

A Catalogue of Recordings
made by
the New Zealand Mobile Broadcasting Unit
in the Pacific Theatre of War during
World War Two April 1943 to August 1944
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THE "P" SERIES

The Pacific War Series, or "P" Series as it is known, consists of a set of recordings made in the Pacific by a Mobile Broadcasting Unit during WWII between April 1943 and August 1944. The recordings are in chronological order, beginning with those made in New Caledonia in 1943, and then following New Zealand troops to various parts of the war theatre.

The Unit, modelled on the one operating in the Western Desert, was based in New Caledonia but travelled through out the Pacific to follow the troops and record their activities. This collection of recordings consists of a mixture of personal messages sent from the servicemen and women, talks of personal experiences, commentaries and recordings of ceremonies. The NBS used the material in two weekly "With the Boys Overseas" programmes devoted to the Pacific.

The Pacific Unit and its broadcasters faced difficulties but earned a fine reputation. At the end of its stint the Pacific Unit donated all its equipment to New Caledonia in appreciation of the assistance given to New Zealand Forces. This benefited Radio Noumea, the station from which NBS officers had been presenting a daily "Kiwi Hour" programme.

A fuller description of the Mobile Units can be found in Patrick Day's book "The Radio years - a History of Broadcasting in New Zealand" published by Auckland University Press in association with the Broadcasting History Trust, ©Broadcasting History Trust 1994.

WAR IN THE PACIFIC

On 1 November 1940, the New Zealand Army's 8 Brigade landed in Fiji. It was the first time that a Crown colony had been garrisoned by troops from one of the self-governing Dominions. New Zealand formally declared war against Japan at 11am New Zealand Summer Time on 8 December 1941. A second brigade, 14 Brigade, was raised in New Zealand the following month. It was shipped to Fiji, where the combined brigades were given divisional status and officially titled B-Force 2NZEAF.

On 14 May 1942, B-Force was retitled the 3rd New Zealand Division and during June and July returned to New Zealand after being relieved by the US Army's 37th Division. Back home the Division was reorganised and trained in jungle warfare. Major General H.E. Barrowclough was appointed General Officer Commanding 2NZEAF in the Pacific (2NZEAF IP) and the Division was deployed by sea to New Caledonia in late 1942 and early 1943. During this period New Zealand army detachments were stationed on Norfolk Island (N-Force) and Tonga (T-Force).

In August 1943, the 3rd New Zealand Division was deployed to an advanced base on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. A month later 14 Brigade landed on Vella Lavella and on 27 October 8 Brigade made a successful landing on islands in the Treasury Group. The ensuing operations to clear the islands of Japanese, resulted in fighting in appalling climatic and physical conditions. Vella Lavella was declared secure on 9 October and organised resistance by Japanese in the Treasury Islands ceased on 12 November 1943. A 300-strong raiding party, most of whom were from 30 Battalion, made a night landing on Nissan Island in the Green Islands group on 30 January 1944. After reconnoitring for 24 hours, the group was withdrawn by sea. This was in preparation for a full-scale amphibious landing by the 3rd New Zealand Division (less 8 Brigade) and United States troops on 15 February. Organised Japanese resistance ceased on 20 February but mopping up operations continued until the end of the month. Over the next few months the strength of the Division was depleted to provide reinforcements for the 2nd New Zealand Division in Italy (3299) and for the provision of manpower for essential industries in New Zealand (12069). The 3rd New Zealand Division was officially disbanded on 20 October 1944. On 14 August 1945 Japan unconditionally accepted the Allied surrender terms.

At the peak of its strength in December 1943, there were 17891 New Zealanders serving in 2NZEAF IP. 203 men of the 3rd New Zealand Division died whilst on active service and 213 were wounded; 26 men were taken prisoner of whom 19 died in captivity.

PRESERVATION COPYING

Because of the age of the material and the conditions under which the discs were recorded in the tropical conditions of the Pacific it became necessary for Sound archives to embark upon a major preservation exercise. Many of the 362 discs were peeling and disintegrating and there was a danger of losing this important collection forever. The old analogue acetate based recordings were copied across to DAT (Digital Audio Tape). This process will make the task of future preservation onto a stable long term storage medium, such as recordable CDs, much easier. Concurrently with the recording process abstracts of the material were made which, as this publication bears testimony to, enables us to access the wartime experiences of a vast number of New Zealanders and aids in preserving an important part of New Zealand's history.

HOW TO USE THE CATALOGUE

The entries are in chronological order based on the **DATE OF RECORDING**.

The **TITLE** is a brief description of the contents of the recording.

The **PRECIS** is amore extensive description of the contents.

When ordering material from Sound Archives quote the:-

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SAMPLE DATABASE ENTRY

Title →	NZBU TECHNICAL INFORMATION		
Description →	Spare side of disk marked "NOT FOR BROADCAST"		
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INTRO TO MAJOR GENERAL BARROWCLOUGH

A talk by Major General H.E. Barrowclough, Commander 3rd NZ Division is introduced by the commentator of the recording unit.

DAT47 Tk1

Pacific 04 MAY 43 - 1943
P1/DAT47 0'28"
Database ID: 10392

TALK ABOUT MOBILE RECORDING UNIT

Talk by Major General H. E. Barrowclough about the Mobile Recording Unit's purpose to visit various units and a limited number of personnel will be chosen by lot to send a message home. Half a minute will be allocated to each speaker.

DAT47 Tk2

Pacific 04 MAY 43 - 1943
P1/DAT47 2'55"
Database ID: 10393

TALK - FIRST IMPRESSIONS - VEITCH PART 1

Part 1

Lt. H.C.Veitch's tells of his first impressions as a recently arrived Brigade Education Officer.

DAT47 Tk3

Pacific 07 MAY 43 - 1943
P2/DAT47 3'59"
Database ID: 10394

TALK - FIRST IMPRESSIONS - VEITCH PART 2

Part 2

Lt. H.C.Veitch's continues his talk on his first impressions as a recently arrived Brigade Education Officer. "The Island dogs that sit around and scratch. The people range from sunburnt white to deep brown. The French are very polite. The French are more familiar with English than the soldiers are with French."

DAT47 Tk4

Pacific 07 MAY 43 - 1943
P2/DAT47 1'43"
Database ID: 10395

SPORTS TALK LT. A.G. LOWREY

A talk by Lt.A.G. Lowrey.

"At the Divisional Athletic Championships all units chose their best athletes to compete. The track is in good condition."

DAT47 Tk5

Pacific 05 MAY 43 - 1943
P1/DAT47 3'23"
Database ID: 10396

BAND 1ST RUAHINES PLAYING MARCH

A march called "Knight of the Road" played by the band of the 1st Ruahines.

DAT47 Tk6

Pacific 05 MAY 43 - 1943
P3/DAT47 2'20"
Database ID: 10397

LIFE OVER HERE - TALK BY EWAN CAMPBELL

Lance Corporal Ewan Campbell talks about Army life.

"At first it was hot and dusty with lots of mosquitoes. The land is interesting and the natives kind. Gum is the principal tree on the island and the bark can be used for thatching roofs. Washing and bathing is done in the river sometimes with a native audience. The one objective is to get the job done and our one wish is to see you all again soon."

DAT47 Tk7

Pacific 05 MAY 43 - 1943
P3/DAT47 4'18"
Database ID: 10398

REVIEW 1ST DIV SPORTS

A Review of the 1st Division Sports Day.

"It was an ideal day. The Engineers had worked hard to make a track in a paddock. Some of the competitors were provincial and national champions before the war. The divisional band played on request their popular version of 'In the Mood'" (Names of competitors mentioned held in Keywords).

DAT47 Tk8

Pacific 11 MAY 43 - 1943
P4/DAT47 4'36"
Database ID: 10399

JOAN OF ARC CELEBRATIONS

Commentary of "Joan of Arc Celebration" by Major R. A. Young of Christchurch.

"After a church service a local girl dressed as Joan of Arc rode to the town square. The procession halted at a monument to the French who died in the 1914-18 war and wreaths were laid by a NZ Brigadier and a Free French Colonel. The New Zealand Band played the National Anthems of the Allied Nations."

DAT47 Tk9

Pacific 09 MAY 43 - 1943
P4/DAT47 3'38"
Database ID: 10400

TALK ON NZ GENERAL ARMY HOSPITAL

Part 1

Talk:- "A Visit to a NZ General Hospital" by Commanding Officer Colonel A. A. Tennent.

"This is a large overseas based military hospital completely equipped by New Zealand with a basis of two divisions, Medical and Surgical. Four months previously there was bush and an access road. Engineers came to place concrete floors and lay on a water supply. Now a full hospital service can be provided, including X-rays, ear, nose and throat care, an optical service and a laboratory. It is like a modern village, except that the wards are tents, each of which holds 30 patients"

DAT47 Tk10

Pacific - 1943
P10/DAT47 4'40"
Database ID: 10401

TALK ON NZ GENERAL ARMY HOSPITAL

Part 2

Talks by - Lt. Col. Comrie of the Surgical Division; Major Talbot Ear, Eye, Nose & Throat Specialist; Sgt. Ron Harvey of the X Ray Dept.

He describes the standard of treatment given and the duties undertaken by medical orderlies. Greetings sent by Major Talbot and Sargeant Harvey.

DAT47 Tk11

Pacific 10 JUN 43 - 1943
P14/DAT47 4'19"
Database ID: 10402

GREETINGS & DESCRIPTION OPTICAL UNIT

Part 3

Greetings from Sgts. Ron Harvey & Mervyn Guy followed by a description of the Optical Unit within the NZ General Hospital by Lieutenant Boyd.

"We are responsible for examining everybody already wearing spectacles. We provide these men with army pattern spectacles, designed to wear under a respirator. We examine men who complain of headaches and repair/replace broken spectacles".

DAT47 Tk12

Pacific 06 MAY 43 - 1943
P10/DAT47 3'00"
Database ID: 10403

DESCRIPTION OF MEDICAL DIVISION

Part 3 continued

Talk by Lt. Col. Sayers about the Medical Division.

"There are four physicians who see cases similar to those in New Zealand. The troops have a good standard of health and because of the good laboratory and dispensary we are able to offer good diagnosis and treatment. There is an Outpatients Department for patients sent by Regimental Medical Officers."

DAT47 Tk12

Pacific 06 MAY 43 - 1943
P10/DAT47 4'02"
Database ID: 10404

CONTINUATION OF TALK LT. COL. SAYERS

This Talk starts on DAT47 Tk12

Part 4 first part of recording P14 side 2

Lieutenant Col. Sayers continues his talk about Medical Division of NZ General Hospital. And sends greetings home to New Zealand.

DAT47 Tk13

Pacific 06 MAY 43 - 1943
P14/DAT47 1'17"
Database ID: 10405

MORE TALKS ON ARMY GEN. HOSPITAL

Continuation of Part 4 of recording P14 side 2.

Description of the laboratory services by Lieut. Gatman & Bacteriologist Sgt Aitken.

Lieut. Gatman.

Sgt Aitken describes the modern laboratory which is, in the bioclinical area, further advanced than any other such laboratory.

DAT47 Tk14

Pacific
P14/DAT47
Database ID: 10406

06 MAY 43 - 1943
2'44'

TALK BY MATRON HALL

Talk by Matron of the NZ General Hospital Miss D.M. Hall

"The sisters have worked well in difficult conditions under tents. Nursing staff made contact with men who had not seen a white woman for 4 months. For recreation the nurses can go swimming, riding, gardening or picnicking".

DAT47 Tk15

Pacific
P12/DAT47
Database ID: 10410

13 MAY 43 - 1943
1'45"

GREETINGS

Greetings to family in New Zealand from Dan Crawford of Hastings and Graham Riley, Dunedin.

DAT47 Tk16

Pacific
P12/DAT47
Database ID: 10411

13 MAY 43 - 1943
0'55"

NZBU TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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DAT47 Tk17

Pacific
P12/DAT47
Database ID: 10412

16 MAY 43 - 1943
4'35"

PART 1 PLAY LETTER WRITING

Part 1 of 4

A play "Soldiers help a friend to write a letter."

It gives a picture of the camp and activities. Furnishings, in the tents, are made from packing cases and there are many photos around.

DAT47 Tk18

Pacific
P19/DAT47

23 MAY 43 - 1943
4'12"

Database ID: 10413

PART 2 PLAY LETTER WRITING

Part 2 of 4

A play "Soldiers help a friend to write a letter."

They talk about sports and entertainment. The soldiers have made a football field and there is a cricket competition running. The Divisional Band and Kiwi Concert Party have visited. Each Company staged their own concert.

DAT47 Tk19

Pacific 23 MAY 43 - 1943
P20/DAT47 4'15"

Database ID: 10414

PART 3 PLAY LETTER WRITING

Part 3 of 4

A play "Soldiers help a friend to write a letter."

They talk about their first impressions of the camp and about the YMCA building being constructed.

DAT47 TK20

Pacific 23 MAY 43 - 1943
P19/DAT47 2'50"

Database ID: 10418

PART 4 PLAY LETTER WRITING

Part 4 of 4

A play "Soldiers help a friend to write a letter."

Conclusion of the play followed by a song sung by The Glee Club.

DAT47 TK21

Pacific 23 JUN 43 - 1943
P21/DAT47 2'40"

Database ID: 10420

TALK IN A LIGHTER VEIN

A talk "In a Lighter Vein" by L. Bdr Tony Valentine about the problems that can arise in romantic situations when language is a problem.

DAT47 Tk22

Pacific 27 MAY 43 - 1943
P20/DAT47 4'24"

Database ID: 10421

TALK IVAN SHAW

Talk by Ivan Shaw how the troops entertained themselves.

"For the first few weeks we were very busy building the camp. Later we ran out of news for letters, there were only a few books, so we played cards. We went to the pictures. The theatre was just down the side of a hill with a makeshift screen in front, and the sound broke down. Now there is a very good road house, with plenty of games and a piano for sing songs. There is a regular supply of pictures at the new open air theatre".

DAT47 Tk23

Pacific 27 MAY 43 - 1943
P21/DAT47 3'22"
Database ID: 10423

COMMENTARY KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

Part 1 of 4

G.O.C. Major General Barrowclough arrives accompanied by Governor Montchamp. The General makes his inspection, then the men march past before the Royal Salute.

DAT47 Tk24

Pacific 07 MAY 43 - 1943
P22/DAT47 4'55"
Database ID: 10425

COMMENTARY KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

Part 2 of 4

This recording carries the sound of the soldiers marching past the saluting base with the Pipe Band playing.

DAT47 Tk25

Pacific 07 MAY 43 - 1943
P23/DAT47 1'35"
Database ID: 10426

COMMENTARY KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

Part 3 of 4

This recording covers the conclusion of the march past and the introduction to the Royal Salute. The G.O.C. leaves the saluting base as the NZ Ensign was lowered and the Union Jack is raised prior to the Royal Salute.

DAT47 Tk26

Pacific 07 MAY 43 - 1943
P23/DAT47 1'20"
Database ID: 10428

COMMENTARY KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

Part 4 of 4

The Royal Salute.

DAT47 Tk27

Pacific 07 MAY 43 - 1943
P22/DAT47 3'55"
Database ID: 10427

TALK CONDITIONS PAST & PRESENT

Talk by commentator of the NZ Broadcasting Unit, "Conditions Past and Present."

"Improvements have been made since the main body of troops arrived in New Caledonia. At first conditions were uncomfortable, and when the rains came there was water and mud everywhere. Bridges were washed away and pests were prolific. Now tents are raised up, there are gravel floors in tents and mess houses and the cook houses are concrete floored. Bridges are solidly built and there are well metalled roads. Training is in full swing."

DAT47 Tk28

Pacific 10 JUN 43 - 1943
P23/DAT47 3'35;
Database ID: 10429

COMMENTARY ON SWIM SPORTS G. WALKER

Commentary on swimming sports by Gordon Walker.

"The races were over a 50 yard straight stretch of river marked into six lanes. Nearly 500 men entered in the various events. The last race was the 58 yards free-style."

DAT47 Tk30

Pacific 22 MAY 43 - 1943
P24/DAT47 3'00"
Database ID: 10430

GREETINGS SWIMMING PLACE GETTERS

Greetings from place getters in last race of swimming sports:-
Sam Bawdman, Hastings; John Neville, New Plymouth; Reg Nicholls, Whangarei.

DAT47 Tk31

Pacific 22 MAY 43 - 1943
P24/DAT47 1'00"
Database ID: 10431

COMMENTARY RACE MEETING GEORGE MOORE

Horses were lent by local residents and ridden bareback. There was a grandstand and a totalisator. Quite a crowd of natives came to watch and there were five horses in the third and last races.

DAT47 Tk29

Pacific 25 MAY 43 - 1943
P24/DAT47 4'20"
Database ID: 10432

HUMOROUS TALK TOM TURBITT

Part 1 of 2
Talk - "We go out for supper", by Tom Turbitt

A humorous account of a trip to a French hotel some miles from the camp where a six course meal could be had for 20 francs.

DAT47 Tk32

Pacific 26 MAY 43 - 1943
P26/DAT47 4'11"
Database ID: 10433

PART 2 OF TALK TOM TURBITT

Part 2 of 2
A humorous talk by Tom Turbitt called "A trip to a French hotel."

DAT47 Tk33

Pacific 26 MAY 43 - 1943

P27/DAT47
Database ID: 10434

4'34"

TALK NZASC FIRST TO ARRIVE ON ISLAND

Talk by Capt. J.F.B. Wilson, NZASC.

"This is one of the first units to land on the Island. Ships were unloaded, stores and equipment transported and rations delivered. Now that things are more settled, the ASC sees that supplies of food, ammunition and petrol are delivered to where they are needed. The workshop section must see that the vehicles are kept in order."

DAT47 Tk34

Pacific
P26/DAT47
Database ID: 10435

28 MAY 43 - 1943
4'22"

TALK HOME MADE VIOLIN BILL DUCK

Talk - "A home-made violin" by Bill Duck with the tune 'Isa Lei' being played on the instrument by Phil Knox.

"The violin was made of a packing case and bits of wood. It was put together with a few nails and some putty. A friend produced some string and a bow."

DAT47 Tk35

Pacific
P27/DAT47
Database ID: 10436

29 MAY 43 - 1943
3'56"

37 BATTALION CONCERT PARTY

Part 1 of 3
Presentation of two items by the 37 Battalion Concert Party

The choir sings the song, "There's a Tavern in the Town"; Jack Johnstone conducts; "The Old Refrain" violin solo by Eddie Allott.

DAT47 Tk36

Pacific
P29/DAT47
Database ID: 10437

29 MAY 43 - 1943
3'12"

37 BATTALION CONCERT PARTY

Part 2 of 3
Stan Clifford introduces the Battalion Dance Band:-

Jack Smith, Bob Bailie, CO Hemming, Rex Elan, Bernie Cambell & Ken Brady who then play an item from their new show.

DAT47 Tk37

Pacific
P30/DAT47
Database ID: 10438

29 MAY 43 - 1943
3'14"

37 BATTALION CONCERT PARTY

Part 3 of 3

A string band plays "Blue Hawaii". "For England" a bass solo by George Bridges.

DAT49 Tk1

Pacific 29 MAY 43 - 1943
P29/DAT49 4'03"
Database ID: 10469

37 BATTALION PIPE BAND

Pipe Band item.
Band of the 37 Battalion

DAT49 Tk2

Pacific 29 MAY 43 - 1943
P30/DAT49 4'31"
Database ID: 10470

37 BATTALION PERSONAL MESSAGES

Messages from:- Tom Riddell Invercargill, Dick Spooner Wellington, Tom Wright Southland Flesford, George Wilkins Timaru, Tom O'Neil Greymouth, Dick Harris Christchurch, Pat O'Neil Rangiora, Albert Caulifield Christchurch, Dick Spot Whaipukurau

DAT49 Tk3.

Pacific 29 MAY 43 - 1943
P36/DAT49 3'55"
Database ID: 10471

PERSONAL MESSAGES 202 AA BATTERY

Messages from:-
Tom Latham, Newtown and Hec Butterworth, Sandringham Auckland.

DAT49 Tk4

Pacific 31 MAY 43 - 1943
P36/DAT49 1'00"
Database ID: 10472

TALK BY LINDSAY TULLOCH

Lindsay Tulloch, a transport driver describes the way of life for the local population who are mostly of French origin. Oxen draw the ploughs and ants & mosquitoes invade the troops' tents.

DAT49 Tk15

Pacific 31 MAY 43 - 1943
P36/DAT49 3'01"
Database ID: 10473

RACING TALK DON BAIN

Part 1 of 3
Introduction to Don Bain who describes the building of a racecourse and running a race meeting.

DAT49 Tk6

Pacific 28 JUN 43 - 1943
P44/DAT49 0'27"

Database ID: 10474

RACING TALK DON BAIN PART 2

Part 2 of 3

Don Bain describes the building of a racecourse.

"In eight days the New Zealand troops built a racecourse. There was a 1 mile track with a furlong straight. The buildings were impressive and housed a grandstand to seat a thousand people as well as containing a stewards' stand, a totalisator and horse boxes. Horses were loaned by local residents. There were seven races and the times were quite good".

DAT49 Tk7

Pacific 28 JUN 43 - 1943
P45/DAT49 4'37'

Database ID: 10475

RACING TALK DON BAIN PART 3

Part 3 of 3

Don Bain - "This was a big meeting. The equivalent of five thousand pounds in New Zealand currency was handled by totalisator staff."

DAT49 TK8

Pacific 28 JUN 43 - 1943
P45/DAT49 0'47"

Database ID: 10476

NZBU TESTING DISC CUTTER

Comments were recorded by the NZBU technician and the announcer while the technician was a testing disc cutter.

Marked:- "NOT FOR BROADCAST"

DAT49 Tk9

Pacific 28 JUN 43 - 1943
P44/DAT49 0'58"

Database ID: 10477

FARMING TALK ALAN PURDIE, HASTINGS

Talk about "Farming in New Caledonia" by Alan Purdie:-

"The island of New Caledonia is under-developed as far as farming is concerned. Through out the interior cleared land has been allowed to become overgrown again. Diversification is important to the French people. All farmers are involved in several different types of farming. Most of the stock is fattened for beef. Dairying is limited because of the low butter fat content of the milk, which is unsuitable for making butter. Pigs are in good order. Sheep are found only in isolated places and in very small numbers. The grasses are rather poor compared with the Heretaunga plains of Hawkes Bay".

DAT49 Tk10

Pacific 16 JUN 43 - 1943
P45/DAT49 4'34"

Database ID: 10478

COOKING & FOOD - ALFRED HILL

Alfred Hill talks about cooking and food.

"The soldiers had to live on tinned food for a start except when someone shot a deer. Two cooks cook for

about 65 men on a small American field oven. Usually there is fresh meat for the evening meal, but eggs are hard to get. After the YMCA hut was built the soldiers decided to put on a concert. Men dressed up as women for a play. We sought out dresses from the local population who gave us strange looks".

DAT49 Tk11

Pacific 24 JUN 43 - 1943
P47/DAT49 4'19"
Database ID: 10479

MESSAGES FROM ANTI TANK BATTERY

Messages from Geoff Graham, Charlie Gordon, Les Reid, Harry Freeman, Dean Wilcox, Jim McDonald, Bill Lang.

DAT49 Tk12

Pacific 23 JUN 43 - 1943
P48/DAT49 3'34"
Database ID: 10480

CAMP CONDITIONS TALK SAPPER BEECH

Part 1 of 2
Talk by Sapper Bill Beech.

"The men had to rely on their own resources for entertainment and comfort. The first heavy rains turned the camp into a quagmire, but later well dug drains helped prevent this. Articles of furniture were made by handymen. A hole was dug for a well and when the water was pumped into a storage tank and there was plenty of water for washing and showers. Some men made gardens."

DAT49 Tk13

Pacific 24 JUN 43 - 1943
P47/DAT49 3'32"
Database ID: 10483

PART 2 TALK BY SAPPER BILL BEECH

Part 2 of 2
Talk by Sapper Bill Beech.

"Deer stalking, hiking, fishing and excursion trips are popular pastimes. Much time is spent writing letters, reading and playing cards and chess. There is a discussion group once a week. There is a unit news paper."

DAT49 Tk14

Pacific 24 JUN 43 - 1943

P48/DAT49 3'36"
Database ID: 10485

CHOIR OF THE 1ST SCOTS

The Choir of the 1st Scots play "Carry me back to Old Virginny"

DAT49 Tk15

Pacific 05 JUL 43 - 1943
P52/DAT49 4'32"
Database ID: 10487

CHOIR OF THE 1ST SCOTS

The Choir of the 1st Scots sing "The end of a perfect day"

DAT49 Tk16

Pacific 05 JUL 43 - 1943
P52/DAT49 3'43"
Database ID: 10488

THE OPENING OF A ROAD HOUSE

Part 1 of 4
Brigadier Goss introduced by the NZBU commentator.

DAT49 Tk17

Pacific 27 JUN 43 - 1943
P54/DAT49 1'22"
Database ID: 10489

OPENING OF A ROAD HOUSE BRIG. GOSS

Part 2 of 4
Talk by Brigadier Goss - "The idea behind this Road-house is to give the men something as different as possible from life in the camps. There will be different food and a staff to take care of their usual duties. A launch will be available to take the soldiers on fishing trips."

DAT49 Tk18

Pacific 27 JUN 43 - 1943
P53/DAT49 4'30"
Database ID: 10490

OPENING OF A ROADHOUSE - BRIG. GOSS

Part 3 of 4
Brigadier Goss continues his talk - "The Road-house was built by local natives. The men will have a break from regimental life. A separate camp is available for staff from the 6th General Hospital".

DAT49 Tk19

Pacific 27 JUN 43 - 1943
P54/DAT49 2'20"
Database ID: 10492

TALK BY RHYS WILLIAMS THE ROAD HOUSE

Part 4 of 4
Talk by the Officer In Charge of the Road-house Rhys Williams - "Much work has been done in building the Road-house, where the men will be able to come for four days furlough."

DAT49 Tk20

Pacific 27 JUN 43 - 1943
P54/DAT49 2'30"
Database ID: 10493

MAJ. ALLAN JOHNSTON 23 FIELD COY

Talk by Major Allan Johnston 23 Field Company.

"Nearly every trade is represented in the Sappers unit. The men make new roads, maintain existing ones and build bridges of all types. Installing and operating pumping and water purification plants, laying minefields and locating enemy mines are among their duties. They take part in combat training and jungle warfare. For leisure there are pictures three nights a week and an occasional concert. The Kiwi Concert Party was going well until they were burnt out".

DAT49 Tk21

Pacific 01 JUL 43 - 1943
P63/DAT49 4'50"
Database ID: 10494

GREETINGS 23RD FIELD CO ENGINEERS

Greetings from 23rd Field Company Engineers.

Laurie Archer, Ian Boyd, Jack Holman, Bob Briggs, Hector Ellerlie, Walter Brown, Merv Howkit, H. King

DAT49 Tk22

Pacific 01 JUL 43 - 1943
P63/DAT49 4'05"
Database ID: 10496

TALK TUI CONCERT PARTY DAVID REED

Talk by the producer of the Tui Concert Party, David Reed.

"This is a military concert party and all men are fully trained soldiers. They have travelled over 1000 miles in New Caledonia over rough roads, giving a two and a half hour programme to the troops. Performances are often given under difficult conditions."

DAT49 Tk23

Pacific 02 JUL 43 - 1943
P65/DAT49 4'30"
Database ID: 10497

SPORT IN NEW CALEDONIA L.N. HARRIS

Talk on "Sport in New Caledonia" by L.N.E. Harris of Russell

"The New Caledonian countrymen are interested in hunting, horse racing and fishing. Deer hunting on horseback used to result in a large annual kill, but now deer are rare. Bathing in the sea can be dangerous because of sharks, but the rivers are good for keen swimmers. Fishing can be done for mullet, cod, turtles, and sea cows".

DAT49 Tk24

Pacific 02 JUL 43 - 1943
P65/DAT65 4'00"
Database ID: 10499

TALK CAPTAIN J. MURDOCH

Talk by Captain J.H. Murdoch Auckland about some early experiences

"The soldiers were surprised on one occasion when they met some English nurses at a party. The girls thought that the soldiers spoke in an affected manner. On another occasion we were astonished to discover a small Post Office miles from anywhere. The Chinese postman spoke English well. It turned out he was born in Ponsonby Bay, Auckland 85 years ago. He left NZ for New Caledonia 60 years ago. While in Auckland he worked for the timber firm, David Goldie & Co".

DAT49 Tk25

Pacific 05 AUG 43 - 1943

P67/DAT49 4'32"
Database ID: 10500

TALK HON. W. PERRY MLC

"On a visit to New Caledonia and Norfolk Island I have seen how the soldiers have made good camps out of next to nothing. They are hampered by shortages of many things but they are training hard. The natives of the Islands speak highly of them".

DAT49 Tk26

Pacific 31 JUL 43 - 1943
P67/DAT49 3'55"
Database ID: 10501

COMMENTARY ON BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP

Part 1 of 7

Introduction to the Barrowclough Rugby Cup Commentary.

"The Cup was presented by General and Mrs Barrowclough for competition between units of the NZEF in New Caledonia. Bill Allison, Auckland was the referee for the final game between an Infantry Battalion and an Anti-Aircraft Regiment".

DAT49 Tk27

Pacific 09 AUG 43 - 1943
P68/DAT49 1'58"
Database ID: 10502

BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP FINAL

Part 2 of 7

Senior Sergeant Jack Campbell gives a commentary on the Barrowclough Rugby Cup final between an Infantry Division and Anti-Aircraft regiment.

DAT49 Tk28

Pacific 07 AUG 43 - 1943
P69/DAT49 4'32"
Database ID: 10503

BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP FINAL

Part 3 of 7

Senior Sergeant Jack Campbell records a commentary on the Rugby Cup final between an Infantry Division and Anti-Aircraft regiment for the Barrowclough Cup.

DAT49 Tk29

Pacific 07 AUG 43 - 1943
P70/DAT49 4'30"
Database ID: 10504

BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP FINAL

Part 4 of 7

Senior Sergeant Jack Campbell records a commentary on the Rugby Cup final between an Infantry Division and Anti-Aircraft regiment for the Barrowclough Cup.

DAT49 Tk30

Pacific 07 AUG 43 - 1943

P69/DAT49 4'19"
Database ID: 10505

BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP FINAL

Part 5 of 7

Senior Sergeant Jack Campbell records a commentary on the Barrowclough Rugby Cup final played between an Infantry Division and Anti-Aircraft regiment.

DAT49 Tk31

Pacific 07 AUG 43 - 1943
P70/DAT49 4'37"
Database ID: 10506

BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP FINAL

Part 6 of 7

Senior Sergeant Jack Campbell records a commentary on the Rugby Cup final for the Barrowclough Cup played between an Infantry Division and Anti-Aircraft regiment.

DAT49 Tk32

Pacific 07 AUG 43 - 1943
P68/DAT49 4'37"
Database ID: 10507

BARROWCLOUGH RUGBY CUP FINAL

Part 7 of 7

Mrs Barrowclough presents Barrowclough Cup to the winning team.

DAT49 Tk33

Pacific 07 AUG 43 - 1943
P68/DAT49 1'05"
Database ID: 10508

PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM NZ WOMEN

Personal messages from:-

Aileen Angler, Audrey Boyce, Elaine Sewron?, Myrtle Inglis, Joan Walker, Paddy Bouchmach?, Betty Lynch.

DAT49 Tk34

Pacific 09 AUG 43 - 1943
P73/DAT49 4'24"
Database ID: 10509

TALK NATIVE HOSPITALITY - ERIC OJALA

Talk by Eric Ojala

"On one occasion when we had been out tramping for five days we ran out of food. On the fifth day we came to a large village. The natives welcomed us and they all queued up to shake our hands. The chief escorted us to the guest huts where there was a table set with a cloth, dishes and a fork for each of us. We were offered a tremendous array of food. The natives did not start their meal until we had finished eating. The whole village came to farewell us".

DAT50 Tk1

Pacific 09 AUG 43 - 1943

P73/DAT50 4'30"
Database ID: 10510

GREETINGS FROM 203 AA BATTERY

Greetings from 203 AA Battery:-
Harold Benson, Colin Davis, Keith Martin, Albie Brook, Wally Robb, Ted Rape, Doug McMillan, Pat McDonald

DAT50 Tk2

Pacific 06 JUL 43 - 1943
P80/DAT50 4'38"
Database ID: 10511

TALK A WEEKS LEAVE BY STAN SMITH

A talk by Stan Smith
"We had leave at a camp on the other side of the island, near the sea. We visited a quaint old French town and saw around a nickel mine. We could get up when we wanted and go hiking. We had a trip on a small train travelling at 8 mph."

DAT50 Tk3

Pacific 05 JUL 43 - 1943
P80/DAT50 4'16"
Database ID: 10512

SWIMMING SPORTS 28 RHQ REGIMENT

Sergeant describes the construction of a swimming pool.
"The gunners built a dam to hold up the waters of a stream to make a 50 yard straight stretch." Sergeant Cameron reads results and sends greetings.

DAT50 Tk4

Pacific 16 AUG 43 - 1943
P88/DAT50 3'25"
Database ID: 10513

TALK BOXING BY CEDRIC BRITTENDEN

Cedric Brittenden of Christchurch talks about Boxing in New Caledonia.
"The sport has a tremendous following. Tournaments are held at regular intervals. Entries for the last Force tournament were excellent and the whole tournament showed boxing at its best. A ring was erected in the middle of a football ground".

DAT50 Tk5

Pacific 17 AUG 43 - 1943
P88/DAT50 2'40"
Database ID: 10514

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 1 of 8
Introduction by the Producer, Rex Sayers.
The chorus sings the song "Over to You"
Vocal Item "Knitting a Singlet for Cecil"
Magicians act by Alan Mathews teaching listeners how to do a trick.

DAT50 Tk6

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P91/DAT50 4'30"
Database ID: 10515

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 2 of 8
Piano accordion solo by Oswald Cheeseman
"Song of India", solo by Oswald Cheeseman.

DAT50 Tk7

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P92/DAT50 4'04"
Database ID: 10516

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 3 of 8
"Make Believe" and "Cosi Cosa" solos by Maurice Tansley.

DAT50 Tk8

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P91/DAT50 4'15"
Database ID: 10517

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 4 of 8
"Tiger Rag" vocal and banjo item by Henry Burns
"See what the boys in the back room will have" solo Ralph Dwyer.

DAT50 Tk9

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P92/DAT50 4'25"
Database ID: 10518

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 5 of 8
Piano item for four hands by Oswald Cheeseman and Jock McKenzie
"Come with me where moonbeams" by the Four Aces.

DAT50 Tk10

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P93/DAT50 4'08"
Database ID: 10519

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 6 of 8
"Time and Tide" solo by Maurice Tansley.

DAT50 Tk11

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P94/DAT50 3'42"
Database ID: 10520

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 7 of 8

"The Empire is Marching", solo by Harry Davidson.

DAT50 Tk12

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P93/DAT50 3'40"
Database ID: 10525

KIWI CONCERT PARTY

Part 8 of 8

Short greetings from Rex Sayers, Oswald Cheeseman, Maurice Tansley, John McKenzie, Bob Obstvosky?, Harold Twomer, Henry Burns, Norm Dunn, Alan Mathews, Roy Wait

DAT50 Tk13

Pacific 06 AUG 43 - 1943
P94/DAT50 3'08"
Database ID: 10521

TALK BY CAPTAIN JOHN CONLY

Part 2 ONLY

A talk "The Company Commanders Day" by Captain Joun Conly.

"The Company Commander likes to get around and see his Company at work. He deals with orders in the inward detail book and deals with applications for compassionate leave".

DAT50 Tk14

Pacific 20 SEP 43 - 1943
P103/DAT50 4'23"
Database ID: 10526

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 1 of 6

Introduction by the Bandmaster Lieutenant Louis Fox.

"The band sailed for New Caledonia in December 1942. Its service has been as an entertainment unit, although the men have trained and qualified as marksmen with every type of small arms. Programmes range from a two hour variety show to an educational recital and there are some talented individual artists. The band has presented 164 concerts in 291 days and travelled 5625 miles. It has also played at concerts for the U.S. Forces".

DAT50 Tk15

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P104/DAT50 3'19"
Database ID: 10527

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 2 of 6

The Band plays a March "The Mad Major".

DAT50 Tk16

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P105/DAT50 2'22"
Database ID: 10528

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 3 of 6
The Band plays "Sleepy Lagoon".

DAT50 Tk17

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P103/DAT50 3'05"
Database ID: 10529

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 4 of 6
The Band plays a march "William Tell Overture".

DAT50 Tk18

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P106/DAT50 3'15"
Database ID: 10530

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 5 of 6
The Band plays "Sanctuary" arranged by Mr Fox Snr.

DAT50 Tk19

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P107/DAT50 3'26"
Database ID: 10531

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 6 of 6
The Band plays "The Australasian" by Rimmer.

DAT50 Tk20

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P106/DAT50 2'47"
Database ID: 10532

GREETINGS FROM BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 1 of 2
Greetings from members of the NZEFIP Band:-
L. Fox, Bill Lowe, C.P. Cashmore, Jack Lempert, Harry Radcliffe, Bert Montgomery, John Stranbridge, Tom Andrew, Roy White, A. Gerard, Gordon Kerr, Hayden Benn, Harry Saunders, Douglas Smith, Les Neave, Gordon Webber, Ralph Miller

DAT50 Tk21

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P105/DAT50 4'55"
Database ID: 10533

GREETINGS FROM BAND OF THE NZEFIP

Part 2 of 2

Greetings from members of the NZEFIP Band:-

Bert Sawyer, Percy Beswarick, Ernie Sherman, Tom Osborne, Ron Milroy, John Stevenson, Ben Cummings, Lloyd Lee, Bob Davis, Barney Gardiner.

DAT50 Tk21 Note same track as part 1

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P104/DAT50 1'40"
Database ID: 10534

BAND OF THE NZEFIP

An unlabelled recording marked in yellow crayon "NOT FOR BROADCAST".
The Band plays "Sleepy Lagoon".

DAT50 Tk22

Pacific 16 SEP 43 - 1943
P107/DAT50 3'28"
Database ID: 10535

TALK READ BY LESTER CASTLE

Talk "Tropical Topics" by Cpl. Crago and read by Lester Castle:-

"Each island seems to have a different climate. There is constant warmth and constant rain. One large island group varies in people, customs, and languages. As one moves from the waterfront area different languages are spoken. It is hard work making camp in a forward area, as most of the time it is very hot. The squadron must maintain, service and fly their aircraft in all weathers".

DAT50 Tk23

Pacific 04 OCT 43 - 1943
P111/DAT50 4'26"
Database ID: 10536

TALK BY KENNETH MELVIN

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Kenneth Melvin "My Day, or Nattering With The Adjutant".

This is a humorous talk about the duties and problems of an Adjutant. His duties seem to be endless and he gets little credit for it.

DAT50 Tk24

Pacific 04 OCT 43 - 1943
P111/DAT50 4'00"
Database ID: 10537

TALK BY KENNETH MELVIN

Part 2 of 2

Talk by Kenneth Melvin "My Day, or Nattering With The Adjutant" continued.

This is a humorous talk about the duties and problems of an Adjutant. His duties seem to be endless and he gets little credit for it.

DAT50 Tk25

Pacific 04 OCT 43 - 1943
P112/DAT50 4'30"
Database ID: 10540

TALK MERVIN BETTS SEC. RNZAF YMCA

Talk by Mervin Betts Secretary of the RNZAF YMCA:-

"The function of the YMCA is to provide comforts to Air Force personnel, encouraging them to write home and provide letter paper, run a mobile unit distributing cold drinks to men working on aircraft. Funds for the purchase of these comforts are supplied by public donations to the Patriotic Fund back in New Zealand

DAT50 Tk26

Pacific - 1943
P112/DAT50 4'18"
Database ID: 10543

DON CAMERON & VIVIAN SPENCER NZBU

Two members of the NZBU staff, Don Cameron and Vivian Spencer, send greetings to 2YA & 2YH staff, family members and friends Vivian Spencer to 2YH staff & family and friends at Napier and Opapa.

DAT50 Tk28

Pacific 24 AUG 43 - 1943
P118/DAT50 4'05"
Database ID: 10545

TALK VIVIAN SPENCER, UNLOADING SHIPS

Talk by Vivian Spencer of the Pacific NZBU "Unloading Ships in New Caledonia".

"When a ship arrives all available men are sent to help unload it. The men are divided into squads of about 12 under a Sergeant or Corporal. They work in four six hour shifts and the work goes on until the ship is empty".

DAT50 Tk29

Pacific 04 OCT 43 - 1943
P119/DAT50 2'28"
Database ID: 10546

TALK PADRE WESLEY PARKER

Talk by Padre Wesley Parker. Marked "NOT FOR BROADCAST".

He describes the talk as a few minutes chat with the spouses and sweethearts of the boys back home and goes on to describe the activities, moods and humour under the sometimes bad conditions.

He sends messages home on behalf of:- Cliff Burn, Tom Cleaver, Arthur Dick, Laurie Castile, Ray Star and also sends a call to Hamilton on his own behalf.

DAT50 Tk27

Pacific - 1943
P118/DAT50 4'00"
Database ID: 10554

TALK NZBU COMMENTATOR VIVIAN SPENCER

Talk by Vivian Spencer, Commentator for the New Zealand Broadcasting Unit, "The 3rd New Zealand Division":-

"The 3rd New Zealand Division has left New Caledonia for Guadalcanal. This Division spent a considerable period in New Caledonia partly as garrison troops, stationed at strategic points throughout the Island, and partly carrying out training to prepare them for warfare in the islands. For best defence, isolated groups of men were scattered throughout the island. They were far away from towns and cities and were encouraged to make their own sporting facilities. The YMCA did its best to provide entertainment".

DAT51 Tk1

Pacific 04 OCT 43 - 1943

P119/DAT51 4'23"
Database ID: 10576

TALK SERGEANT J.A. EVANS

Talk by Sgt. J.A. Evans.

"This must have been a quiet place before the war. It is very wet, with heavy rain each day. The natives have neat thatched houses on piles. On Sunday a lot of natives came for a church service. Many of the younger natives speak excellent English".

DAT51 Tk2

Pacific 22 OCT 43 - 1943
P131/DAT51 3'55"
Database ID: 10577

GREETINGS FROM 30 BATTALION

Greetings from:- Ray Yates, Steve Burns, Eric Farrell.

DAT51 Tk3

Pacific 21 OCT 43 - 1943
P131/DAT51 1'54"
Database ID: 10578

GREETINGS FROM 30 BATTALION

Greetings from:- Gordon Wright, Tom Gill.

DAT51 Tk4

Pacific 21 OCT 43 - 1943
P131/DAT51 1'54"
Database ID: 10579

GREETINGS FROM 3 DIV HEADQUARTERS

Greetings from:- Geoff Hart, Doug Kyle, Pat gibbons, Arthur Mason, Eddie Grant, Jim McGregor, Morrie Mark, Howard Brooks.

DAT51 Tk5

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P145/DAT51 4'28"
Database ID: 10580

TALK ALEC HURD RNZ NAVY

Talk by Alec Hurd.

"One night we set out on a small craft for a certain island. A Japanese aircraft attacked us. It dropped flares continually and dived down to strafe our small ship but these small ships can go quite fast and we were able to dodge all the Japanese bullets. Having bombs dropped on you is not very nice."

DAT51 Tk7

Pacific 10 NOV 43 - 1943
P146/DAT51 3'39"
Database ID: 10581

SONG BY 3 DIV HEADQUARTERS

A song by the 3rd Division Headquarters Quartet:-
"The Song Of The Soldier".

DAT51 Tk8

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P146/DAT51 2'50"
Database ID: 10582

SONG BY 3 DIV HEADQUARTERS

A song by the 3rd Division Headquarters Quartet:-
"Deep Harmony".
Quartet members:- Chaplain George Thompson, Auckland; Eddie Blacklock, Christchurch; Vic Frazwell, Wellington; Neville Taylor, Auckland.

DAT51 Tk6

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P145/DAT51 3'30"
Database ID: 10583

FIRST FORWARD RNZAF WING IN AREA

Part 1 of 3

Talk by an officer of the RNZAF in the most advanced base in the Pacific:-
"This is the first NZ Wing to be formed in the area, under the command of Wing Commander T.O. Freeman DSO, DFC & Bar, and shared with the Americans. Fighter aircraft of the different squadrons, flying P40 War Hawks, have shot down 56 Japanese planes, and the losses on our side have been light. Outstanding work is being done by the NZ ground staff in the heat and mud. They work long hours repairing and inspecting planes".

DAT51 Tk9

Pacific 10 NOV 43 - 1943
P154/DAT51 4'20"
Database ID: 10584

FIRST FORWARD RNZAF WING IN AREA

Part 2 of 3

Talk by an officer of the RNZAF in the most advanced base in the Pacific:-
"A few weeks ago boats landed the airmen here. Men of all trades arrived. In a few days the men had built their own camp and service section. Coral runways were built by the Americans and War Hawks were flown in from NZ in stages. The NZ Fighter Wing serviceability is about 95%."

DAT51 Tk10

Pacific 10 NOV 43 - 1943
P155/DAT51 4'09"
Database ID: 10585

FIRST FORWARD RNZAF WING IN AREA

Part 3 of 3

Talk by an officer of the RNZAF in the most advanced base in the Pacific:-
"There is always tension among ground crew as they wait for the planes to come home. Each crew is there to meet their particular plane and ask for results. Tension eases when four sections of four are seen heading home."

DAT51 Tk11

Pacific 10 NOV 43 - 1943
P154/DAT51 1'31"
Database ID: 10586

GREETINGS FROM NZ AIRMEN GUADALCANAL

Greetings from NZ airmen on Guadalcanal:-
Charles Riwee, Harry Lahey, Owen Thortenson, Colin Creighton, Norman Aitkins.

DAT51 Tk12

Pacific 13 NOV 43 - 1943
P154/DAT51 2'30"
Database ID: 10587

TALK PADRE K. LIGGETT SENIOR CHAPLAIN

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Padre K. Liggett Senior Chaplain NZEFIP:-

He offers sympathy to those families who lost loved ones and continues, "The men are fit and in good spirits. They go on marches through the jungle and work in hot, muddy and dusty conditions. Shaving and washing are done with a small basin of water and there are improvised showers. The National Patriotic Fund Board supplies books, parcels, entertainment, tea and sugar (extra to the rations)".

DAT51 Tk13

Pacific 13 NOV 43 - 1943
P155/DAT51 4'25"
Database ID: 10594

TALK PADRE K.LIGGETT SENIOR CHAPLAIN

Part 2 of 2

Continuation of talk by Padre K. Liggett Senior Chaplain NZEFIP:-

"Chaplains of all denominations work together, although each chaplain will take services for those who wish to attend their own denomination. There is good fellowship here and I wish the selfish attitudes of people back home would follow those of the men over here. I beg of you to keep standards of living high."

DAT51 Tk14

Pacific 13 NOV 43 - 1943
P156/DAT51 4'46"
Database ID: 10596

TALK CAPT R. MURRAY NZ CANTEEN BOARD

Talk by Captain R. Murray NZ Canteen Board Representative in the Pacific:-

"Greetings to families in New Zealand. With the co-operation of staff we are able to give the men a first rate service. The Americans supply some things which are unobtainable in New Zealand. Bulk canteen stores have been set up in all areas where the Division has troops. Each Unit has its own canteen and gets supplies from the bulk canteen store in each area. Supplies depend entirely on shipping. I would like all suppliers in New Zealand to help the Canteen Board in securing supplies for shipping for the Christmas season".

DAT51 Tk15

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P156/DAT51 1'55"
Database ID: 10599

FALSE START TO GREETINGS GUADALCANAL

False start recording of Greetings from NZ airmen on Guadalcanal

DAT51 Tk16

Pacific 08 NOV 43 - 1943
P156/DAT51 0'30"
Database ID: 10601

GREETINGS FROM NZ AIRMEN GUADALCANAL

Greetings from NZ airmen on Guadalcanal:- Les Hannibal, Jim Jones, Noel James.

DAT51 Tk17

Pacific 13 NOV 43 - 1943
P156/DAT51 1'55"
Database ID: 10602

SONGS BY FIJIAN MILITARY FORCES

Part 1 of 2

Members of the Overeas Fiji Military Forces sing two songs in their native tongue.

DAT51 Tk18

Pacific 08 NOV 43 - 1943
P158/DAT51 3'52"
Database ID: 10603

SONGS BY FIJIAN MILITARY FORCES

Part 2 of 2

Members of the Overeas Fiji Military Forces sing two songs in their native tongue.

DAT51 Tk19

Pacific 08 NOV 43 - 1943
P158/DAT51 2'58"
Database ID: 10605

TALK BRIGADIER L. POTTER FIRST BATTLE

Part 1 of 3

Talk by Brigadier L. PotterThe First Battle, Action on Vella Lavella

"At a meeting on Vella Lavella on 19 September, Major General Barrowclough said that operations planned for further north depended largely on the elimination of the enemy remaining on the northern part of the island. It was important that enemy coast watching stations and radar installations on Vella Lavella and adjacent islands should be destroyed. The GOC instructed Brigadier Potter to move north and eliminate all enemy remaining on the island. It was hard to know what the actual resistance would be. There were no roads in the northern part of the islands, only a number of foot tracks. The coastal area is flat but beyond this the ground rises steeply".

DAT51 Tk20

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P159/DAT51 4'13"
Database ID: 10606

TALK BRIGADIER L. POTTER FIRST BATTLE

Part 2 of 3

Brigadier L. Potter continues his talk about "The First Battle" and "Action on Vella Lavella".

"The Japanese detachments were in the middle of the country overgrown with heavy jungle forest. It was

decided to use small boats for the movement of personnel and supplies into preliminary beach heads. Two combat teams would be used. A pincer movement would be used, working inwards from the outer area of operations. It was hoped the enemy would be forced into a small pocket by the converging movement of the two teams".

DAT51 Tk21

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P160/DAT51 4'30"
Database ID: 10609

TALK BRIGADIER L. POTTER FIRST BATTLE

Part 3 of 3

Brigadier L. Potter continues his talk about "The First Battle" and "Action on Vella Lavella".
"On the 25th September the troops moved forward. Each team had patrols moving ahead and outwards from a central position. If no Japanese were encountered by day the outer patrols would close in to a position on the coast in the evening. The patrols moved forward at daylight each day. As the country was cleared the teams moved their sub-units forward by boat. Artillery was used as the main weapon of destruction and the infantry did the mopping up. Over 200 Japanese were killed and we lost one third of that number."

DAT51 Tk22

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P159/DAT51 4'20"
Database ID: 10610

TALK BY SIGNALMAN A.J.M. LESLIE

Part 1 of 2

Talk by signalman A.J.M. Leslie:-
Three wireless operators talk of their experiences. Their trip up the coast into enemy territory was uneventful. Once there they had to try and maintain 24 hour radio contact under very difficult and sometimes impossible conditions."

DAT51 Tk23

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P161/DAT51 4'30"
Database ID: 10611

TALK BY SIGNALMAN A.J.M. LESLIE

Part 2 of 2

Talk by signalman A.J.M. Leslie:-
Three wireless operators talk of their experiences. Their trip up the coast into enemy territory was uneventful. Once there they had to try and maintain 24 hour radio contact under very difficult and sometimes impossible conditions.

DAT51 Tk24

Pacific 02 NOV 43 - 1943
P160/DAT51 0'28"
Database ID: 10612

TALK MAJOR C McL. BROWN 16 MT COMPANY

Talk by Major C. McL. Brown, 16 MT. Company about the operation of this Company since ASC's arrival in a forward area:-

"During periods of movement and combat operations the amount of supplies going forward is greatly increased. There is the first initial landing of men, fuel, ammunition, food and equipment. In island warfare the initial operation is so big the ASC cannot handle it and working parties are drawn from all units of the Division. Then operations against the enemy commence. Food, water, ammunition must be taken into the jungle with the soldiers. This can be done by man-handling everything through the jungle or by water transportation. Also the injured must be evacuated".

DAT51 TK25

Pacific - 1943
P160/DAT51 4'50"
Database ID: 10618

TALK PADRE FALLOON THE FIRST BATTLE

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Padre Falloon "The First Battle":-

"We climbed into the barges and left for the secret landing place further up the island. Only the bare necessities were taken. The usual uniform was exchanged for a green jungle suit. The landing went smoothly. A beach head was speedily established, fox holes were dug and patrols sent forward to pin point Japanese positions. On September the 23rd we began to advance through the jungle".

DAT51 TK26

Pacific 28 OCT 43 - 1943
P162/DAT51 3'42"
Database ID: 10623

TALK PADRE FALLOON THE FIRST BATTLE

Part 2 of 3

Talk by Padre Falloon "The First Battle" continued:-

"For several days the march went on, creeping up on the enemy. At night fox holes were dug. The soldiers were very careful not to reveal their whereabouts. On Monday morning the boys went off to join the battle. Communication in the jungle is difficult and it was hard to know how the others were faring. Torrential rain fell for the most of the first few days".

DAT51 Tk27

Pacific 28 OCT 43 - 1943
P163/DAT51 4'20"
Database ID: 10624

TALK PADRE FALLOON THE FIRST BATTLE

Part 3 of 3

Talk by Padre Falloon "The First Battle":-

"Casualties were light compared with those inflicted on the Japanese. On Saturday October the 8th Brigadier Potter was able to declare the Island free of Japanese. The men have re-grouped and are settled in camps again".

DAT51 Tk28

Pacific 28 OCT 43 - 1943
P162/DAT51 4'00"
Database ID: 10625

TALK LIEUT. BILL BEAUMONT

Part 1 of 2

Lieutenant Bill Beaumont tells about "A Story of Action" that covers bringing 51 persons out to safety. "The enemy was three miles north of us. One of our combat teams was moving down the coast and we were moving up the coast to make contact. Lieut. Beaumont and Lieut. J. Albon were ordered to take two platoons and move behind the enemy to prevent them escaping into the hills. Lieut. Beaumont took two sections forward up the main Japanese trail. Groups of Japanese were marching up and down the trail all afternoon, heading towards Marquana Bay. We heard firing and the rest of our party came through the bush followed by a hoard of yelling and screaming Japanese who surrounded us and attacked. We waited in the bush beside the trail. We couldn't move back because the Japanese were still marching up and down the trail. After a charge at us by the enemy we retaliated and they charged out just as quickly as they charged in".

DAT51 Tk29

Pacific 21 NOV 93 - 1943
P163/DAT51 4'17"
Database ID: 10634

TALK LIEUT. BILL BEAUMONT

Part 2 of 2

Lieutenant Bill Beaumont continues "A Story of Action" that covers bringing 51 persons out to safety. "From Monday to Friday the group was held by the Japanese. On Friday our food and water had run out so we fought our way out to the beach, carrying the wounded on stretchers. It took us 5 hours to move through the mangrove swamp. On the night of the 2nd October two barges landed at the nearby reef and took the men off. Forty Japanese had been killed though we did have our losses".

DAT51 Tk30

Pacific 21 NOV 93 - 1943
P164/DAT51 2'49'
Database ID: 10635

TALK BY SAPPER F.G. CONWAY-KING

Talks by Sapper F.G. Conway-King of Auckland, Corporal York of Whangarei, Corporal Bill Collins Omaru, Sapper Ted Tones Dunedin

"Serving the Forward Troops with Mail"

"On landing we found mud everywhere. Our tent and all our equipment had been left behind. We were loaned a tent and built a sorting table out of packing cases. Outward mail is sorted into the main provincial towns before being forwarded to the base PO There is an air service to New Zealand. We are able to deliver mail to units within one hour of receiving it".

DAT51 Tk31

Pacific 21 NOV 43 - 1943
P164/DAT51 4'53"
Database ID: 10636

TALK LIEUTENANT S. BARTON

Talk "The Capture of an Enemy Barge" by Lieutenant S. Barton of Waimate

"On the morning of 26 September we were detailed to accompany the Guerilla platoon to an area that held up to 40 Japanese. One morning we saw a large barge going into a bay on our left. One platoon went to investigate, and they were able to board the barge which had been left unattended. When the 3 Japanese tried to return on board they were fired on by the New Zealanders on the barge. Later the Japanese left on the shore were captured. It was a very happy band that sailed the enemy barge back that afternoon".

DAT51 Tk32

Pacific 25 OCT 43 - 1943
P165/DAT51 3'49"
Database ID: 10638

TALK SGT. MAJOR BERNARD SMITH

Part 1 of 3

Talk by Sgt. Major Bernard Smith, Masterton:- "Life in the Combat Zone".

"The order was given to move to the combat zone. We were hurriedly issued with new green jungle suits, which we were able to swap to get the right size. We had an uneventful trip along the coast. We pulled into a small bay and had to wade ashore holding our gear above our heads. Everything had to be unloaded in torrential rain. Some natives came who would act as our guides and scouts for us".

DAT51 Tk33

Pacific 28 OCT 43 - 1943

P167/DAT51
Database ID: 10639

4'10"

TALK SGT. MAJOR BERNARD SMITH

Part 2 of 3

Talk by Sgt. Major Bernard Smith, Masterton:- "Life in the Combat Zone" continued.

"We moved cautiously up the coast by barge and trail, digging in at night. At no time when we were attacking the Japanese defended areas did we catch sight of them. They would let patrols pass through the area and back without revealing themselves and when the others moved forward they would be attacked. The Japanese made great use of hidden snipers. Living conditions in the jungle were bad. Drinking water was scarce and we had cold tinned rations".

DAT52 Tk1

Pacific
P166/DAT52
Database ID: 10640

28 OCT 43 - 1943
4'18"

TALK SGT. MAJOR BERNARD SMITH

Part 3 of 3

Talk by Sgt. Major Bernard Smith, Masterton:- "Life in the Combat Zone" continued.

"Back at camp life is more comfortable. The insect life is weird and varied".

DAT52 Tk2

Pacific
P167/DAT52
Database ID: 10641

28 OCT 43 - 1943
0'25"

TALK CAPTAIN MAURICE MORGAN

Part 1 of 2

Talk "Action at Last" by Captain Maurice Morgan of Wellington.

"Just three weeks ago the Company was sent forward to secure a beach-head. The first group off the boat was to check that there were no Japanese about to interfere with the landing of the Company. Everything was unloaded very quickly. A patrol, led by Lloyd Sanders of Auckland was sent out to locate the enemy. When they returned they reported killing some Japanese but they found it hard to make progress in the jungle. When more troops arrived a platoon under Lieutenant Doug Shirley of Dunedin was sent out to find the enemy and destroy them".

DAT52 Tk3

Pacific
P166/DAT52
Database ID: 10665

25 OCT 43 - 1943
4'40"

TALK CAPTAIN MAURICE MORGAN

Part 2 of 2

Talk "Action at Last" by Captain Maurice Morgan of Wellington continued.

"Finally our platoon comes back just before nightfall. They had spent four hours under guerilla fire. Lieutenant Doug Shirley and his men have done their job. We lost some grand fellows and determined soldiers".

DAT52 Tk4

Pacific
P165/DAT52
Database ID: 10666

25 OCT 43 - 1943
1'00"

TALK MAJOR ALLAN JOHNSTON KARITANE

Talk by Major Allan Johnston of Karitane, Commanding Officer, 23 Field Company Engineers:-
"We took part in the Treasury Island Operation, NZ Sappers working side by side with American Engineers and CBs. Four weeks ago there were no roads or bridges on this island and now there are miles of them. The bulldozers were invaluable. We landed after the first infantry wave had gone ashore. Roads had to be made to get supplies and vehicles of the beach. Purification plants were set up to produce safe water. Lately we have been doing demolition work and building roads and bridges. We rely on heavy equipment to help us do our work. A RD4 bulldozer equals a company of soldiers a D8 a battalion. These machines are used for everything imaginable including crushing armed strong points".

DAT52 Tk5

Pacific 27 NOV 43 - 1943
P182-183/DAT52 4'52
Database ID: 10667

FUNERAL SERVICE FALAMI CEMETERY

Part 1 of 3

Introduction by NZBU commentator to a Funeral Ceremony at Falamai Cemetery.

"At this cemetery on Mono Island in the Treasury Group, a service was held in memory of the American and New Zealand boys who gave their lives. The cemetery is situated near a beach where some of the fiercest fighting took place. The Commanding general was Brigadier R.A. Row and Padre Pearce says the Lords Prayer".

DAT52 Tk6

Pacific 01 DEC 43 - 1943
P183/DAT52 1'28"
Database ID: 10668

FUNERAL SERVICE FALAMI CEMETERY

Part 2 of 3

A Funeral Ceremony at Falamai Cemetery, Mono Island in the Treasury Group..

Start of Outside Broadcast of funeral service with the parade being called to attention by Colonel Muirson. This is followed by a short commentary by the NZBU announcer. The service continues with an American band playing "God Save The King" followed by the sounding of the "Last Post" and then the firing of a Three Gun Salute.

DAT52 Tk7

Pacific 01 DEC 43 - 1943
P182-183-182/DAT52 5'42"
Database ID: 10669

FUNERAL SERVICE FALAMI CEMETERY

Part 3 of 3 Marked "NOT FOR BROADCAST"

A Funeral Ceremony at Falamai Cemetery, Mono Island in the Treasury Group.

Continuation of the commentary covering the Ceremony at Falamai Cemetery. The playing of the American Anthem was followed by a three gun salute, the Lords Prayer by Padre Pearce and the order for the assembled troops to march off.

DAT52 Tk8

Pacific 01 DEC 43 - 1943
P183/DAT52 4'09"
Database ID: 10670

JUNGLE NOISES NZBU OUTSIDE BROADCAST

Part 1 of 2

Introduction by commentator of the NZBU to "Jungle Noises".

"Stirling Island in the Treasury group, is at present chiefly occupied by New Zealanders. We have put the microphone in the jungle outside the tent to give some idea of the atmosphere".

DAT52 Tk9

Pacific 30 NOV 43 - 1943
P184/DAT52 4'32"
Database ID: 10671

JUNGLE NOISES NZBU OUTSIDE BROADCAST

Part 2 of 2

"Stirling Island in the Treasury group, is at present chiefly occupied by New Zealanders. We have put the microphone in the jungle outside the tent to give some idea of the atmosphere".

DAT52 Tk10

Pacific 30 NOV 43 - 1943
P184/DAT52 4'07"
Database ID: 10672

TALK SGT. HILL, GRAVES REGISTRATION

Talk by Sergeant Hill, Graves Registration, 8th Brigade.

"It is the task of the unit to see that all of the dead, enemy as well, are located and buried. The planning and construction of this cemetery was done in 22 days. The allied cemetery is divided into two parts, one for New Zealanders and the other for the Americans. An enemy plot was made near the New Zealand cemetery. During the fighting the dead are buried in temporary graves and later the bodies are transported to the permanent cemetery. A photograph is taken of every grave and is sent home to the Next of Kin".

DAT52 Tk11

Pacific 02 DEC 43 - 1943
P185/DAT52 4'45"
Database ID: 10681

TALK LT-COL. W.S. MCKINNON 29 LAA.

Talk by Lieutenant Colonel W.S. McKinnon, Commanding Officer, 29 LAA Regiment.

"To fulfil its role an anti-aircraft gun must have a clear view of the sky. This is very difficult in jungle conditions and much bush had to be cleared. Our guns were in action when the Japanese aircraft arrived on the first day. We are now in a position to improve our anti-aircraft defences without much interference from the enemy".

DAT52 Tk12

Pacific 25 NOV 43 - 1943
P185/DAT52 3'49"
Database ID: 10683

TALK LIEUTENANT COLONEL W. A. BRYDEN

Talk "Commanding a Field Artillery Regiment" by Lt-Col. W.A. Bryden of Wellington:-

"Radical changes were involved in the landing on Treasury Islands. Instead of mobile war for which we were equipped with nearly 200 vehicles, we were landed from small landing craft on rocky shores. It was hard to get the guns ashore, but they were in action that afternoon. The signallers were busy laying cables. They established and maintained communications despite countless breaks due to falling trees and the enemy who cut any wire they see. There was the closest co-operation between all the units".

DAT52 Tk13

Pacific 26 NOV 43 - 1943
P186/DAT52 4'25"
Database ID: 10684

TALK LIEUTENANT COLONEL F. L. DAVIS

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Lt-Col. F.L. Davis Commanding Officer, 29th Infantry Battalion. The 29th Infantry Division was one of the first in the Pacific Area, and was originally known as the 5th and 6th reinforcement.

"This infantry battalion comprised of men from all over New Zealand is essentially a Pacific force. The unit was in Fiji for over 14 months then it was returned to New Zealand, in July 1942, and was stationed in the Waikato for further training. It was then sent to New Caledonia on garrison duty. Early in September 1943 it was moved from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal".

DAT52 Tk14

Pacific
P186/DAT52
Database ID: 10685

26 NOV 43 - 1943
3'45"

TALK LIEUTENANT COLONEL F. L. DAVIS

Part 2 of 2

Talk by Lt-Col. F.L. Davis Commanding Officer, 29th Infantry Battalion. The 29th Infantry Division was one of the first in the Pacific Area, and was originally known as the 5th and 6th reinforcement.

"After a stay of a week in Guadalcanal we embarked, on the 25th and 26th October, onto ships and on the 27th October we arrived off the rocky coast of Stirling Island. The Japanese fired on the boats from well sighted machine gun posts down on the water line, but all the boats reached the beach and unloaded the soldiers into the jungle. Our Boat Coxswain was wounded and the Gunman had a bullet lodged in his foot. The first few days were hectic, patrolling in bad weather in jungle country with short rations".

DAT52 Tk15

Pacific
P187/DAT52
Database ID: 10688

26 NOV 43 - 1943
3'41"

TALK BY L/SGT M.E. GRIFFELTHS

Talk by L/Sgt M.E. Griffeths, Wellington of the 38th Forward Regiment.

I was attached to the force that was ordered to establish itself on the northern side of Mono Island at the same time as the main attack was delivered in the south. We were taken to our destination by an American destroyer. We landed safely and had to unload equipment. After landing I was sought out by the Medical Officer as my arm was injured. I was given an injection and next I opened my eyes in a field ambulance on my way to hospital".

DAT52 Tk16

Pacific
P187/DAT52
Database ID: 10690

27 NOV 43 - 1943
3'44"

TALK BY MAJOR G.W. LOGAN CHRISTCHURCH

Talk by Major G.W. Logan of Christchurch, 34 Battalion.

"I led a small force which landed at Sonanotalu, in the north of Mono Island. The Japanese fought mostly by night. They attacked and tried to infiltrate our post but were beaten off night by night. On one occasion a stand was made on the beach inside our perimeter by Captain Les Kirk and Staff Sergeant D.O. Hannifin and ten others. The Japanese charged and when our machine guns were put out the enemy was held off with hand grenades leaving many dead. Mopping up the remnants is nearly completed now".

DAT52 Tk17

Pacific
P188/DAT52
Database ID: 10691

25 NOV 43 - 1943
3'57"

TALK BY BRIGADE EDUCATION OFFICER

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Brigade Education Officer about the work of two of his soldiers.

"One member of the staff is the operator of the film shows. He will sleep in a different tent each night, after showing a film to 600-700 Allied troops. In the morning he has to pack up everything including the screen and move on to the next theatre site where he has to prepare for the next show. Three film units with five operators cover 16 sites on different islands once a week. The other staff member, a private, must know about the AEWS study courses the men are working on. He sorts bundles of magazines for the men to read and makes sure all men get a chance to see any photos taken by the official photographer. He forwarded university exam papers to two soldiers who sat these exams in the Pacific and sent their answers to New Zealand".

DAT52 Tk19

Pacific 06 DEC 43 - 1943
P192/DAT52 3'47"
Database ID: 10694

TALK BY BRIGADE EDUCATION OFFICER

Part 2 of 2

The Brigade Education Officer continues his talk about the work of two of his soldiers.

DAT52 Tk20

Pacific 06 DEC 43 - 1943
P191/DAT52 5'34"
Database ID: 10695

TALK LT-COLONEL K.B. MCKENZIE-MUIRSON

Talk by Lieutenant Colonel K.B. McKenzie-Muirson, Commanding Officer 36th Battalion.

"Mono Island is covered in bush, and there was machine gun fire as we landed. As soon as the fighting troops were ashore they moved ahead to their objective, a perimeter extending some hundreds of yards inland. Fox holes were dug. Parties of Japanese tried unsuccessfully to get back into the area. My company captured the Japanese headquarters, complete with stores and ammunition. Lieutenant Booth with his platoon stormed a ridge and captured two Howitzers and a mortar which had been firing on the beach. Air cover was provided to us by our own RNZAF".

DAT52 Tk18

Pacific 27 NOV 43 - 1943
P188/DAT52 3'55"
Database ID: 10696

TALK BY ADMIRAL WILKINSON OF USN.

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Admiral Wilkinson of the United States Navy.

"We have made good progress in the Pacific in the last six months. We have control of the Central Solomon's and a strong foothold on the northern Island, Bougainville. After frequent encounters at sea and constant air fighting we now have command of air and sea. On September 14 the 14th Brigade, under Brigadier Potter, landed on Vella Lavella. Troops encircled the island from two directions driving the enemy into a small peninsula".

DAT52 Tk21

Pacific 11 DEC 43 - 1943
P191/DAT52 3'55"
Database ID: 10700

TALK BY ADMIRAL WILKINSON OF USN.

Part 2 of 2

Continuation of talk by Admiral Wilkinson of the United States Navy.

"At dawn on the 27 October the 8th Brigade landed on a beach at the head of Blanche Harbour on the Treasury Islands. Despite a number of casualties a beach-head was formed for the landing of the following craft. By the end of the day the 8th Brigade was firmly established ashore. Within the week the island was cleared of the enemy".

DAT52 Tk22

Pacific 11 DEC 43 - 1943
P192/DAT52 2'50"
Database ID: 10702

GREETINGS BASE UNITS BOURAIL CAMP

Greetings from Base Units at Bourail Camp: - Brice Tompkinson, Les Mathews, John Watt.

DAT52 Tk23

Pacific 30 DEC 43 - 1943
P198/DAT52 1'42"
Database ID: 10754

GREETINGS FROM BASE UNITS SIGNALS

Greetings from Base Units Signals:- Gerald Cleverley, Jack Robertson, Ross McPherson, Reg Harlin, Arthur Nicholls, Laurie Miller.

DAT52 Tk24

Pacific 28 DEC 43 - 1943
P198/DAT52 3'27"
Database ID: 10755

GREETINGS BASE UNITS BOURAIL CAMP

Greetings from Base Units Bourail Camp: - Noel Kennedy, Albert Blee?, Bill Dingell, Pat O'Neal, Norman Harrison, Norman Hamilton, Jim McMullen.

DAT52 Tk25

Pacific 30 DEC 43 - 1943
P199/DAT52 4'27"
Database ID: 10756

TALK BILL CHERRY ABOUT CRICKET MATCH

Part 1 of 2

Talk about cricket match by Bill Cherry.

"The match was held at the NZEFIP base on the Island on the 26 - 27 December. The temperature was in the 90s. The teams represented two districts on the island and spectators saw some lively and interesting cricket".

Members of the A team were:-
D.C. Cleverley Auckland (Captain)
T.C. Fraser Dunedin
W.F.C. Johnson Auckland
B.H. Warner Auckland
B.C. Emerson
J.W.A. Rapley Greymouth
E.F. Watkins Auckland
W.W. Palam Auckland
M.B. Doyle Wellington
L.B. Tiley Dannevirke

Members of the B team were:-
T.R. Stallworth Auckland (Captain)
L.A. Wiley Auckland
A.W. Donald Wellington
M.C. Rudman Wellington
N. Lawson Dunedin
E.N. Owen Te Awamutu
R.D. Lang Christchurch
H.J. Irvine Masterton/Auckland
G.C. Shirley Invercargill
G. Kennedy Auckland

DAT52 Tk26

Pacific 30 DEC 43 - 1943
P198/DAT52 2'12"
Database ID: 10757

TALK BILL CHERRY ABOUT CRICKET MATCH

Part 2 of 2
Talk about cricket match by Bill Cherry.

DAT52 Tk27

Pacific 30 DEC 43 - 1943
P199/DAT52 3'59"
Database ID: 10758

GREETINGS FROM OFFICER'S SCHOOL

Greetings from the Officers School: - Doug Easton, Keith Rodley, Jim Brooks, Jim Galloway, Bernie Vile?, Jack Wilson, Brian McIntyre, Bob Sinclair.

DAT52 Tk28

Pacific 29 DEC 43 - 1943
P204/DAT52 3'55"
Database ID: 10759

TALK CORPORAL BLACKWOOD OF HAMILTON

Talk by Corporal Blackwood of Hamilton
"Our Christmas dinner in New Caledonia was great, as good as the average one in New Zealand. Christmas carol services were held. The climate is warm and mosquitoes can be a nuisance. Bird life is scarce, the most common being the Black crow. The food is good but fresh meat and vegetables are not always available. We spend most evenings studying and writing letters. Bridge and housie evenings are held. Twice a week we go to a picture show and sometimes we visit the District YMCA".

DAT52 Tk29

Pacific 29 DEC 43 - 1943
P204/DAT52 2'43"
Database ID: 10760

TALK BRIG. G. E. DITTMER DSO MBE MC

Talk by Brigadier G.E. Dittmer DSO MBE MC NZSC
"Many New Zealanders have little knowledge of the work their soldiers are doing in Fiji. Members of the 2NZEAF serving with the Fiji Military Forces have great admiration for the Fijian soldiers and the units of the Fijian Military Force. These men have taken part in active operations and performed well. There is a New Zealand service club in Suva. A club dance is held weekly. The NZ Patriotic Funds Board provides games, recreational material and equipment. In summer there is an inter-unit cricket competition and in winter a rugby competition. The YMCA Army Welfare Service secretaries with the force help recreation and the NZEWS section runs a mobile library".

DAT52 Tk30

RECORD CARRIES A NOTE "TO PRECEDE GREETINGS IF POSSIBLE"

Pacific 25 FEB 44 - 1944
P224/DAT52 3'45"
Database ID: 10762

GREETINGS FROM U.S. HOSPITAL IN FIJI

Greetings from Service Personnel in U.S. hospital in Fiji:-
Klem Hill, Henry Smith, Sid Besley, Wally Stewart, Doug Hart, Joe O'Connell, Jack McCaw, Les Armstrong

DAT52 Tk31

Pacific 25 FEB 44 - 1944
P224/DAT52 4'13"
Database ID: 10763

GREETINGS FROM RNZAF FIJI

Part 10 ONLY
Greetings from RNZAF Personnel in Fiji:-
Reg Clarkson, Ken Mex, Doug Dunlop, Leo Liner, David Morris, Les Oxford, Norm Bloomfield, John Hendon, Charlie Preddle.

DAT52 Tk32

Pacific 26 FEB 44 - 1944
P231/DAT52 4'00"
Database ID: 10764

TALK BY WING COMMANDER R.J. SINCLAIR

Part 1 only Part 2 "Unavailable"
Talk by Wing Commander R.J. Sinclair:-
"The squadron is stationed at an operational station in the South Pacific and the personnel are slightly older than the fighter squadron's staff. We are a multi-engine squadron, ie we have bomber aircraft. Our function is to closely escort ships in until they are safely berthed, thus deterring enemy subs and other craft. Each patrol lasts about six hours. Our ground staff work in primitive conditions".

DAT65 Tk1

Pacific 29 FEB 44 - 1944
P231/DAT65 4'06"
Database ID: 10765

SCOTTISH MEDLEY BASE DEPOT PIPE BAND

A Scottish medley played by the Base training Depot Pipe Band

DAT65 Tk2

Pacific 08 MAR 44 - 1944
P232/DAT65 3'15"
Database ID: 10766

BRASS BAND BASE TRAINING DEPOT

The Base Training Depot Brass Band playing "The Thin Red Line" (Alford)

DAT65 Tk3

Pacific 08 MAR 44 - 1944
P232/DAT65 3'04"
Database ID: 10767

TALK BY LT-COLONEL J. MCRAE

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Lieut-Colonel J. McCrae of Dunedin, Commandant Base Training Depot, NZEFIP, Bourail, New Caledonia.

"The men here are reinforcements for forward areas and those not fit enough for jungle warfare. Those training as reinforcements, for the Solomons, go through an intensive training course with emphasis on jungle, mountain and amphibious warfare conditions. Training is as realistic as possible. Entertainment for the men is a problem however there are pictures, occasional concerts, and dances. Sport is encouraged. There is a well stocked canteen and base camps are poor places to put in for any length of time".

DAT65 Tk4

Pacific 08 MAR 44 - 1944
P233/DAT65 4'20"
Database ID: 10769

TALK BY LT-COLONEL J. MCRAE

Part 2 of 2

Talk by Lieut-Colonel J. McCrae of Dunedin, Commandant Base Training Depot, NZEFIP, Bourail, New Caledonia.

DAT65 Tk5

Pacific 08 MAR 44 - 1944
P234/DAT65 1'11"
Database ID: 10771

TALK SGT. FRANK HAYES TRAVEL

Talk by Sergeant Frank Hayes, Christchurch. "Travel in New Caledonia".

"There are few travel facilities in the New Zealand sense. There is one small railway and public buses connect most of the outlying areas with Noumea. Many soldiers rely on hitch hiking to get about. You can spend some time waiting for a lift, but you get to know a lot of people. Travel on the public facilities is out of bounds for the soldiers. Hitch hiking has a lot of Pros and Cons and can produce some amusing incidents".

DAT65 Tk6

Pacific 08 MAR 44 - 1944
P234/DAT65 3'15"
Database ID: 10778

HUMOROUS TALK BY SERGEANT EDDIE SHAW

Humorous talk by Sergeant Eddie Shaw of Wellington "The Story of the Mess Hut".

"This is a humorous account of the building of a new mess hut. The hut was made with the help of native labour, with a skeleton framework of niaouli trunks, roofed with bark. The following month a creek flooded and the hut was ruined".

DAT65 Tk7

Pacific 01 MAR 44 - 1944
P233/DAT65 4'15"
Database ID: 10780

PIANO SOLO CAPTAIN ELSTON

Piano solo by Captain Elson marked:- "TEST CUT ONLY".

DAT65 Tk8

Pacific 27 FEB 44 - 1944
P243/DAT65 4'15"
Database ID: 10781

MESSAGES FROM D. CAMERON OF THE NZBU

Messages from Don Cameron of the New Zealand Broadcasting Unit to National Broadcasting Service staff in Wellington and Mrs H.R. Cameron.

"We came over here from Fiji a week ago". Mr Cameron then describes technical aspects of his work in Fiji and New Caledonia and also a description of the faults that had developed in the recording equipment.

DAT65 Tk9

Pacific 09 MAR 44 - 1944
P243/DAT65 4'58"
Database ID: 10782

TALK SENIOR COMMANDER MCLURE NZWAAC

Talk by Senior Commander McLure, Officer Commanding the Kiwi Company of the NZWAAC in New Caledonia.

"The girls work in different parts of New Caledonia. There are detachments at the 4th New Zealand General Hospital, 2nd New Zealand Convalescent Depot, Club at Base Training Depot and The Kiwi Club. Four girls each share a large airy hut and there are attractive recreation huts".

DAT65 Tk10

Pacific 14 MAR 44 - 1944
P248/DAT65 2'40"
Database ID: 10783

TALK BY HOWARD BOTTING

A talk by Howard Botting "A Day Out Of Camp":-

"One day we hiked inland to the central mountain range. The New Caledonian vegetation varied as we left the lowlands and we saw trees similar to those in New Zealand eg manukas, pines, tree fern and kauri. Near the top there were thousands of orchids. We saw an old native burial ground. On the way down we passed through a native village and we were given coconuts and pineapples".

DAT65 Tk249

Pacific 14 MAR 44 - 1944
P249/DAT65 3'03"
Database ID: 10784

GREETINGS FROM 4 GENERAL HOSPITAL

Greetings from 4 General Hospital:-

Bruce Telford, Dannevirke Frank Hardman, Fielding Doug Galbraith, Wellington Percy Yates, Wellington Malcolm Craig, Ngaio Les Craven, Palmerston North Norm Hipwell, Auckland Stan Davis, Wanganui.

DAT65 Tk13

Pacific 14 MAR 44 - 1944
P249/DAT65 4'15"
Database ID: 10786

TALK PADRE HARRY GOFFIN DUNEDIN

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Padre Harry Goffin of Dunedin

"One of our tasks is to see that every man in the unit has the opportunity to attend regular religious services, communion and bible classes. During Easter weekend the four chaplains in this locality conducted twenty services. Hospital visiting is important, as is giving advice on personal problems".

DAT65 Tk14

Pacific 10 APR 44 - 1944
P260/DAT65 4'00"
Database ID: 10787

TALK PADRE HARRY GOFFIN DUNEDIN

Part 2 of 2
Talk by Padre Harry Goffin of Dunedin

DAT65 Tk15

Pacific 10 APR 44 - 1944
P261/DAT65 2'00"
Database ID: 10788

GREETINGS FROM 4 GENERAL HOSPITAL

Greetings from 4 General Hospital:-
Padre Hall, Christchurch Colonel Waterworth, Napier Eric Johnstone, Nelson Raymond Anderson, Wellington Rhyder Fletcher, Khandallah John Bellington, Glenbrook Arthur Campbell, Te Awamutu.

DAT65 Tk12

Pacific 14 MAR 44 - 1944
P248/DAT65 4'12"
Database ID: 10790

GREETINGS FROM GUADALCANAL

Part 9
Greetings from 3 Division Unit on Guadalcanal:-
Jack Holloway, Geoff Miller, Bob McEwing, Harry Inwood, Alex Buchanan, Dick Gorman, Stan Kepple.

DAT65 Tk16

Pacific 10 APR 44 - 1944
P260/DAT65 4'12"
Database ID: 10791

GREETINGS FROM GUADALCANAL

Part 10
Greetings from 3 Division Unit on Guadalcanal:-
Gordon Turner, Dunedin, Les Ho, Oamaru, Cecil Churchill, Christchurch, Ron Blomfield, Nelson, Bill Kirkland, Wellington.

DAT65 Tk17

Pacific 10 APR 44 - 1944
P261/DAT65 4'10"
Database ID: 10793

GREETINGS FROM GUADALCANAL

Part 11
Greetings from 3 Division Unit on Guadalcanal:-
Vic Sampson, Te Aroha, Joe Calhoun, Auckland, George Wylie, Wellington, Len Rumble, Rawhiti, Gordon Mitchell, Auckland, Lew Mears, Dunedin, Bill Gibbons, Wellington.

DAT65 Tk18

Pacific 10 APR 44 - 1944

P262/DAT65

3'17"

Database ID: 10794

INTRODUCTION TO GREETING CALLS

Introduction to Greeting Calls from 3 Division Units in Guadalcanal by the NZBU commentator:-
"This introduction is being made on Easter Monday and the Greetings have already been recorded. This will give you some idea of the setting where the recordings were made. The camp area was once covered with thick bush and this was the scene of heavy fighting as the Americans captured ridge after ridge. Not far away is Henderson airfield. The camp has been greatly improved recently with electric light, running water and showers readily available and an open-air theatre with a fine stage".

DAT65 Tk19

Pacific 10 APR 44 - 1944
P262/DAT65 2'10"

Database ID: 10795

TALK BY BUDGE MEREDITH

Talk by Budge Meredith of Nelson about activities undertaken while troops await action.
"The long periods of waiting between action, call on our ingenuity. Creative talent has flourished, jewellery, cutlery and furniture are established daily. Swimming and diving are popular".

DAT65 Tk20

Pacific 20 APR 44 - 1944
P291/DAT65 2'55"

Database ID: 10890

TALK BY GEORGE PALMER OF MARTON

Part 1 of 2

Talk by George Palmer about an Island half way between Wellington and Tokyo.
"The temperature of 90 deg. in the shade and tropical rainfall makes vegetation grow quickly. There are plenty of coconut trees. We see occasional native villages deserted since the war came to the area".

DAT65 Tk21

Pacific 20 APR 44 - 1944
P292/DAT65 4'09"

Database ID: 10892

TALK BY GEORGE PALMER OF MARTON

Part 2 of 2

Talk by George Palmer continued.
"Scorpions, centipedes, lizards and a reptile similar to a lizard (3 to 4 feet in length) abound. At night small brown toads bark, similar to the yapping of a terrier dog, around the camp. Leisure time is spent at crafts, painting, sketching, or gardening".

DAT65 Tk22

Pacific 20 APR 44 - 1944
P292/DAT65 3'30"

Database ID: 10893

TALK BY ALEC AITKIN "AEWS" WORK

Talk by Alec Aitkin about the work of the "AEWS" somewhere in the Solomons.
"The AEWS is responsible for educational and welfare work in the Solomons. We are handling courses from

1,200 soldier students. Most popular are those dealing with farming but a wide range of courses are available. For a week or so after each action the men are kept busy making a new camp. Then there is a period of relative inactivity when there is time for study. One hundred men are studying for University and a dozen are studying for Post and Telegraph exams".

DAT65 Tk23

Pacific 20 APR 44 - 1944
P292/DAT65 4'08
Database ID: 10894

TALK BY RUSSELL ORR

Part 1 of 2

A Talk by Sgt Russell Orr, a Journalist from Hastings, now a Japanese Interpreter with the 3 NZ Division. "The first time I saw an air raid I was on the beach. Japanese planes bombed landing craft which were unloading ammunition and supplies. One of the bombers attacked and narrowly missed a destroyer. Two planes, one piloted by Squadron Leader Mike Herrick DFC, from Lindis Farm Hawkes Bay, set out to chase the last Japanese plane and shot it down. Of the 15 Japanese planes sent over 11 were destroyed".

DAT65 Tk24

Pacific 18 APR 44 - 1944
P294/DAT65 3'42'
Database ID: 10896

TALK BY RUSSELL ORR

Part 2 of 2

A talk by Sgt Russell Orr, a Journalist from Hastings, now a Japanese Interpreter with the 3 NZ Division. "The Japanese think capture by the enemy means torture and death. When prisoners are treated well their attitude gradually changes".

DAT65 Tk25

Pacific 18 APR 44 - 1944
P295/DAT65 2'57"
Database ID: 10898

TALK LIEUT. COLONEL JOHN BROOKE WHITE

Talk by Lieutenant Colonel John Brooke White "With the Engineers of the 3rd NZ Division"
"Construction of beach landing places, provision of water supply, bridging, road making, demolitions and the clearing of jungle for camps are among the engineers main tasks. Recently they helped the American Naval Seabees with the construction of the airfield on Nissan Island".

DAT65 Tk26

Pacific 20 APR 44 - 1944
P294/DAT65 4'10"
Database ID: 10899

TALK BY LT. COL. J.F. MOFFATT

Part 1 of 2

Talk:- "The 35th Battalion in the Nissan Operation" by Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Moffatt, Commanding Officer. "Every phase of the operation had been discussed weeks before and a commando raid led by Lieutenant Graham had brought back valuable information about the island. 35 and 27 Battalion were responsible for securing Tangalan Plantation, with the 35th Battalion assigned to the southern part. Two beach heads were to be established, one at the southern end of the plantation and the other at Mapiri, further south. This was done without opposition. The Battalion took up a defensive line for the night south of Mapiri. No attempt at infiltration was made by the enemy. Next day the Battalion moved towards East point. searching the whole width of the island".

DAT65 Tk27

Pacific
P296/DAT65
Database ID: 10900

21 APR 44 - 1944
4'30"

TALK BY LT. COL. J.F. MOFFATT

Part 2 of 2

Talk:- "The 35th Battalion in the Nissan Operation" by Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Moffatt, Commanding Officer. "On the third day the objective was South Point. On the fourth day patrols were sent towards the Mission where it was expected the enemy would be found, but no contacts were made. The following day an assault was made on the Mission but the Japanese had fled. An hour later we were joined by the 30th Battalion, moving from the north. On the following day the remaining Japanese were discovered at Taneheran and were prevented from escaping south by Lieutenant Clouston's platoon".

DAT65 Tk28

Pacific
P295/DAT65
Database ID: 10901

21 APR 44 - 1944
3'58"

TALK J.D. ROSE "THE NISSAN OPERATION"

Talk by Captain J.D. Rose of Auckland. "The provision of supplies for the Nissan Operation". "The voyage and the landing on the beach went without incident. Once on the beach riflemen fanned out into the jungle and settled in a perimeter around the beach-head. A bulldozer cleared dump areas for supplies and within a few hours the ship was unloaded. The soldiers had supplies of water and field rations. They were issued with jungle rations the next day. By the third day we were advancing to the south portion of the island. Supply problems were arising as the old road was inadequate. The following day we rounded South Point and headed for the Mission. The Japanese had gone, to be finally annihilated the next day".

DAT65 Tk29

Pacific
P296/DAT65
Database ID: 10902

21 APR 44 - 1944
4'50"

SPORTS TALK LIEUT. B JESSUP AUCKLAND

Sports talk by Lieutenant Bob Jessup of Auckland.

"After the Japanese had been cleared from Nissan Island our company began to make a basketball court. Coconut palms had to be blasted down and the area cleared. At first men were reluctant to play this new game, but later it became very popular".

DAT65 Tk30

Pacific
P297/DAT65
Database ID: 10903

22 APR 44 - 1944
3'12"

TALK SGT P. KRAUSE NISSAN OPERATION

Part 1 of 3

Talk by Sergeant Paul Krause of Saint Helen's Bay Auckland. Sgt Krause took part in the reconnaissance party landing on Nissan Island.

"A Commando raid on Nissan Island was made to make contact with natives in the mission area and to provide protection for specialist personnel who were making various surveys. We searched the mission area but it seemed deserted. The second phase was to survey the coast for possible landing beaches. While we were approaching two camouflaged barges we were attacked by the Japanese who killed the Coxswain and put both gunners out of action. Private Jefferous was responsible for knocking out the Japanese machine gun. Half of our party were killed, including Lieutenant O'Dowd, before we were able to escape".

DAT65 Tk31

Pacific 22 APR 44 - 1944
P298/DAT65 4'12"
Database ID: 10904

TALK SGT P. KRAUSE NISSAN OPERATION

Part 2 of 3

Talk by Sergeant Paul Krause of Saint Helen's Bay Auckland continued.
"At midnight barges came to take us off the Island. The Kiwis use their ingenuity to make life on Nissan bearable. They have rigged up showers to help overcome the shortage of fresh water and make various pieces of furniture for their tents".

DAT66 Tk1

Pacific 22 APR 44 - 1944
P300/DAT66 4'12"
Database ID: 10905

TALK SGT P. KRAUSE NISSAN OPERATION

Part 3 of 3

Talk by Sergeant Paul Krause of Saint Helen's Bay Auckland continued.
"Pig hunting is another popular activity".

DAT66 Tk2

Pacific 22 APR 44 - 1944
P297/DAT66 0'50"
Database ID: 10906

TALK SGT R. PINK NISSAN OPERATION

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Sergeant Robert Pink of Hamilton about the landing and taking of Nissan Island.
"The soldiers have made many articles to make life on Nissan more comfortable. We go swimming, play cards or write letters. There is a YMCA tent and we arrange concerts amongst ourselves". "During our trip to Nissan we were attacked by enemy planes but no damage was done. we landed in the early hours of the morning".

DAT66 Tk3

Pacific 21 APR 44 - 1944
P298/DAT66 3'22"
Database ID: 10907

TALK BY SGT R. PINK, TAKING OF NISSAN

Part 2 of 2

Talk by Sergeant Robert Pink of Hamilton about the landing and taking of Nissan Island.
"We were not fired on as we landed. We set out to search for the Japanese. After a few days of slogging through the jungle we cornered a party of Japanese and attacked them. soon the enemy was cleared from the Island. now that the fighting is over we have time to meet some of the natives and talk to them in pidgin English".

DAT66 Tk4

Pacific 21 APR 44 - 1944
P299/DAT66 2'45"
Database ID: 10908

TALK SGT H.L. NELSON ABOUT NISSAN

Talk "An Infantry Platoon Sergeant in the Nissan Operation" by Sgt. H.L. Nelson of Whangarei.
"The day after the Roman Catholic mission was captured I received orders to take a small patrol across the Island to the south coast to locate enemy in that area. We found five Japanese and went back to report. We returned with a strong patrol led by Lieutenant Bob Clouston of Blenheim and when it was discovered that there were more Japanese than we expected, we were joined by other units. The resulting action resulted in the death of over 60 Japanese".

DAT66 Tk5

Pacific 21 APR 44 - 1944
P299/DAT66 4'57"
Database ID: 10909

TALK WO2 STANLEY HENRY

Talk by Warrant Officer Stanley Henry.
"After the journey to the island we unloaded the barges and spent days moving through the jungle searching for Japanese. After the Island was cleared a camp was established once more. Basketball was played. The Padre and the YMCA helped defeat the enemy called Boredom".

DAT66 Tk6

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944
P300/DAT66 3'50'
Database ID: 10910

TALK MAJ. H. TAYLOR FIELD ENGINEERS

Part 1 of 2

A talk by Major H. J. Taylor about the work of a Field Company of Engineers.
"The work of a Field Company of Engineers in island warfare is varied. The first task on landing is to clear an area where the contents of the ship can be stacked. Jungle clearing would be impossible without bulldozers. Roads have to be made in the jungle. After the trees have been pushed aside the bulldozer scrapes off the muddy top soil, forms a foundation and spreads pulverised coral on this. Sometimes demolition crews have to remove large outcrops of coral. Bridges and culverts must be strong. Native bush timber is used for making them, particularly the long straight trunks of coconut palms".

DAT66 Tk7

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944
P301/DAT66 4'23"
Database ID: 10911

TALK MAJ. H. TAYLOR FIELD ENGINEERS

Part 2 of 2

A talk by Major H. J. Taylor about the work of a Field Company of Engineers continued.
"The Engineers are responsible for the supply of drinking water. A native thatched roof church has been constructed as a memorial to the men killed on the island and a tribute to the natives whose church was destroyed. In their free time the men make trinkets, cutlery, jewellery etc. Some have made sailing boats and canoes and others make native huts".

DAT66 Tk8

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944
P302/DAT66 3'40"
Database ID: 10912

TALK BY LT. COLONEL FRANK DAVIS

Talk by Lieutenant Frank Davis of Christchurch "Life in a tiny island group".
"Life in this tiny island group is made up of a little fighting, administrative duties and some military training. The men still have time left to spend on such things as improving their jungle homes, handicrafts, writing, painting and sports. Skin rashes have been quite common. The New Zealanders enjoy contact with the American

servicemen".

DAT66 Tk11

Pacific 08 MAY 44 - 1944
P302/DAT66 4'50"
Database ID: 10913

GREETINGS FROM 54 ANTI TANK BATTERY

Greetings from members of the 54th Anti tank battery:-
Jack Lamon - Auckland, Clarence Newington - Washdyke, Jack Shepherd - Auckland, Rod Rowlands -
Milford, Des Paris - Birkenhead, Gerald Wall - Kawakawa, Ray Buckley - Whangarei.

DAT66 Tk10

Pacific 08 MAY 44 - 1944
P303/DAT66 3'21"
Database ID: 10914

TALK BY LIEUT. G. UTTING

Part 1 of 2

Talk about life on the Solomons Islands by Lieutenant G. Utting.

"Life on the island has fallen into three parts. First there was the, period of attack against the Japanese Garrison which lasted a month. The, second period, that of development and defensive action, lasted until, the end of February. Each unit settled down and the camp built up. The, base took shape. A network of roads was made. From February onwards the, battalion took up garrison duties. Patrols and look-outs were still, maintained".

DAT66 Tk11

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944
P303/DAT66 4'22'
Database ID: 10915

TALK BY LIEUT. G. UTTING

Part 2 of 2

Talk life on the Solomons Islands by Lieutenant G. Utting continued

"Now sports meetings and aquatic carnivals can be held. Rashes and skin, troubles are less troublesome. Boating, swimming, sun-bathing and, competitive sports take up time. A Battalion magazine is being, produced."

DAT66 Tk12

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944
P301/DAT66 2'42"
Database ID: 10916

TALK CAPT SANDFORD TREASURY ISLANDS

Part 1 of 2

Talk by Captain K.L. Sandford of Hamilton"The Treasury Islands".

"The Treasury Islands are Mono Island and Stirling Island, both of, volcanic origin. Mono is seven miles across, hilly and covered in jungle while Stirling is a low island about 5 miles long. Falamai used to be the, Japanese headquarters. Their ammunition dump was in a native church. The, church was not damaged during the New Zealanders assault on the village, but was destroyed later by the Japanese who were firing from the hills. A new church has been built and by it stands the American and New, Zealand cemetery. On the opposite side of the island is Soanotalu, where, one of the fiercest engagements with the enemy took place".

DAT66 TK13

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944

P304/DAT66 3'47"
Database ID: 10917

TALK CAPT SANDFORD TREASURY ISLANDS

Part 2 of 2

Talk by Captain K.L. Sandford of Hamilton "The Treasury Islands", continued.

"Here the New Zealanders first encountered the full meaning of Japanese, night fighting, but soon they were beating the enemy at it. The heat, is stifling in the jungle but this is a beautiful place also".

DAT66 Tk14

Pacific 09 MAY 44 - 1944
P305/DAT66 1'57"
Database ID: 10918

INTRODUCTION TO FMC. MALE CHOIR

Part 1 of 3

Introduction to FMC. Male Choir at Guadalcanal by the NZBU Commentator.

DAT66 Tk17

Pacific 12 MAY 44 - 1944
P305/DAT66 0'40"
Database ID: 10919

FMC. MALE CHOIR GUADALCANAL

Part 2 of 3

FMC Male Choir at Guadalcanal singing "Be still my soul", Conductor - Padre Harry Goffin of Dunedin.

DAT66 Tk15

Pacific 17 MAY 44 - 1944
P304/DAT66 3'10"
Database ID: 10920

FMC. MALE CHOIR GUADALCANAL

Part 3 of 3

FMC Male Choir at Guadalcanal singing "God has made this earth and, heaven", Conductor - Padre Harry Goffin of Dunedin.

DAT66 Tk16

Pacific 17 MAY 44 - 1944
P305/DAT66 2'25"
Database ID: 10921

SONGS BY NATIVES OF GUADALCANAL

Part 1 of 3 DAT66 Tk18

Introduction to items by NZBU commentator.

Part 2 of 3 DAT66 Tk19

Natives singing "Roundala".

Part 3 of 3 DAT66 Tk20

Natives singing "Vavani".

Pacific 15 MAY 44 - 1944

P310-311/DAT66 4'19'
Database ID: 10922

SONGS BY NATIVES OF NEW GEORGIA

Part 1 of 3 DAT66 Tk21
Introduction to items by NZBU commentator.

Part 2 of 3 DAT66 Tk22
Natives singing "A Japanese Lament" (Pidgin English).

Part 3 of 3 DAT66 Tk23
Natives singing "Ala Leta" (The letter).

Pacific 15 MAY 44 - 1944
P310-311/DAT66 5'47"
Database ID: 10923

SONG BY MEN OF FIJI MILITARY FORCES

Song "Isalei" by individuals from the forward base, Fiji Military Forces.

DAT66 Tk24

Pacific 17 MAY 44 - 1944
P310/DAT66 2'16"
Database ID: 10924

TALK BY LIEUTENANT JACK GRAHAM

Talk by Lieutenant Jack Graham of Auckland "Life in the Treasury, Islands"
"Life in the Treasury Islands is characterised by foxholes, coconuts, unloading 44 gallon drums of petrol, tropical showers, patrolling, through the jungle, swimming, impromptu concerts and letters from home".

DAT66 Tk25

Pacific 08 MAY 44 - 1944
P312/DAT66 4'05"
Database ID: 10925

GREETINGS FROM 7 FIELD AMBULANCE

Part 2 only
Greetings from men of the 7 Field Ambulance:-
Eric Vivian - Christchurch, Alan Archer - Palmerston North, Owen Dobson - Hastings, Harold Parkinson - Marton, Rusty Andrew - Christchurch, John Perez? - Mount Albert, Gordon Greer - Palmerston North.

DAT66 Tk26

Pacific 08 MAY 44 - 1944
P312/DAT66 4'20"
Database ID: 10926

2YA CONCERT PARTY IN NEW CALEDONIA

Part 1 of 31
Introduction. The concert party was held in the Base Training Depot
P339 Cut2/DAT66 Tk27
Duration 1'55"

Part 2 of 31
Chorus "Sons of the Brave" by the Company

P338/DAT66 Tk28
Duration 2'37"

Part 3 of 31
Vocal Duet "You'll Never Know" by Doreen Calvert & Yvonne Andrews
P337/DAT66 Tk29
Duration 3'25"

Part 4 of 31
Vocal Duet "Electric Girl" by Doreen Calvert & Yvonne Andrews
P329 Cut1/DAT66 Tk30
Duration 1'20"

Part 5 of 31
Vocal Duet "A Lazy Lack a Daisy Melody" by Doreen Calvert & Yvonne Andrews
P336/DAT66 Tk31
Duration 2'46"

Part 6 of 31
Original not kept

Original marked defective
Unlabelled Item: Comedy Act by Jack Maybury and Sylvia Devinney
P337/DAT66 Tk32
Duration 4'40"

Part 7 of 31
Saxophone solo "Girls are made to love and kiss" by Henry Rudolph
P338/DAT66 Tk33
Duration 2'30"

Pacific
P329-P339/DAT66
Database ID: 10927

08 JUN 44 - 1944
19'33"

2YA CONCERT PARTY IN NEW CALEDONIA

Part 8 of 31
Contralto Solo "Night and Day" sung by Dorothy Kemp
P335/DAT66 Tk34
Duration 2'25"

Part 9 of 31
Sketch "Big Bertha" by Jack Maybury and Sylvia Devinney
P328/DAT66 Tk35
Duration 3'41"

Part 10 of 31
Comedy song "Paradise" by Sylvia Devinney
P329 Cut 2/DAT66 Tk36
Duration 1'25"

Part 11 of 31
Original Not Kept

Part 12 of 31
Baritone Solo "Dusty Road" by Stuart Harvey
P335/DAT66 Tk37
Duration 2'15"

Part 13 of 31
Baritone Solo "Shortnin' Bread" by Stuart Harvey
P333/DAT66 Tk38
Duration 3'27"

Part 14 of 31
Original Not Kept

Pacific
P328-P335/DAT66

08 JUN 44 - 1944
13'13"

Database ID: 10928

2YA CONCERT PARTY IN NEW CALEDONIA

Part 15 of 31
Vocal Solo "You'd be so nice to come home to" by Audrey McNamara
P336/DAT67 Tk1
Duration 2'40"

Part 16 of 31
"The Swiss Bellringer" by the Melody Maids and Henry Rudolph
P334/DAT67 Tk2
Duration 2'45"

Part 17 of 31
Chorus "Lena" by the Melody maids and Henry Rudolph
P329/DAT67 Tk3
Duration 1'48"

Part 18 of 31
Original Not Kept

Part 19 of 31
Piano Solo "Sugar" by Peter Jeffereys
P339/DAT67 Tk4
Duration 1'38"

Part 20 of 31
Original not kept

Part 21 of 31
Vocal duet "Sweethearts" by Stuart Harvey and Merle Gamble
P328/DAT67 Tk5
Duration 2'41"

Pacific 08 JUN 44 - 1944
P328-P339/DAT67 11'32"
Database ID: 10929

2YA CONCERT PARTY IN NEW CALEDONIA

Part 22 of 31
Vocal Duet "Waiata Poi" by Stuart Harvey and Merle Gamble
P339/DAT67 Tk6
Duration 2'08"

Part 23 of 31
Original not kept

Part 24 of 31
Bass solo "Home James and Don't Spare the Horses" by Walter Marshall
P330/DAT67 Tk7
Duration 2'12"

Part 25 of 31
Bass Solo "Ethel" by Walter Marshall.
P330/DAT67 Tk8
Duration 2'15"

Part 26 of 31
Original not kept.

Part 27 of 31
Cavalcade of songs by the Company. "Love here is my heart"
P330/DAT67 Tk9
Duration 3'00"

Part 28 of 31

Cavalcade of songs selected by the Company from "The Student Prince"
P331/DAT67 Tk10
Duration 3'11"

Pacific 08 JUN 44 - 1944
P330-P339/DAT67 12'46"
Database ID: 10930

2YA CONCERT PARTY IN NEW CALEDONIA

Part 29 of 31
Chorus. Vocal interpretation of Rachmanioff's Prelude in C-Sharp Major.
P334/DAT67 Tk11
Duration 4'40"

Part 30 of 31
Original not kept

Part 31 of 31
Finale. "Coming in on a wing and a prayer" by the chorus.
P331/DAT67 Tk12
Duration 4'05"

Commentator's Announcements
P333/DAT67 Tk13 to 20

Original marked defective and unlabelled Vocal Duet "Sweethearts" sung by Stuart Harvey and Merle Gamble
P332/DAT67 Tk21
Duration 3'10"

Pacific 08 JUN 44 - 1944
P328-P338/DAT67 11'55"
Database ID: 10931

TALK BY DORIAN SALKER HITCH HIKING

Talk by Dorian Salker "Hitch hiking in New Caledonia".
"When 3 Division was in New Caledonia it was easy to hitch hike around the country. There were many jeeps and trucks on the roads. Sometimes it could be hard to find a bed at the end of the journey if there was not a camp handy. Once I slept in an ambulance and once in a school".

DAT67 Tk22

Pacific 10 JUN 44 - 1944
P340/DAT67 3'46"
Database ID: 10932

GREETINGS FROM NZEFIP TRANSIT CAMP 1

Greetings from No1 Transit Camp, NZEFIP
Bert Barnett - Wellington, Les Barrett - Takapuna, Frank Best - Wellington, Bill Boyd - Orakei, Pat Walker - Auckland, Ray Edmonds - Palmerston North, Felix Wood - Christchurch, Fred Cutler - Palmerston North.

DAT67 Tk23

Pacific 17 JUN 44 - 1944
P340/DAT67 4'07"
Database ID: 10933

GREETINGS FROM A BASE SUPPLY DEPOT

Greetings from a Base Supply Depot:-
Eric Graham - Christchurch, Frank Ferguson - Outram, Otago, Wally Read - Devenport, Ray Knott - Wellington, Percy Holt - Timaru, Geoff Ganoway - Auckland, Vic Frive? - Wellington

DAT67 Tk24

Pacific 16 JUN 44 - 1944
P341/DAT67 3'50"
Database ID: 10934

GREETINGS FROM PORT STAFF NOUMEA

Greetings from Noumea Port Depot Staff:-
Squadron Leader Cecil Franks - Wellington, Colin Bruce - Wellington, Harold Heslop - Nelson, Eric Coombe -
Hutt City, Bob Campbell - Wellington, Max Pearson - Auckland, Doug Garrett - Auckland, Pat Davies -
Gisborne, Les Houston - Auckland

DAT67 Tk26

Pacific 15 JUN 44 - 1944
P352/DAT67 4'25"
Database ID: 10935

HENRI PENN PIANO & STANLEY OLDS ORGAN

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" played by Henri Penn on the piano and, Stanley Olds playing the organ.

DAT67 Tk26

Pacific 11 JUN 44 - 1944
P352/DAT67 3'48"
Database ID: 10936

NZBU TECHNICIAN TESTING RECORDER

Track marked defective.
Blank cut on acetate due to a technical fault with disc recorder. The last 58 seconds of cut carries a brief
explanation by the NZBU, technician of the reason for the failure.

DAT67 Tk27

Pacific 16 JUN 44 - 1944
P362/DAT67 0'58"
Database ID: 10937

TALK BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW CALEDONIA M.J. TALLEC

Part 1 of 2
Talk by His excellency the Governor of New Caledonia, M. Jacques Tallec.
"The people of New Caledonia made the New Zealand soldiers welcome. The New Zealand Army gave
medical and dental treatment to New Caledonians in isolated areas. The day after Pearl Harbour the leader of
fighting France declared war against Japan and placed the French Pacific territories at the disposal of the
Allies. In October 1942 the first New Zealand troops arrived in Noumea. At first the New Zealand force did
garrison duty. Later the Division changed to a combat role and most soldiers left New Caledonia".

DAT67 Tk28

Pacific 16 JUN 44 - 1944
P362/DAT67 4'10"
Database ID: 10938

TALK BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW CALEDONIA M.J. TALLEC

Part 2 of 2
Talk by His excellency the Governor of New Caledonia, M. Jacques Tallec continued.

"Just recently we have seen the New Zealand soldiers return, their work well done. New Caledonian soldiers are returning from the Middle East and Italy. Both New Caledonians and New Zealanders have gained from the association between their countries".

DAT67 Tk29

Pacific 16 JUN 44 - 1944
P341/DAT67 2'40"
Database ID: 10939

PACIFIC WAR - TALK BY JIMMY BLOGGS COMPARING WARS

Talk by Warrant Officer Jimmy Bloggs, of the RNZAF APO 361, comparing the weapons and communication systems used today with those used in the 1914-18 war. At the end he sends greetings to Naomi and the children.

DAT67 Tk31

Pacific 03 OCT 43 - 1943
U117/DAT67 1'37"
Database ID: 11609

RNZAF YMCA APO 361 COMMUNITY SINGING

RNZAF APO 361 personnel singing the Hymn "When The Roll Is Called Up yonder" in the YMCA Hut.

DAT67 Tk30

Pacific 31 OCT 43 - 1943
U117/DAT67 1'35"
Database ID: 11611

RNZAF YMCA APO 361 COMMUNITY SINGING

RNZAF APO 361 personnel singing the Hymn "Oh Come All Ye faithful" in the YMCA Hut.

DAT67 Tk32

Pacific 31 OCT 43 - 1943
U117/DAT67 1'38"
Database ID: 11612

RNZAF YMCA APO 361 COMMUNITY SINGING

RNZAF APO 361 personnel singing the songs "Bless them All" and "Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major" in the YMCA Hut.

DAT67 Tk33

Pacific 31 OCT 43 - 1943
U117/DAT67 1'35"
Database ID: 11613

NZ PRISONERS OF WAR MESSAGES HOME FROM SINGAPORE

Messages home to New Zealand from some POWs, broadcast over the New Zealand Air Force radio station in Singapore, after being brought out from Bangkok and Palembang, Sumatra the day before.

DAT156 Tk13

Europe 21 SEP 45 - 1945
U940/DAT156 4'32"

Database ID: 12897

LETTER FROM WING COMMANDER HUGH NICHOL POW BATAVIA

An announcer on the New Zealand Air Force radio station in Singapore reads a letter from Wing Commander Hugh Nichol. He is the Commander of the POW camp at Batavia known as Circle Camp, addressed to Squadron Leader Richard DE Laparrel? Officer Commanding the RNZAF unit in the prison. The letter was marked "Only To Be opened After Evacuation".

DAT156 Tk14

Asia 26 SEP 45 - 1945
U940/DAT156 4'54"
Database ID: 12898

HOSPITAL CONDITIONS IN JAPANESE OCCUPIED JAVA

Mr J. B. Henderson of Cable Wireless talks about Hospital conditions and food rationing in a Prisoner of War camp in Java. Mr Henderson was interned as a civilian and worked in the Dysentery Ward He and of the patients that passed through the ward very few are now alive. He also describes the terrible scavenging that hunger drove the people to.

DAT156 Tk15

Asia 30 SEP 45 - 1945
U939/DAT156 5'05"
Database ID: 12899

U SERIES - JAPANESE CONVOY SMASHED AT NEW GUINEA

Original recording on U4478.
Preservation copy on DAT717 Tk32. Duplicate copy on DAT923 Tk36.

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CUT 1 of U4478 side 2

A talk by an unknown speaker recorded from short wave radio about the problems being faced by the Japanese in the Pacific area. They were having difficulty building up new defence bases because of the Allied air supremacy. This air power had succeeded in stopping all but three out of eight attempts to bring in reinforcements by sea in the Bula area.

Pacific 13 JAN 43 - 1943
U4478/DAT717 1'28"
Database ID: 17383

CORAL SEA BATTLE - AIR VICE MARSHALL IAN MORRISON

A four part talk by Air Vice Marshall Ian Morrison. He is interviewed by Rhys Richards, for a programme marking the 50th anniversary of the battle of the Coral Sea. This was the decisive naval battle that halted the south-bound expansion of Japan in the Pacific War. (DOCUMENTS)

Parts 1 and 2. T7606 - T7607

This section of the Air Vice Marshalls talk opens with events leading up to the Coral Sea Battle, the land war in the Solomon Islands. It includes a description of the role played by New Zealanders, Fijians, Tongans & Solomon Islanders.
Duration 7'38"

Part 3. T7608

The Air vice Marshall tells of the activities of the NZ Airforce in the Solomons and Papua New Guinea.
Duration 11'16"

Part 4 T7609

Ian Morrison talks about his personal experiences as a young New Zealand Airman and about his unit moving

further north from their first base in Espirito Santo.
Duration 15'21"

Part 5 T7610

This section covers the work of Air Vice Marshall Ian Morrison has been doing to ensure that appropriate memorials were raised, for Solomon Islanders as well as foreigners, at the 50th Anniversary celebrations in August 1992.
Duration 10'41"

New Zealand
T7606-10

11 MAY 92 - 1992
48'39"

Database ID: 21660