3BSI, Australia, Ireland and Switzerland.

Scout H.Q. in Salisbury has now started its own Radio Club which meets weekly.

SINGAPORE (National Organizer, Bernard Fernandez)

Two stations operated, 9VLSJ at Scout H.Q., and 9VINO. A team of four licensed operators had devoted much of their spare time over the past year to holding radio and Morse training classes for the Singapore Boy Scouts Amateur Radio Club, so that everybody was well prepared. To quote from their report they 'had a marvellous time', contacting Scout stations in the Philippines, Japan, Christmas Island, India, Australia, U.S.A. and Great Britain. Unfortunately, they did not contact K7WSJ direct, but a station in Arizona, U.S.A. recorded greetings from Scouters, Scouts and Guides for later re-transmission. Many other stations were contacted, and, through the hams there, they conveyed good wishes to the Scouts and Guides of their countries. The final paragraph of the report seems to sum matters up very nicely - (The Jamboree-on-the-Air) "has made World Scouting closer with goodwill, friendship and better understanding amongst all nations."

Several other countries report contacts with a third station, 9VIOE, Singapore Air Scouts.

SOUTH AFRICA -(A.H. Ritchie, ZS5XK, National Organizer)

"Participation was, once again, magnificent." 106 radio hams enabled 149 troops to participate as compared with 128 representing only 105 troops last year. This was due to the large 'link camps' held in three of the Divisions of South African Scouting and the greater troop participation is extremely encouraging.

The special station at Mafeking, ZS6JAM, was, as expected, much sought after and it is interesting to note that this station, ZS6JAM will be a regular station in future Jamborees-on-the-Air.

Scout stations in 19 countries were contacted. Press Publicity, particularly in Natal, was particularly good, while the cooperation from the Scout African Radio League was, as always, superb! Regular information was given in both their magazine, ZS, and in their regular Sunday morning bulletins, while the League again granted free QSL facilities for the event. "The whole hearted enthusiasm of the South African Radio Amateurs for this event makes it possible for South Africa's 45,000 Scouting membership to be so well represented.

SOUTH AFRICA -, cont'd.

Excluding Scouters this makes our representation something like one radio ham for every 400 boys."

SWEDEN

Three reports have been received, from which it appears that some 20 Swedish Scout stations were active, many of them with special call-signs for the weekend. Once again, Sea Scouts operated from their own boat, the M.S. Sarpen, cruising along the coast, using the call SM7XA/MM. Scouts of Malmo, using SM7XAC, operated from the top floor of a newspaper building, that of Sydsvenska Dagbladets AB, some 150 ft. high! Hesselholm Scouts took part from SL7CA - a station owned by a local Army Regiment.

Between them, they talked to Brownsea Island, South Africa, Australia, Gt. Britain, Finland, U.S.A., Portugal, and the Maldvie Islands.

A most interesting station was SM3JAM, located at an international Scout and Guide camp near Strombacka. 800 Scouts and Guides from 7 countries were in camp for ten days; for the weekend of J.O.T.A. the Bollnäs Radio Amateurs Club established and staffed the station. A total of 97 contacts in 17 countries was made. It is interesting to note that the initial moves for this station were made by the amateurs themselves!

SWITZERLAND -(National Organizer, Philo Gander, HB9CM)

So far as is known, only 3 Swiss stations were active, as against 10 in 1966. Some of this was undoubtedly due to the fact that Philo, because of pressures of business, could not publicise the event as much as he would have liked, but mainly he feels that interest from both Scout and amateur is missing. Some amateurs still tend to regard the event as a contest and are content to exchange signal reports, etc, and then go on to see how many station they can work. Again, the Scouts in the French-speaking part of Switzerland are handicapped - "the path to Canada is not always open, Belgian Scout stations are scarce, and it looks as though France doesn't exist."

On the brighter side, a troop at Yverdon (between Lausanne and Neuchâtel) has started to specialise in Morse Code and telecommunications; their Scouter has recently obtained his amateur licence

The biggest thrill for three of the keenest members (and also three of the youngest) was when they helped to set up a portable station and managed to establish contact with their Scoutmaster 3 miles away!

Despite Philo's unfortunate experiences, he still maintains that 'JOTA is a very fine thing which should be criticized to show up a wrong and put it right if necessary, but anyway it should be maintained."

THANKS

This Report would not be complete without an acknowledgement of the very great debt which we owe to those who make the Jamboree-on-the-Air the success that it is: -

Firstly, to the amateur radio operators who have generously loaned equipment and donated their time. 'Hams' are themselves a well-knot fraternity. This annual linking of the 'ham fraternity' with the 'World Scout Brotherhood' is surely a powerful force for peace.

Secondly, to the National Organizers who have devoted so much of their time over the past year towards promoting and publicising the J.O.T.A. and who have made it what it is - the largest annual gathering of Scouts (and Guides) in the world. Not only this. It is also we believe, the largest annual get-together of hams.

To both the hams and the organizers then - a hearty left hand-shake and a big, big, 'thank-you'.

The following article was appended to the report from Les Mitchell and is reproduced here as we are sure others will find as interesting as we did.

"A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST - SCOUT RADIO EQUIPMENT IN 1911
by R. Swaffield G3JM - S.L. 1st Arundel.

The operation of amateur radio stations at various scout events calls to mind the use of radio by a troop of Scouts a good many years before the advent of broadcasting and widespread amateur activity. In 1911 the 1st Arundel (Earl of Arundel's Own) were the possessors of an experimental licence which permitted the troop "to instal and work a wireless station for the instruction of Boy Scouts."

The owners of a modern radio would smile at the idea of such a box of tricks as the receiver producing results. It consisted of a pickle jar with a piece of ribbed calico glued around it, round which was wound bare copper wire. A sliding contact was fixed up to touch any of the turns and a frame of one-inch floorboard was constructed to hold the coil in position. The crystal detector consisted of sundry pieces of wood, copper and brass held together by gutter bolts, and the whole thing was tuned by a variable condenser consisting of postcards and tinfoil from cigarette packets.

A nearby brewery chimney provided a convenient mast for the 300 foot long aerial which sloped down and entered the headquarters through the necks of broken bottles.

It was a never-to-be forgotten thrill to hear morse signals from Eiffel Tower and ships at sea for the first time; a thrill one cannot enjoy nowadays with the certainty and efficiency of commercial receivers.

The transmitter was a little more workmanlike than the pickle jar receiver. It consisted of twin ignition coils from a motor boat; spark gaps made from the zincs of Leclanche cells; and two excellent morse keys made by a Patrol Leader. Two four volt accumulators supplied the 'juice' and good signals were received up to five miles away.

The station was operated at a camp at Ifold, Sussex in 1913. Naturally it was a novelty, and, at a camp concert, to which the local people were invited, it was announced that the equipment was working in a tent close by and that signals from the Continent could

be heard. A charge of threepence, in aid of the Troop funds, was made for the privilege of listening, and quite a brisk trade was done. After several people had been duly impressed a party of some half a dozen lads from the village arrived with the question, "How much gwain to charge we?" A reduction was made for quantity a shilling changed hands, the headphones were handed over and the showman went off to hear part of the concert leaving the lads to amuse themselves. On his return he found them still listening but rather disappointed. As they put it, they could hear "a lot of rap-tapping about, but didn't know naun tall bout it. Couldn't you hear nobody talking like?"

That was a poser - wireless telephony was in its cradle and had not gone beyond the experimental stage. However, it was not too late to make amends. Various adjustments were made as unobtrusively as possible. The 'phones were connected to earth and to a nearby wire fence and another pair of 'phones connected likewise fifty years away making a simple telephone circuit. A one sided conversation was carried on for a few minutes and then another visit was paid to the "wireless station", where the audience was found in high glee. "Did we hear anything?" they said in reply to an enquiry as to that was happening. "Should jest think we did - kep' on saying 'Hullo Aldershot' five or six times. Then he says he wouldn't be home 'fore ten o'clock, then he says 'I'm closing down, goodnight.' Wonderful clear 'twas, jest as plain as anything - and loudish too." They went away highly delighted with their shillingsworth. The operator's conscience troubled him for playing the trick on them, but he felt it was up to him to please them by other means and he certainly succeeded.

Things went merrily on until the Great War caused all experimental stations to be closed down. The collection of treasures was carefully locked in a box, an important looking seal affixed, a receipt given, and they were held by the Government until 1919. With the rapid advance of the valve the equipment was by then quite out of date. The troop effort was never again revived, but some of the Old Scouts even now think back wistfully to those days and the fun they had under the callsign XBS.

(The writer is indebted to the 1st Arundel's pre-war magazine "Forward" for the information contained in this account).

TENTH JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

COUNTRIES KNOWN TO HAVE TAKEN PART

Number of known stations is shown after each country.

Indicates quoted in this report.

Angola - 4	Guatemala - 1	# Pakistan
Antartica - 1	Hong Kong	# Panama Rep.
Argentina	Iceland - 2	Panama Canal Zone
Ascension Is.	# India - 3	Paraguay
# Australia - 393	Iran	Peru
# Austria - 13	Ireland - 11	Philippines
Azores	Israel - 2	# Portugal - 25
Belgium	Italy	Puerto Rico
Botswana	Jamaica	# Rhodesia - 5
Brazil - 2	Japan	Salvador - 5
Canada	Kenya	Seychelles
# Ceylon - 7	Lesotho	# Singapore - 3
Christmas Is.	# Luxembourg - 2	# South Africa - 106
Colombia	Madeira	Spain
Denmark - 2	# Malaysia - 1	# Sweden - 16
Dominican Rep. - 5	Maldiva Is.	# Switzerland
Ecuador - 5	Malta	U.S.A.
Finland - 4	Mauritius	Uruguay - 2
France	Mexico - 1	Vatican City
# Germany - 7	Morocco	Venezuela
# Ghana - 1	# Mozambique	Total countries - 72
Gibraltar	Netherlands - 3	In addition, 'Scout'
Gough Is.	# New Guinea - 2	stations were reported
# Gt. Britain - 125	New Zealand	from:
Greece	# Nigeria - 1	Hungary
Guam	# Norway - 33	Poland

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GENERAL INFORMATION

"GETTING THE MOST FROM THE JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR"

This is the title of a small pamphlet issued by the World Bureau some years ago and sent to all Associations, National Organizers, etc. Subsequently, it was translated into Spanish, Portuguese, German and Norwegian and published in various national magazines.

Now, we are pleased to report that Les Scouts du Canada have produced this pamphlet in French under the title "Comment participer au Jamboree-sur-les-Ondes" and have kindly offered to make copies available to anyone wishing them. Copies may be obtained from: Les Scout du Canada, Quartier Général, 3425, St.-Denis, Montreal 18, Quebec, Canada.

11th JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

This has been provisionally scheduled for the weekend of October 19th - 20th, 1968. Further details will be sent in due course.

VE3WSB TO CLOSE DOWN

In accordance with the decision of the 21st World Conference, meeting in Seattle, U.S.A. in August, 1967, the Boy Scouts World Bureau will move from Ottawa, Canada, to Geneva, Switzerland in the early part of 1968. Because of the need to dismantle antennas in Ottawa before the bad weather sets in (nobody is anxious to climb masts 150 feet above the street in temperatures of minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit) our permanent station VE3WSB will close down at the end of October, 1967. The World Bureau will have a station operating during the 11th J.O.T.A., of course, and perhaps earlier, but we do not know, as yet, under what call-sign.

Further details will be circularised as soon as they become available.

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MOZAMBIQUE

The Girl Guides have been keen and very welcome participants in the J.O.T.A. for several years now, none more so than the Guides of Lourenco Marques, capital of Mozambique. This year was no exception, as is evidenced by a report recently received from the Guide District Commissioner.

Without doubt this is one of the finest J.O.T.A. reports ever to reach us - and certainly the best from the Girl Guides. Prepared entirely by hand, and nicely bound with ribbon, it contains not only a complete report of activities, but also coloured pictures of the city and the meeting place of two of the Guide Companies, photographs of some of the Guides and the station they used, CR7DZ. To top it all, they included a drawing of the equipment, done by one of the Guides who had never seen a 'ham' station before. (This drawing is reproduced in our photographic pages). Looking back at the National Organizers report (page 11) we see that this Guide Company, No. 4, won the prize for the best report - quite rightly so, in our opinion!

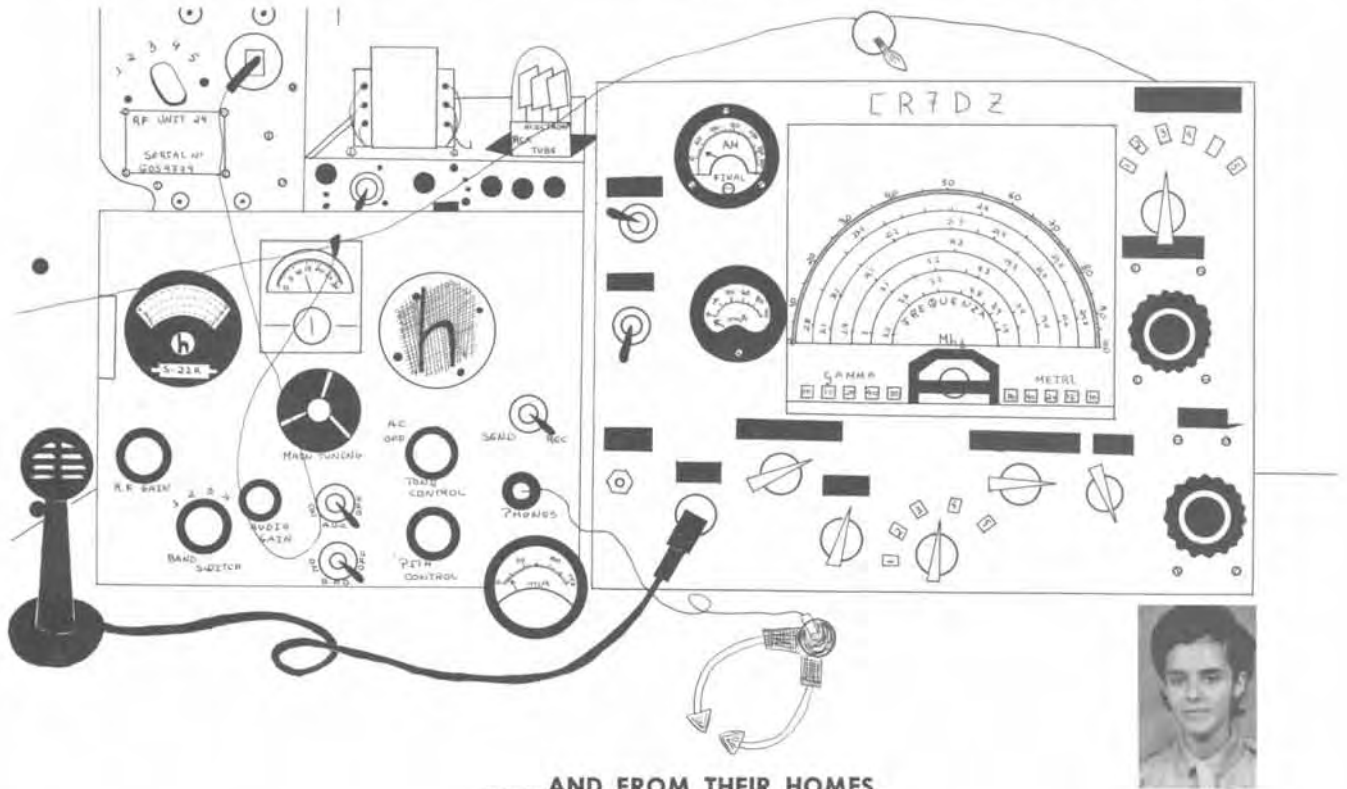
IRELAND (National Organizer, 1967 - Terence Deegan, EI4BK)

Terence reports that 10 stations were active, a very fine turnout considering the time of the year and the fact that so many troops were in camp. 'There was no shortage of European Scout stations and the Scandinavians especially must be complimented.' Lots of old acquaintances were renewed and of course many new friends were made. 'JOTA has certainly contributed in an enormous way to World Scouting.'

Two stations managed to contact K7WSJ; other memorable contacts were with South Africa, South America (the latter were amazed to hear EI stations on - apparently they are rarely heard there) and with Baden-Powell House.

MOZAMBIQUE

One of the girl guides who participated on the Jamboree, being for the first time in contact with radio amateurs drew this station together with some technical data which she collected. Her name is Helena Coelho and she belongs to a Junior Company No 10—Capela Militar. Her patrol came first in "Originality".



... AND FROM THEIR HOMES



4S7NE
Colombo, Ceylon



VK8NO, Gove,
Northern Territory,
Australia
(An aboriginal
mission group)



HP1LR, Panama City



CT10F, Lisbon, Portugal

(Photo: O Seculo Ilustrado)



**Pakistan
Scout Amateur Radio Club
in class.**

**VK9BS, Manubada Area,
Port Moresby, New Guinea**

(Photo: Grace Reed)



**CR7FC, Lourenco Marques,
Mozambique
Girl Guides of No. 4 Coy.**

**SM3JAM, Sweden.
Scouts and Guides
from Belgium, Norway
and Sweden**

