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The Voice of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

THE BLUE NETWORK
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1240 ON YOUR DIAL

HUGH O. JONES, PRES. & GEN MGR.

HEWES-MARTIN BUILDING
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
December 15, 1943

Mr. David F. Thomas
Proctorville, Ohio

Dear David, -

This is to verify the receipt of your report on the reception of WGCMI from 4:29 to 4:40 AM, EWT (3:29 to 3:40, Gulfport time), on the morning of December 9, 1943. Thank you a lot for sending the report in to us. We are interested in knowing that we were heard in Proctorville, on our regular monthly frequency check.

Our transmitter here is a little composit job, built several years ago by the transmitter operators here at that time. We operate on a frequency of 1240 kcs., with a power of 250 watts. We were formerly associated with NBC, but about 2 months ago, we switched to the BLUE NETWORK. At first we were just a part-time member of the BLUE, but now we are a regular associate of this network. The transmitter uses two 805's operating push-pull, modulating 2 805's in the final stage of the transmitter, itself. The transmitter consists of the following tube line-up: 802 Oscillator; 802 buffer; followed by an 814, which works into the 805 push-pull R.F. Amplifier. The 805 R.F. Amplifier, and the 805 modulator are the only stages operating push-pull, all the others being single-tube stages. Although only a 250 watt station, we get a right nice coverage in south Mississippi, as well as in south-east Louisiana and south-west Alabama.

The chief engineer is usually busy with other matters, so he suggested I write you, if I wanted to. Being a former DX listener myself, I know how you will welcome such a letter as this.

May I tell you a bit about myself? I am a young man, 24 years old. I hold a Radiotelephone, First Class; and a Radiotelegraph, Second Class, license, but have never gotten around to obtaining my ham license. You may wonder why a fellow my age isn't in the Service. Well, I was in the Navy for about 2 years, seeing duty on board the "USS WASP" and the "USS HORNET", and was injured in the Midway Battle on board the "HORNET". I was confined more then 2 months in a Naval Hospital, prior to being given a medical discharge from the Navy. I am now back in civilian clothes, trying to do my but by working in this essential job I now have. I did quite a bit in active duty, having been on the "HORNET" when she took Doolittle's men on their trip to Tokyo, as well as in the Coral Sea and the Midway Battles.

Please send any further correspondence regarding this directly to me. Thanks again for your report. Please accept my wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Victorious New Year.

Sincerely yours,

W.G.C.M., Incorporated

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