NEWSLETTER

THE HONG KONG AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMITTING SOCIETY LTD.

P.O. BOX 541 - HONG KONG

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President:	H. Asmussen	VS6AD	Society Call-Sign:	VS6AJ
Secretary:	M. Caplan	VS6AA	Sunday Net:	14200 kHz
QSL/Award Manager:	H. Bates	VS6DL		09.30 Local time
Treasurer:	W. Brack	VS6EF	VHF Net:	144.450 MHz
Council Members:	L. Drakeford	VS6EK		

COMMENT: Greetings to all members, old and new. We enter the new year in an optimistic frame of mind. A marked increase in membership during 1968, when 10 new transmitting licences were issued, has brought the number of active members to around 25, with the same number of associate members. As you can see from the QSL Manager's Report, more VS6 r.f. is being radiated than ever before. On the financial side the Treasurer reports that funds are QRO. With a number of contests and other activities in the offing we can look forward to a fairly busy '69. It is hoped that 6AL's stimulating article - and the impending completion of the 2-metre repeater - will lead to pile-ups on 144 MHz! (Wot sa all you fellows down there on those noisy HF bands?).

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: During the past year our society has enjoyed an unexpected increase in both full and associated memberships. More than 40 VS6 licences are currently issued and it looks as though even more will be issued after this year's RAE. Whereas only a year ago we were in a quandary how to keep HARTS alive at all and the Council was worrying about sufficient attendance to form a quorum at meetings, we now find that the number of members not only at our official monthly functions but also at our social get-togethers on Tuesdays ranges between 15 and 30!

As already practiced during part of 68 we try to occupy as little time as possible with "official business" in order to leave more time to yack. It would be nice to see more of our oldtimers at our functions, so what say 6AZ, 6CI, 6DJ, 6DK, 6EQ and others?

My second message is that a number of sub-committees are now being formed. The idea is that one member will head a sub-committee which will be recruited from our membership and this group will arrange all events and other society work falling within the scope of that particular sub-committee. The following have agreed to run sub-committees: -

Field days and Jamborees:	VS6AA	Maurice
Social functions:	VS6DR	Phil
Foxhunts:	VS6EK	Drake
VHF-work:	VS6AL	Ken
Contests:	VS6AD	Herb

If you can think of any other activity which would warrant the formation of a sub-committee please contact Hon. Sec. VS6AA. It is hoped that in this way a greater

number of members will take an active part in the work of our Society in pursuance of our common interest. I hope that many will join in. I close by wishing all members Good Luck and Good DX, 73, VS6AD.

NEW MEETING PLACE : From 4th February our Tuesday evening social meets will be held at Beaconsfield House, next to the Hilton car park. A notice in the foyer will indicate where the eyeball-net is assembling. We hope that this will be a move for the better; if not we shall probably QSY back to the China Fleet at the end of the month. Meanwhile, head for Beaconsfield House for all social meetings and CFC for the monthly business gatherings.

CHANGE IN SOCIETY ARTICLES: At the December meeting a number of changes in articles of Association were voted on and passed. A printed copy of the changes is enclosed. Please file it with the Society's Articles of Association.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions are now due. Hon. Treasurer is asking all members to send their payment to Hon. Treas. P.O. Box 541 Hong Kong or to pay him at our Tuesday gatherings. Early payment will save him a lot of trouble. Remember: Full Members: HK$ 30. Assoc. Members: HK$ 15. And not to forget our Overseas Friends: HK$ 10 or an equivalent amount in foreign exchange or 25 IRCs (International Robbery Coupons).

QSL AND AWARD DEPARTMENTS: Here are a few words from your friendly QSL&Awards manager:

Despatching from the Bureau takes place twice each month, although as some envelopes, addressed to JA, SM, DJ, R.S.G.B. and Box 88, become full before the rest, these go out weekly. As most of you know I collect outgoing cards every Tuesday at our socials but for those who are unable to attend the weekly booze-up, an envelope addressed to Box 541 will find me.
Letters have been received from some European stations with a list of VS6 calls claiming to have been worked by the senders. These are probably sent in all honesty, but anyone can send in a list and claim an award, and I expect this has been tried. (There are some dishonest HAMS, except QSL Managers, that is). Rather than have a lot of letters passing to and from the Bureau, it would be easier to contact the VS6's, claimed to have been worked (by a quick phone call), and thereby confirm the QSO. This phone call will be in the evenings, when the logbook will be at hand, will only take a few seconds of your time and will ensure a speedy despatch of awards.
At the time of writing, the QSL bureau stands empty, except for a few unknown ex-VS6's. Every card that went out in November had on it an award sticker, so those who have had a taste of VS6 will wish all the more to get the award and we shall all be DXCC's! (Big deal!). After licking all those stickers it is no wonder my XYL says every night, "Why are your lips so sticky?" In fact I am thinking of changing my callsign from DL to SL: "This is VS6 Sticky Lips!" - (Whats wrong with "Dewy Lips?" - Ed.)
One final word. "Keep those letters 'n' cards comin' in folks,"
Happy New Year to all youse guys. Harry, 6DL.

HW CPI? 6AA says he is willing to push out c.w. practice transmissions for half-an-hour or so, a couple of evenings a week, around 19.30 local. Anyone interested? If so, pse get in touch with Maurice.

NEWS FROM AFRICA: After their home leave in DL/OZ Herb, 6AD, and Jutta spent some time in Africa where they met 9J2NW, ex-VS6FS, and Ronnie, 5Z4HW, ex-VS6EL. Herb even had the chance of going big game hunting with small cameras. From Tony's QTH a number of QSO's with VS6 were made and it was also possible to arrange a brief meeting in Nairobi with Ronnie, who kindly took Jutta and Herb on a drive through the Nairobi Game Park. Ronnie is quite busy in 5Z4-land but is active on the HF-bands and is always looking for QSO's with VS6. Although you may not have heard them on your Rx yet, it is quite true that the wedding bells will be ringing in the capital

9J2-land on February 8th for none other than Tony, 9J2NW. Tony and his XYL-to-be, Anne, will be visiting us on their honeymoon shortly, so everybody will be able to meet the newlyweds. A recent visitor was 5Z4DL, also DU9DL, Anthony Lim. He passed through Hong Kong on his transfer from Nairobi to Davao and brings with him best 73 to all VS6's from Ronnie, ex-VS6EL.

ON AND OFF THE AIR FROM VS6: Our congrats go to Peter, VS6AP, Junior-"Silva", VS68S, who have obtained their brand new tickets since the last NEWSLETTER and also to Bob, VS6AF and Stuart, VS6AH. The latter two being recent arrivals to VS6 -...- Peter, 6AP showed a brief operation from his new QTH at Mei Foo Sun Chuen and he is now ironing out some bugs in his ex-VS6FS CW/AM rig. Peter has also threatened to be on 144 sn -...- Silva is busy activating his brand new console mounted STAR rig and awaits the arrival of his Rohn tower which will provide a commanding look-out post for his TH-3 -...- Gunther, 68A is now sporting a 14 AVQ and is busy collecting those 100 wallpapers from different countries for a well known DX-Award-...- Phil, 6DR kindly surrendered his QTH to all VS6-Contest-ops for the CQ WW Contest and left the morning after on an extended business trip to JA, UA, DL, OZ, G & others. Midnight oil burners will find Phil in the wee hours busy on 40 and 80 collecting new countries for the 5-band DXCC. -...- George, 6JC is back from leave and now active on 2 metres and threatening to stir up 6 metres soon -...- Herb, 6AD, has returned from leave during which he visited the DX-crowd in Copenhagen, DL1SD, 4U1ITU, and others, and spent a weekend with G3ODJ, Jack ex-VS6CL and XYL Dora. Herb has been very QRL but can usually be found on the higher bands, and on 144 during weekends -...- Maurice, 6AA wants to know if anyone can provide him with clues on how to obtain a QSL from 8Y1C, anyone pse? -...- Digger has been spending his leave on a busman's holiday, wiring up the recording and radio club in Victoria Barracks. HARTS members will be welcome to visit the club (VS6AC) when it opens, probably in February -...- Paul, 6DQ will be going on leave to G-land for 6 months in March and hopes to join the 2 metre fraternity on his return. Have a good QSY, Paul -...- Bob Finkbeiner has passed the FCC exam for a Conditional licence and hopes to get his Stateside licence soon, followed, we hope, by a VS6 ticket -...- At the risk of Repeating ourselves, we Repeat that the 2 metre Repeater will shortly be Repeating. Herb, 6AD has donated a 6-element Yagi for use with the Repeater. We hope to get the station QRV just as soon as Digger can tear himself away from his commitments at 6AC, 6EK and YL QRM-...- Roy Chalu is looking for assistance in unravelling the intricacies of Ohm's Law, with a view to sitting the RAE at the next opportunity. Any offers? -...-

QSY'd LATELY? If you have moved QTH since the publication of the last membership list, or if the 600-Ohm line company has decided that you now have a new phone number, will you pse pass details to Hon. Sec. as a new list is about to be published.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: The following events are scheduled to take place during the year and we hope that as many members as possible will take part. 6AJ will be activated for all Society events.

FOXHUNTS: February 23rd. Details to be circulated. As this was being written, Digger called us on the lima-lima and said the Foxhunt transmitter had been completed and was percolating very well, so you can now dust off your 1825 kHz hearing aid and prepare maps, compasses and survival kits for the big event.

CQ SSB CONTEST: April 12th/13th. VS6AJ multi-op, single tx. Operations from Mt. Davis.

FIELD DAY : June 7th/8th. Also, we hope, from Mt. Davis, which appears to be ideally suited.

Social and other events are still being organized and will be notified to members in a forthcoming circular.

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WANTED: A design for the NEWSLETTER heading. If you can dream up a new HARTS emblem to be incorporated in the heading, so much the better. The design should be the width of a NEWSLETTER page(with ½-in. border) and 2-in. deep.

VHF WORK: Under the Title "GO GO GO ..... GO VHF MAN GO!" we have received the following contribution from VS6AL: -

If you are the timid quiet type VHF is not for you. Only the young, virile and adventurous need apply. Long ago if you were in search of new interests the cry was "Go West Young Man". This was declared obsolete and superseded by the xtal set era. Did you know that there is a breed of cats with no whiskers, (originally tails from Manx cats were tried but were found not selective enough). In the Steam Radio era Ancient Modulation followed, but most people now seam to have graduated to SSB. Take a look at all the old timers who use SSB in VS6, it is expensive, all use commercial gear splattering at each other over the bands (and over the beer on Tuesdays). There is ONE last Chance to get with it and that is GO VHF. 68S tells me "I must get HF experience first then in say 3 months I'll think about 2 m." Surely this is the wrong way, VHF is regarded with awe as mysterious and expensive, but the reverse is true. VHF is the ideal way to start, hence in UK there are G8 calls who later go G3. Who cares if you drift, your modulation is lousy, and bandwidth 1MHz if you are on 2m. Besides being a good place to learn, there is little QRM and ideal for local nets.
6AA has had a converter for 4 months, but not tried it; maybe he thinks that it will bite! Don't worry Maurice the HT is only 9 V.
6AD a rare fellow this, actually has 2m gear and uses it. Favours a German lunch box, tastes good too, which is a super signal snifter with fb sensitivity, 1 W output using 4 x 1,5 V batteries. Also has a 15 W homebrew TX and a triple superhet RX Ant. is ground plane on top of Hy-gain tribander fed by 360 ' of coax.
6AL a keen SCUBA man waiting for someone to work 2m underwater! Has TRIO TR2, homebrew groundplane and 8 ele HY GAIN on Herbs rotator.
6BE talked for years into his Gonset 3 without a reply, got fed up and went yacking on 21 MHz. Gonset now dedusted and very much in use!
6BA has a nice 50MHz transceiver and awaits more activity on this band.
6CO says landline is cheaper. But there are talks of 30 c per call, so better be prepared, Guy!
6CJ is using homebrew TX, JA type converter into Navy RX, Ant is cubical quad.
6DR has Amah on warpath since taking her 8C set whip and is successfully using it indoors on the back of his TRIO. Will later use outdoor JA ground plane.
6EF investigating SSB on 50MHz, has a 2x15 ele beam dreaming of rare DX on 2. Has a Trio, a lunch box and a VRC 19 giving 50 watts.
6EK has a highly modified SCR522 with 10 W out. JA converter into Command RX, homebrew 6 ele Yagi beamed on Mt Parker.
6FZ no gear yet, but intends to appear on 2 when the repeater is working.

All this adds up to far more potential activity on VHF than is at first apparent. To increase this activity is my personal aim and then to say to our Council:"How abt pressing for mobile VHF with say a 10 w limit?"
The active Repeater has been completed by Digger and due for final testing before installation next month. It will be vertically polarised, input 8.025 x 18 and output 8.075 x 18.
If your 2m sensitivity is such that you use the limalima then you had better come along to the evening session being planned by 6AD & 6EF for RX & TX alignment. A VHF sig gen & RF W-meter + Dummy load will be laid on. Phone 6AL on K821430 or 144.450.
The Macao trip was a most revealing enterprise. 6CJ, 6DR, 6EF, 6AL all being received 5 &7/8, but the only success in return was 6EF hearing CR9AK 55 on his lunch box.
Next issue will contain full dope on acheap way of getting with it. If you are thinking of going VHF pse give 6AL a call. Can anyone monitor the excact QRG of the Taxi Co using a freq in our band? I make it about 145 MHZ.

73 Ken, VS6AL

STOP PRESS Foxhunt TX operated from Drake's QTH has been heard by 68E & 6AA, so the event on 23 Feb is on!!! Come along fellows.

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	P.F. Wight	VS6DR		

COMMENT: Two comments for the price of one this time. First, the perennial one of lack of material for the Newsletter. Skilled as our editorial staff are in padding, they would feel much happier merely trimming, so (if we may flog the analogy to death) how about contributing a little something and helping keep the Newsletter at full capacitance ?

The second point concerns our SWL members, whose numbers are increasing. We know that some of them do receive help and advice from individual members of the transmitting fraternity, but we feel that more could be done in this direction. Any suggestions or offers of help would be welcomed.

GO, GO, GO VHF:

We are pleased to report that Phil, 6DR, has opened up a new band: 6-metres. On March 31st Phil completed the installation of a new Yaesu line-up; an FT DX-400 driving one of the new FTV-650 transverters, with an o/p of 30-watts, into a 4-el 6m horizontally-polarised beam. There was much excitement when a very weak (long path) 6m beacon was copied from DL-land. Phil followed this with a 5/9 QSO with KG6. We understand that George, 6CJ, has some 6m gear and we are looking forward to an increase in activity on this band. Well done, Phil.

Ken, 6AL, earns our congratulations by getting the first VHF Firecracker, thanks to a QSO with Gunther, 6BA. Welcome to two, Gunther, and welcome also to Tom, 6EA, who now has Herb's lunch-box.

Future activity on 2m looks bright, with talk of moving the Sunday morning net up there, away from the QRM. Whilst on holiday in Europe, Herb has promised to keep an eye open for a possible bulk-purchase of used gear, particularly ex-taxi mobile equipment. SCR 522s, complete and in reasonable condition are available in Canton Road at $60. 6AL has the details.

MEETING PLACE:

We are back to square 1 - and the China Fleet Club. For various reasons Beaconsfield House has been found to be unsuitable and meetings there have been discontinued. Back to the Seniors' Lounge, fellers. Next meeting will be the monthly gathering on Tuesday, 10th June.

SUNDAY MORNING NET:

From June 8th the Sunday morning net QSYs to 28700 (to beat the QRM) and 1030 (to help the heavy sleepers). 6AA says that even he can make 1030 (he thinks).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Visit to Kai Tak Airport. Guy, 6CO, has arranged what should be a most interesting afternoon; a visit to the communications and radar departments at Kai Tak on Sunday, June 15th, assembling in the departure hall at 2.30. Come along in casual clothes and bring your XYL/YL. The bar will be open, so don't worry about the tour being too strenuous. Please let 6AA know if you will be joining the party.

High-Power Field Day: Although last year's field day operation was enjoyed by all, it did not produce a great number of contacts with the QRP European stations. This year we thought we would conserve our energy for the RSGB HP Field Day, 12/13th July, operating from Mount Davis. 6AA will be putting out details in a couple of weeks. Let him know if you are interested.

JUNK SALES: (From 6AL)

The last junk sale made over $150 for club funds, which indicates that we had some fairly good junk for sale. It is hoped to organise the sales bi-monthly in future. Please support them by getting rid of what you don't need. If you junk is too heavy for you to carry, ring K821430 and I'll come and collect it. Some of the choice specimens to be offered for your approval (and your dollars) at the next sale, after the monthly meeting on 10th June, are listed below:-

1. IF strip. Not just any old IF strip, but something which is a must for anyone interested. 10.7 and low-level audio out; modern miniature valves; ferrite beads by the score on all i/p and o/p leads; squelch circuit. Complete with circuit diagram and fully aligned. Worth $1,000 and could go for 10c. !

2. A copy of the RSGB Handbook. A must for anyone contemplating his navel or the radio amateur examination.

3. From Phil, 6DR, a generous contribution: a brand-new Yaesu mic. Tnx, Phil. Perhaps you might like to buy it back ! This really is something. 6AL uses one and says they are junk ! Piano-type keys for finger-tip operation; microswitch in base which trips when the mic is lifted. Selling at over $100, this one could well go for some ridiculous figure like $94. It's up to you. All stock must go !

Don't forget - 10th June. Bring cash & junk and make the Treasurer happy.

CQ WPX CONTEST:

VS6AJ/P was duly activated on April 12th from our new eyrie on Mount Davis. Condx were below par (where have we heard that before ?) especially for N. America. With guest operator Don, K8MFO, boosting our number we were flat out for the whole 48 hrs. The QSO count was around 2,300, but unfortunately included a disproportionately large number of JA contacts, scoring only 1 point each. The total of 1.3 Megapoints was disappointing and has been capped, we hear, by XW8AX with 1.4m. Still, we learned some valuable lessons and these will be applied during the CQ WW Contest next November.

VS6 ACTIVITY DAY:

This was almost a non-event. Indifferent condx and not a great deal of activity from members. In view of this we are holding the trophies until such time as we can repeat the event, possibly during next winter.

EYEBALL QSOs:

Recent visitors have been Odd (Bob) 5Z4LW, who should be a frequent visitor in future; Sid, K2FC, and Steve, VQ8CC. Steve has written us a very nice letter, thanking all the VS6s who looked after him during his stay (mainly AL, DR and FX) and saying that he enjoyed the Chinese dinner. By the way, if you would like photographs of this dinner, contact 6AA. The guy who took the fotos is asking $2 each for p.c. size.

OVERSEAS NEWS:

Another welcome letter from Maurice, ZL1TZ, (ex-6BJ) reports that his 50-foot tower should by now be complete and holding up his 20-metre plumbers' delight. He asks if anyone has used a 'Clemens'-match, which he will use on his homebrew rig and on which he has promised a report. Always a pleasure to hear from you, OM, and if we don't always answer your letters, we do read them and pass them round at meetings. We'll ask Tom, 6EA, how come you haven't heard from him. Maurice says 73s to all VS6s.

G3TFP (alias Paul, 6DO) has been putting in a nice sig from Kent on 21380. He and his XYL are enjoying their QRX in S.E. England. Paul is active on 2m and 160m as well as the h.f.bands. With his original Yaesu gear and a 135-foot long wire, he does very well on fifteen. Paul sends greetings to all members.

In QSO with UA3KBO last week we heard that Phil, 6DR, has visited them a couple of days earlier, tarrying long enough for a couple of vodkas with the boys at the Moscow University klub station. By now he should be in Paris, or maybe it was London.

ON AND OFF THE AIR FROM VS6:

Almost as much 'off' as 'on' this time, with Herb, 6AD, Phil, 6DR, Paul, 6DO, and Derek, 6FV, all away, and Bill, 6EF, about to leave -...- Silva is having trouble with his rig and has been off for a couple of weeks. Hpe to cu bck sn OM -...- George, 6CJ, is said to be busy experimenting with antennas and should soon be blasting through to the other members of the 2m fraternity.-...- The first of the social meetings which had been suggested, took place at the QTH of Tom, 6EA. Tom's XYL had produced mountains of doughnuts and other goodies, which were greatly appreciated, not least by Don, K8MFO, and Bob, 5Z4LW. It was nice to meet Marcus, 6FP, in Tom's shack. Mni tnx Tom and Kay -...- Bill Brack, 6EF, will be leaving soon to take up an appointment in UK. Bill has been one of the HARTS stalwarts, treasurer, contest operator and ever-present at Society events. Tnx for all your efforts, Bill, we look forward to hearing you signing G5—— and hope that you and the family will quickly adapt to life in rural England. We shall be bidding Bill farewell at the June monthly meeting -...- Tom, 6EA, has QSY-ed to Shatin, but is unlikely to be QRV before mid-July when he and his XYL take their vacation in G-land and VE-land. CUL Tom -...- GPO approval is awaited for RTTY operation. Phil, 6DR, has a type-15 teletype machine hot to trot as soon as he gets the word -...- Welcome to John Nicolson, GM3KGT, soon to be QRV as VS6BC. John is hard at work constructing a quad and will have a new FT400 to provide the excitement. We hear that you are a c.w. man and field day enthusiast, John, and look forward to seeing you on HPFD. Meanwhile if you need any help with the quad let us know -...- 6AA recently worked W4AX who said he had been looking for VS6 since 1916 ! Maurice would like to know if anyone can top this -...-

PSE HELP THE TELECOMMS DEPARTMENT ...

Keep their records straight by informing them when you move to a new QTH. Some of us apparently have not been doing this.

MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Note these changes to the latest list:-

VS6BC	John Nicolson	18 Stanley Mount Road (1st floor).	Home No. H-931515
VS6DK	D.K. Lau	Home No. K-812353	
VS6EA	1A Peak View House,	Shatin Heights Road, Shatin.	Home No. NT-612645

PROFILE - VS6BJ:

Back in the distant ages of 1923, as a lad of grow ing years, made anode bends and leaky grids until we finalised with a super TRF (RF - Det - LF) all from the magazine "Popular Wireless." Revelled in the joy of receiving SWL QSL from Schenectady New York of BC report on their 31-metre broadcast. From 1926 served in Merchant Navy as radio op, graduated from rotary synchronous-spark, quenched-spark (1½kW) to Hartley oscillator, cw-mcw (1kW). Spent war years with Bomber then Coastal Commands, Royal Air Force Signals units. Ham radio began in 1947, down in LU-land. Worked with LU8BAJ, Carlos, in Buenos Aires and got the bug using his rig. Landed up in Hong Kong in 1948 and was licensed as 6BJ in '49. Built many homebrew jobs, including first ssb xtal filter in March 1954. With Gordon Brown, 6FF, won first VS6 Foxhunt, Ronnie, 6EL, being the Fox. Last QSO from VS6 was on 26 March 1966. Opened up on Ascension Island as ZD8BJ and later in Bahrein as MP4BGG. Licensed in UK as G3KVU, which was used during home-leave periods. And now ... ZL1TZ.

FOR SALE:

Heathkit MOHICAN receiver. General coverage, 580-1550 kHz and 1.7-30 MHz in 5 bands. 10 transistors, 5 diodes. Andy, 6FZ.

WANTED:

Good quality junk, for the sale on 10th June. We are hoping that Bill, 6EF, will bequeath us one or two pieces of bric-a-brack before he leaves. How about you ?

FROM THE QSL/AWARDS MANAGER:

Hi there. Standby for a bumper Firecracker. 44 awards have beeen isdued since the last Newsletter, as follows: 54: M. Farmer, 9V1OE. 55: HB9AAA. 56: CE4AD. 57: E. Laker, G6LX. 58: DL1QT. 59: Dick Willijns, SWL/NL216 (first SWL). 60: ZS6GH. 61: OZ4FA. 62: KR6NR. 63: VE6CT.. We come now to a big demand from those rare VS6 stations (no IRCs accepted): 6EF, 6DR, 6AD, 6AL, 6EA, 6AA, 6FZ, 6CO, 6FX, 6AF, 6DX(Foney ?) 6FV. 65: K6IHO (ex-VS6EF) Hey !! I know him. 74: C. Wanes, G3TLV. 75: P. Johnson, G3UMV. 76: J. Hewitt, G3SGH. 77: J. Babes, GI3WFA. 78: WB6MLG. 79: F. Vost, G2DF. 80: 9V1PD. 81: GW3NJW. 82: Wes Loudon, WB6UJO. 84: Don, K8MFO, (presented in person). 85: K6AQV. 86: DL8LH. 89: G3TLG. 90: K6HPZ. 91: G8VG. 92: G4HK. 93: OA4OS. 94: VE2WY. 95: DJ3UN. 96: G3RWQ. 97: W6ZC.
As you can see a lot of awards were issued to local stations. I'm thinking of giving the Firecracker to the GPO. I'm sure that there is at least one of their Inspectors who has raised the passions of more than eight VS6s !
Being Awards Manager has its funny side. I had a claim from a G3, listing four VS6s and adding: 'I have also worked VS6EF but never got a QSL from him.' I sent off the Firecracker, together with a footnote: 'Don't worry about 6EF. I've been QSL Manager since November and I've never seen any cards from him, either !'

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We had reserved this space for your contribution to the Newsletter