

6 WALTER STREET, WESTGARTH, N.16

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

To Radio *VK3BQ* ^{*Had.*} ur cw/fone sigs wk'd on *27-10-29* at *1100* Melb. M.T.

QSA *5* R6 QSX *NO* QRI *for OC* QRM *NO* QRN *NO* QRH *10 A*

Antenna
40 metre, Half
Wave Zepp.

Receiver:
3 toob Shielded
Schnell

VK3PA

Xmitters
Tuned Plate
Tuned Grid
for
10, 20 es 40
60. metres

DX Worked. Australia, New Zealand, England, U.S.A., Canada, France, Hawaii, Peru,
VQ-J.D.EA. Phillipine Is., China, Siberia, Denmark, Alaska, Java. *JO.ON.ON*

Gossip *20 mtrs very punk lately hi! but AC is, can*
be had as usual during the evening or nite.
QRK 3PA? Ps= QSL 73 es Luck fm P. J. Anderson, R.C.C.

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Hi Tex,

Please find enclosed an original qsl card from VK3PA dated 27/10/1929.

The card was recently auctioned as part of the late VK3BQ's estate. VK3BQ Max Howden was one of the very first to work Europe and USA as A-3BQ back in 1924/25. Max also ran a piezo crystal manufacturing business for many years.

Percy obtained his licence in 1928. This card is from 1929 and shows that he had already worked quite a number of overseas stations in his first year.

A bit of chronology.

Australian callsigns were originally A-3BQ, etc.

In anticipation of the International Radiotelegraph Conference in Washington 1927, Australian stations added an O to the callsign, so OA-3BQ etc. from 1926.

The result of the Washington Conference had its report ratified on 10 November 1927,

<http://search.itu.int/history/HistoryDigitalCollectionDocLibrary/4.39.43.en.100.pdf>

at which time Australia was allocated the callsign block VHA-VMZ.

Therefore it is highly likely that Percy never used the callsign OA-3PA, rather he would have started out with VK3PA and this is his very first qsl card.

You might like to get Ken K16KFB to put a facsimile of the card on the ANZA Net website.

As the apparent current custodian of the ANZA net, I thought it appropriate that you keep this card as a memento.

Cheers

Peter VK3QI