

The base of the 150 metre high tower at the GJ6UW QTH on the cliff tops in Jersey.



"QSL of the month" from Ken Miller, K6IR, of Rockville, Maryland.



Andrew, G0HSD, operating from the tented location of GB0FLA from the Flannan Islands, off the north-west coast of Scotland.

attack us during the landing. The smell of the penguin colony is disgusting . . ." It sounds like a real fun trip, and I wish them well.

During July I was fortunate enough to have been operating from near Bodrum in Turkey as TA3/G4JVJ, along with Drew, TA3/G3YOR. We were operating under the conditions of the new CEPT licence, which has recently also been agreed by Turkey: indeed, we believe we were probably the first foreign amateur to have taken advantage of this in Turkey. Before the trip, I was a little apprehensive of the reaction we might get from customs and immigration people in Turkey, but in the event there was no problem. I had taken the precaution of taking an open letter, written in Turkish, explaining that we were entitled to operate amateur radio equipment in Turkey, what amateur radio was all about, and that the equipment we were importing would be re-exported again two weeks later. As it happened, nobody was interested in even looking at the letters, and waved us through without any delay. We took single Kenwood TS-430S transceiver and PS430 power supply (carried as hand baggage on the charter plane), a Butternut HF2V vertical antenna which, although 32 foot long when erected, packs down into a box only

5 feet long by 4 inches square, and dipoles for 10, 15 and 20 metres. The Butternut vertical performed impressively, with several intercontinental QSOs being made on 40 and 80 metres (as well as many European ones), with only 100 watts, and during flat midsummer conditions. In all, we made about 3000 QSOs with about 80 countries: not a record-breaking expedition, but a fun holiday with amateur radio included, and it was very pleasant to give a new country to quite a few operators. Anyone working/hearing TA3/GM3YOR can QSL direct to Drew Givens, 56 Myrtle Crescent, Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland; or TA3/G4VJG direct to my address at the end of *QRZ*.

While Drew and I were in Turkey, a group of six Gs were active from the Flannan Islands as GB0FLA and St Kilda as GBOSK. The journey from the Flannans to St Kilda, in a small yacht, sounded horrendous, as the yacht's inboard motor failed during a force

eight storm and, at the same time, the navigation equipment failed. However, they eventually arrived safely and put on a very successful operation, making a couple of thousand QSOs from both locations, much to the pleasure of both the WAB hunters and the Island on the Air (IOTA) chasers — the Flannan Islands had never been activated before.

The BBC Monitoring Service, at Caversham Park near Reading, was set up in August 1939 and therefore is celebrating its 50th anniversary as this is being written. A special call-sign, GB50MON, has been obtained for the occasion, and an impressive station, consisting of a TS-430S, 400 watt linear amplifier and TH5DXX 5 element beam, along with a 60 foot tower and verticals for 40 and 80 metres, has been put together. Special QSLs, entitling recipients to a free copy of the BBC Monitoring Service's publication "World Broadcasting Information" are being printed, and I have agreed to act as