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during the occupation of Japan
between
1945 - 1948

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The J Force Series, or "J" Series as it is known, consists of a set of recordings made by the New Zealand Broadcasting Service during the Allied Occupation of Japan following the capitulation of the Japanese at the end of WWII in August 1945.

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OCCUPATION FORCE - JAPAN: 1945 - 48

Following the capitulation of Japan in August 1945, New Zealand agreed to join with the United Kingdom, India, and Australia in the formation of a 40,000-strong British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan.

Late in 1945, 9 Brigade was raised from soldiers of the 2nd New Zealand Division in Italy. The 4320-strong force (J-Force) sailed from Naples in February 1946, arriving in Kure at the southern end of Japan's main island Honshu, on 19 March. The allocated area of occupation included the Hiroshima Prefecture.

The Brigade took over three Japanese repatriation centres and supervised the repatriation of almost 300,000 Japanese soldiers and illegal Korean immigrants. Koreans attempting to infiltrate into Japan seeking employment were checked at strong points manned at several coastal towns.

In addition, New Zealanders patrolled the whole of Yamaguchi Province to detect hidden arms and war equipment, reporting war supplies for destruction: they supervised local elections and, to some extent, local administration ensuring that occupation orders were carried out in offices and schools.

The original members of J-Force were repatriated to New Zealand in July 1946 and their places were taken by volunteers from New Zealand who enlisted for 12 months' service.

In Mid - 1947 a further relief of volunteers took place, however, due to the nature of the military tasks connected with the occupation, the strength of J-Force was reduced to 2400.

Early in 1948, the New Zealand Government with the concurrence of the United States Government decided to withdraw the Force and it was returned to New Zealand between July and October of that year.

NOTES

PRESERVATION COPYING

Because of the age of the material and the conditions under which the discs were recorded and originally stored it became necessary for Sound Archives to embark upon a major preservation exercise. Many of the two hundred or so discs were deteriorating 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 enables us to access the experiences of New Zealanders in the post war Occupation Force in Japan 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 a more extensive description of the contents.

When ordering material from Sound Archives you should quote the **TITLE**, **PRESERVATION TAPE & TRACK NUMBERS** and **SOUND ARCHIVES DATABASE NUMBER**.

SAMPLE DATABASE ENTRY

Title→	REPLACEMENTS ARRIVE IN JAPAN	
Precis →	Commentary by John Spedding on the arrival of J Force replacements in Japan. The soldiers travelled to Japan on the "Empire Pride", a modern troopship. They arrived at the entrance to Kure Harbour in the evening and entered the harbour next morning in sunny weather. The next day they would be transported to their destinations by train. Soldiers waiting to go home would sail in two or three weeks.	
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OPENING THEME MUSIC "KIWIS IN JAPAN"

Opening theme music for "Kiwis in Japan", 1945-48.

DAT33 Tk2

Japan - 1945
J1/DAT33 1'10"
Database ID: 9381

THEME MUSIC "KIWIS IN JAPAN"

J Force - Closing theme music for "Kiwis in Japan" 1945-48.

DAT33 Tk3

Japan - 1945
J2/DAT33 '35"
Database ID: 9382

REPLACEMENTS ARRIVE IN JAPAN

Commentary, by John Spedding, on the arrival of J Force replacements in Japan, 1945. The soldiers travelled to Japan on "Empire Pride", a modern troopship. They arrived at the entrance to Kure harbour in the evening, and entered the harbour next morning in sunny weather. The next day they would be transported to their destination by train. Soldiers waiting to go home would sail in two or three weeks.

DAT33 Tks4-5

Japan - 1945
J3/DAT33 8'21"
Database ID: 9383

GREETINGS: NZ SIGNAL COMPANY AT CHOFU

Greetings from men of the NZ Signal Company at Chofu;
Bill Wright, John Pye-Smith, Fred Press, Gus Howie.

DAT33 Tk6

Japan - 1945
J56/DAT33 2'05"
Database ID: 9384

KOREAN REPATRIATION FROM JAPAN

I/v with Lance Corporals Henry Smith & Richard Larkin, of C Company, 22nd Battalion. A Guard from C Company, 22nd Battalion, was chosen to help repatriate 2,500 Koreans to their homeland. The Guard comprised an officer, 16 men, an interpreter, a cook and an orderly. The voyage to Pusan took 11 days. The Guard had good quarters but the Koreans were crowded. There were 5 deaths during the voyage. Precautions had to be taken against cholera. There were 3 births during the voyage. Four Koreans made unsuccessful attempts to escape.

DAT33 Tks7-8

Japan - 1945
J56-J57/DAT33 4'55'

Database ID: 9385

SCRAP DUMP AT CHOFU

A talk by Johnny Penketh. Along the waterfront at Chofu there are dumps of wrecked aeroplanes, hundreds of tons of scrap metal, and rows of damaged aircraft engines. Japanese workmen are making pots and pans from melted down metal.

DAT33 Tk9

Japan - 1945
J57/DAT33 3'23"
Database ID: 9386

TOKYO GUARD CHANGE-OVER CEREMONY PT1

Commentary of a guard change-over ceremony which took place in front of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. A Battalion from the British Commonwealth Forces was stationed in Tokyo to man some of the main guard positions in the city. On this occasion the NZ Brigade was taking over from the Australians who had been the fourth Battalion to do this duty.

DAT33 Tk10

Japan - 1945
J58/DAT33 3'38"
Database ID: 9387

GUARD CHANGE AT BRITISH EMBASSY PT2

A description of the ceremony at the British Embassy in Tokyo, where a Maori Squadron of the Div. Cav. Regiment relieved the Australians.

DAT33 Tks11-12

Japan - 1945
J58-59/DAT33 3'74"
Database ID: 9388

MAORI COMMENTARY GUARD CHANGE PT3

Commentary in Maori on Guard change-over ceremony at the British Embassy in Tokyo, by Lieut. W. Haig.

DAT33 Tk13

Japan - 1945
J59/DAT33 2'46"
Database ID: 9389

GUARD CHANGE CEREMONY PT4

Sgt. Major Stuart Nicholls describes a guard change-over ceremony from the point of view of those on parade. A Maori squadron of the Div. Cav. Regiment relieves the Australian Battalion at the British Embassy in Tokyo. It was very hot in battledress. The Japanese spectators seemed very impressed by the parade.

DAT34 Tk12

Numbers of Americans also watched the parade. Sgt. Major Nicholls was honoured to be one of the first New Zealanders to go on this duty.

DAT34 Tk14

Japan - 1945
J60-61/DAT34 4'26"
Database ID: 9390

GREETINGS FROM TOKYO GUARD BATTALION

Greetings from members of the Guard Battalion stationed in Tokyo:

Part 1

John Forest, Tony Potae, Noel Coleman, Ted Emery, Charlie Tatei.

Part 2

Peter Hodges, Noel Coleman & Ted Emery.

DAT33 Tks16-17

Japan - 1945
J60-61/DAT33 6'00"
Database ID: 9393

MAJOR MONTY SEARANCKE, IN MAORI

Part 1.
Major Monty Searancke gives a talk in Maori.

Part 2.
Major Monty Searancke gives a brief translation of his talk and sends greetings from the Maori Squadron. He says they are in good health and the food is good. There are 165 officers and men in the squadron. He describes some of their occupational duties.

Major Searancke sends greetings home and then "Piki Mai" is sung in Maori by members of J Force.

NOTE
See DBASE ID#9400 for details of Part 3 which is recorded on DAT33 Tk20

DAT33 Tks18-19

Japan - 1946
J64-65-66/DAT33 8'57"
Database ID: 9395

GREETINGS FROM D SQUADRON

Greetings from D Squadron, Div. Cav. Regiment, in Maori & English.

Part 1
Greetings in Maori DAT33 Tk21

Part 2
Greetings, some in Maori " Tk23

Part 3
Greetings " Tk24

Part 4
Greetings " Tk25

DAT33 Tks21/23-25

Japan - 1946
J65-67-68/DAT33 10'65"
Database ID: 9398

MAORI SONG "POATARAU"

Mr Buster Brown sends Greetings & "Poatarau" sung in Maori by J Force troops.

DAT33 Tk27

Japan - 1945
J64/DAT33 1'33"
Database ID: 9399

"PIKI MAI" SUNG IN MAORI

See Data Base ID9395 for details about Parts 1 & 2 of this series.

Part 3
Major Monty Searancke sends greetings home and then "Piki Mai" is sung in Maori by members of J Force.

DAT33 Tk20

Japan - 1945
J66/DAT33 1'59"
Database ID: 9400

"IN THE MOOD" SUNG IN MAORI

"In the Mood" sung in Maori by members of J Force.

DAT33 Tk22

Japan - 1945
J66/DAT33 2'07"
Database ID: 9401

"TE ARAWA" SUNG IN MAORI

Greetings followed by "Te Arawa" sung in Maori by members of J Force.

DAT33 Tk26

Japan - 1945
J68/DAT33 2'45"
Database ID: 9402

NO 4 COMPANY, 27TH BATTALION DINNER

Dinner for No 4 Company, 27th Battalion, at Tokiyama (J69-71).

Part 1.

I/v with Corporal Ted Bray. The dinner takes the form of a birthday party for 4 soldiers of the Company. Corporal Bray explains how birthdays are celebrated in the Company.

DAT33 Tk28

Japan - 1946
J69/DAT33 2'17"
Database ID: 9405

GREETINGS NO4 COMPANY 27TH BATTALION

Dinner for No 4 Company, 27th Battalion, at Tokiyama (J69-71).

Part 2.

Messages from Johnny Hollick, Bob Dawson & Lionel Whitlow. Sgt. Kev Bradford proposes the toast.

DAT33 Tk29

Japan - 1946
J70/DAT33 3'11"
Database ID: 9407

DINNER NO 4 COMPANY, 27TH BATTALION

Dinner for No 4 Company, 27th Battalion at Tokiyama (J69-71).

Part 3.

Song "For they are jolly good fellows".

Lieut. Harry Jones replies to the toast and sends greetings.

DAT33 Tk30

Japan - 1946
J69/DAT33 2'30"
Database ID: 9408

DINNER FOR NO 4 COMPANY, 27TH BATTALION

Dinner for No 4 Company, 27th Battalion, at Tokiyama (J69-71).

Part 4.

I/v with the Cook, Private Lindsay McLeod.

The meal was made completely from rations as the Japanese are very short of food. There are 2 New Zealanders and 3 Japanese to cook for 65-75 soldiers in camp. The menu was: roast beef, gravy, potatoes, carrots, peas, followed by fruit

salad, jelly, ice-cream & fruit cake.

DAT33 Tk31

Japan - 1946
J70/DAT33 1'59"
Database ID: 9411

DINNER FOR NO 4 COMPANY, 27TH BATTALION

Dinner for No 4 Company, 27th Battalion, at Yokiyama.

Part 5.
Greetings from Theo Barber, Bill Campbell, Stuart Miller & John Holland.

DAT33 Tk32

Japan - 1946
J71/DAT33 3'23"
Database ID: 9413

DINNER FOR NO. 4 COMPANY, 27 BATTALION

Dinner for No 4 Company, 27 Battalion, at Yokiyama (J69-71).

Part 6.
Greetings from Private W. Wollerman who then plays a piano solo "Smoke gets in your eyes".

DAT33 Tk34

Japan - 1946
J71/DAT33 2'26"
Database ID: 9414

TOKIYAMA RACES

A talk on the Yokiyama races by Private H. Farrell.

The race course was situated in what seemed to be a large quarry. Thousands of Japanese watched from a roped-off oval which was 300 yards round with a surface of soft clay. The course was so small the horses seemed always to be turning corners. There was a great variety in the quality of horses and riders. There was a special race for kiwi riders.

DAT33 Tk33

Japan - 1946
J72/DAT33 2'28"
Database ID: 9416

YAMAGUCHI WARRANT OFFICERS & SGTS CLUB

A talk on the opening of the Yamaguchi Warrant Officers & Sergeants Club by Sgt. Johnny Penketh.

The Club was opened by Area Commander Lt-Col. W. J. Kitchener, who gave a short speech. The building is in the Japanese style with large lounges and a remodelled kitchen downstairs & a library upstairs.

DAT33 Tk35

Japan - 1946
J72/DAT33 3'03"
Database ID: 9419

GREETINGS FROM 25TH BATTERY

Greetings from 25th Field Battery.
Danny Coker, Ted O'Neill, Jack Schon, Emmett Hawley

DAT33 Tk36

Japan - 1946
J73/DAT33 2,30"
Database ID: 9422

GREETINGS FROM 25TH BATTERY

Greetings from men in 25th Field Battery.
Fred Cook, Stan Wright, Doug Armstrong, Allan Taylor.

DAT33 Tk37

Japan - 1946
J74/DAT33 2'19"

Database ID: 9424

TOPSY-TURVY LAND BY SGT REES

(This disc is labelled "do not play").

A talk by Sgt Ray Rees called "Topsy-Turvy Land".

In Japan, many things are reversed to how the New Zealanders are accustomed. You start reading in the back of a book. Light switches and some tools work in reverse.

DAT33 Tk38

Japan - 1946
J73/DAT33 2'30"

Database ID: 9425

5TH ENGINEERS COMPANY

"The story of the 5th Engineers Company" in 3 Parts.

Part 1. I/V with Lt. John McIntyre.

The Engineers first task was to make their camps habitable. Good water, electricity, heat and engineering materials were needed. Then the roads needed attention. Later there was the task of building a new permanent camp and a new hospital.

DAT33 Tk39

Japan - 1946
J74/DAT33 3'51"

Database ID: 9427

5TH ENGINEERS COMPANY

The story of the 5th Engineers Company, in 3 parts.

Part 2. I/v with Tom Adams & Ralph Evans.

Most Japanese roads are badly surfaced and frequent maintenance must be done on the vehicles. Local traffic can be hazardous. Stores are ordered from Kure and take about a week to arrive at the local railhead.

DAT33 Tk40

Japan - 1946
J75/DAT33 2'51"

Database ID: 9429

5TH ENGINEERS COMPANY

The story of the 5th Engineers Company, in 3 parts.

Part 3. I/v with Jim Smith & Lt. D Calwell.

Japanese labourers work rather slowly but their cabinet-makers and joiners are first class. Their tools are antiquated. Japanese and Europe an construction methods differ. The walls of Japanese houses are of light timber and the floor is rough timber covered with woven matting. A large amount of the Engineers initial work is completed but larger, more permanent projects are coming up. Much of the work would usually be done by a civil construction organisation rather than an Army unit. About 18 Japanese construction firms were working for them.

DAT33 Tk41

Japan - 1946

J76/DAT33 3'27"
Database ID: 9431

GREETINGS

Greetings from some of the soldiers who sat degree examinations in Japan.

Part 1.
E Hughes, Lt. Bill Haig, Bill Hooper.

Part 2.
Leo Jones, Malcolm McDonald, Lt. Ray Leete, John Jamieson, and Stan Trounce.

DAT34 Tks4-5

Japan - 1946
J77-78/DAT34 6'31"
Database ID: 9434

AGRICULTURE IN JAPAN

A talk on Japanese agriculture by Lt. A. V. Allo.

Part 1.
Rice harvest. The rice is cut at an early stage, by hand with sickles. It's then tied in sheaves. Most of the work is done by women. Threshing is done 12 days after cutting. A drum worked with a treadle is the most common threshing machine. The grain is spread in the sun to dry. As soon as the rice crop is off the field the farmer ploughs it for the winter grain crop.

Part 2.
Persimmons and mandarins are readily available. Kyoto University has highly qualified staff. Its famous nursery is being restocked after the war, and is run by a bonsai expert.

DAT34 Tks2-3

Japan - 1946
J77-78/DAT34 6'32"
Database ID: 9436

HIROSHIMA

Part 1.
An interview with 3 soldiers about a visit to Hiroshima. Johnny Overend, Larry Zampese, Johnny McNabb.

Part 2.
One soldier mentions taking a piece of melted glass as a souvenir. Another soldier met an eyewitness to the dropping of the bomb and the ensuing fires.
DAT33 Tks42-43

Japan - 1946
J75-76/DAT33 6'45"
Database ID: 9438

HOSPITAL NURSES AND JAPANESE WOMEN

Talk on "Life in Japan" by WAAC Sgt Joyce Ford, a nurse at the 6th NZ General Hospital in Kiwa.

Part 1.
The nurses and the Japanese women they meet are mutually interested in each other's way of life. Japanese houses are very simple. The staple diet is rice, fish and vegetables. Women work as hard as men in the fields. Their low status is improving. Beautiful kimonos are for sale. The younger the girl, the brighter the kimono. Japanese girls want to learn Western dances.

DAT35 Tk1

Japan - 1946
J79/DAT35 3'10"
Database ID: 9440

HOSPITAL NURSES

Talk "Life in Japan" by WAAC Sgt. Joyce Ford, who is a nurse in the 6th NZ General Hospital at Kiwa (In 2 parts).

Part 2.

The hospital has 300 beds and treats soldiers from the NZ Brigade area, as well as an occasional Englishman, Australian or American. The nurses quarters are plain but have most necessities. The nurses have to rely on trucks for most transport.

DAT35 Tk2

Japan - 1946
J80/DAT35 2'20"
Database ID: 9442

DANCE RECITAL CRITIQUE

Two soldiers criticise a Japanese dance recital.

DAT35 Tks3-4

Japan - 1946
J79-80/DAT35 6'26"
Database ID: 9444

CHRISTMAS 1946

Christmas programme 1946 J81-85 (Total of 5 parts plus Greetings).

Part 1.

Introduction. Representatives from various countries talk about life in the army and the how they spent the previous Christmas. An Englishman, Keith Abercrombie, sends greetings.

Part 2.

An American & a Scotsman (Philip Cameron) send greetings to NZ.

Part 3.

An Australian, Lt. Ted Clarke, sends greetings.

DAT35 Tks5-7

Japan - 1946
J81-82/DAT35 5'02"
Database ID: 9446

CHRISTMAS 1946

Christmas programme 1946 continued (J83-85.)

Part 4.

I/v with a Japanese interpreter.

Cold weather is predicted for Christmas, possibly snow. Christmas is not celebrated in Japan, but there is a festival at New Year, which is regarded as the most important day in Japan.

Part 5.

I/v with Yolande Innes.

The nurses' plans for Christmas in Japan include a pantomime, carols on Christmas Eve and a party for Japanese children.

DAT35 Tks8-9

Japan - 1946
J83-85/DAT35 5'15"
Database ID: 9449

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Christmas greetings to those at home:

Greetings from:-

Des Walker, Graham Wardlaw, Bob Irvine, Victor Moyle. (Dur. 2'20")

Greetings from:-

Ray Morris, Bill Sewell, Barry Moore, Peter Park. (Dur. 2'13")

A song "Night in China" sung by a Japanese girl. (Dur. 3'24")
(Also recorded on DAT40 Tk17 from J223)

DAT35 Tks10-12

Japan - 1946
J82-84/223/DAT35 4'33"
Database ID: 9450

VOTING BY TROOPS

Talk by Lt. Dave Mead about J Force voting in the NZ General Elections.

Part 1.

Lt. Mead was a scrutineer for the election. It was difficult to organise voting facilities for such a widespread force. For many of the soldiers this would be their first vote. Dur 1'43"

Part 2.

Voting was spread over 3 days, but an attempt was made to get as many votes recorded on the first day as possible. A high proportion of the soldiers did vote. Dur 1'43"

DAT35 Tks13-14

Japan - 1946
J85-86 3'26"
Database ID: 9452

REPATRIATION CENTRE, OTAKE

I/v with Paul Hodgson about the Repatriation Centre at Otake.

This is the work of A Squadron, Div. Cav. Regiment. They deal with Japanese Prisoners of War and civilians being brought home. These people all have to be "processed". This means they must have a Customs search, medical examinations, and have forms filled in before they can be sent by train to their destination in Japan.

DAT35 Tk15

Japan - 1946
J87/DAT35 3'02"
Database ID: 9453

GREETING & SONG BY LT. PENNY

Greeting and Japanese song by Second Lt. Laurie Penny.

Greetings to those at home from:

Ron Reid, Nick Sherron, Maurice Simpson, Len Ogle, Les Cook & Stan King.

DAT35 Tks16-18

Japan - 1946
J88-89/DAT35 8'45"
Database ID: 9455

PHOTOGRAPHER J.H. MCLACHLAN

A two part talk "Impressions of Japan" by photographer, J.H. McLachlan.

Part 1.

Mr McLachlan looks back over a year as a photographer in Japan. He remembers pictures of Hiroshima after it had been reduced to rubble, the devastation of some industrial areas, and watching the defeated Japanese soldiers return, some to find they had no home or family left.

Part 2.

Some Koreans who bought passages to Japan in search of a better life, were rounded up and sent home. During a month with the NZ Guard Battalion in Tokyo, Mr McLachlan witnessed part of the International War Crimes Trial. After the presentation of Japan's new constitution he saw the Emperor and Empress on one of their rare appearances.

DAT35 Tks19-20

Japan - 1946
J89-90/DAT35 4'37"
Database ID: 9458

GREETINGS FROM 11 PROVOST COMPANY

Greetings from Bryan Miller, Roger Herbert, Ted Weather.

A greeting and Japanese song by Second Lt. Laurie Penny and greetings from Neville Wilkinson.

DAT35 Tks21-22

Japan - 1946
J90-93/DAT35 8'13"
Database ID: 9459

JAPANESE NOTICES

Talk about Japanese notices in English by Lyn Martin.

Most of the Japanese shop-keepers know some English and like to display this by writing notices. An example is given of a humorous notice advertising a shop's change of address.

DAT35 Tk23

Japan - 1946
J94/DAT35 2'35"
Database ID: 9461

TEA CEREMONY

A Japanese tea ceremony.
I/v with Joe Casey and Allan Reid in 4 parts.

Part 1.

The tea ceremony is an old Japanese tradition always performed by a woman. The guests sit on flat cushions on the floor. The spotlessly clean room has no furniture and few ornaments.

Part 2.

In the centre of the room there is a hole with a charcoal fire. On this is a pot with water boiling for the tea. The daughter of the house arrives with a bowl of cake. She places the tea in front of the men and offers the cake.

Part 3.

Green tea, kept in a special lacquer box, is used for ceremonial occasions. The woman takes a dipperful of water out of the pot and pours it into a bowl. It is then whisked with a brush and poured out. The bowl is wiped, tea and water are added, and whisked again.

Part 4.

The tea bowl is offered to Joe with a bow. He is instructed to drink it in three and a half sips. After Joe has finished, the bowl is washed and wiped before being offered to Allan, then to the host. The host bows before raising the bowl to drink. After drinking he places the bowl before him, bows to it, then turns it over.

NOTE: All 4 Parts on DAT35 Tk24

Japan - 1946
J95-96/DAT35 10'05"
Database ID: 9462

EARTHQUAKE PART 1

Part 1 of a three part talk about an earthquake.
Johnny Penketh talks about the earthquake.

During the earthquake Osaka and Kyoto received a severe jolting. There were over 2,000 deaths and over 40,000 houses were destroyed or damaged. The quake felt like a long even sway. Little damage occurred in the 2NZEF area.

DAT35 Tk25

Japan - 1946
J97/DAT35 2'35"
Database ID: 9465

EARTHQUAKE PART 2

Part 2 of a three part talk about an earthquake.

Bob Mason is interviewed about the earthquake.
During the earthquake he was on leave in Kyoto. He had trouble leaving the building as the sliding door jammed. Once

outside he had trouble staying on his feet. Little damage was done to the building. There was no panic amongst the Japanese. Japanese houses stand the strain better than the less flexible NZ houses would.

DAT35 Tk26

Japan - 1946
J97/DAT35 2'06"
Database ID: 9470

EARTHQUAKE PART 3

Part 3 of a three part talk about an earthquake.

Harry Gould is interviewed about the earthquake.

He was near Kure in a 2 storey wooden barrack when the quake occurred. He got out as fast as possible. It lasted about 4 minutes, with a steady sway rather than a jolting. Several concrete buildings in the area were damaged.

DAT35 Tk27

Japan - 1946
J98/DAT35 1'45"
Database ID: 9473

CHRISTMAS IN 2NZE

Two part talk on Christmas in 2NZE by Staff Sgt. Bob Robertson

Part 1.

All the units arranged to give parties for the Japanese children in their area. This party was held on December 21. The children had afternoon tea, saw films and a concert, and received a present from a Christmas tree.

Part 2.

There was a party on Christmas Eve, a midday dinner, and the opening of parcels which had just arrived from home.

DAT35 Tks28-29

Japan - 1946
J99-100/DAT35 4'39"
Database ID: 9474

GREETINGS

Greetings from Headquarters 2NZE at Chofu.

Part 1:- Lionel McIndoe, Keith Olsen, Terry Duffy, Laurie Gatfield.

Part 2:- Alf Henry, Doug Guy, Roy Robertson & Joe Warner.

Note both parts are on one track
DAT35 Tk30

Japan - 1946
J98-99/DAT35 5'35"
Database ID: 9475

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

Talk by Major K. I. Armour, of Army Education Services. (In 3 Parts)

Part 1.

There is a resident University College of the NZ Brigade at Yamaguchi, and there are AES centres in the main troop areas.

Part 2.

Great demands are made on the Service. Its part in formal education is mainly to do with the vocational future of the individual soldier. Help in preparing for university and other exams, and information about various careers. Almost one in three soldiers make use of this service.

Part 3.

Some of the more formal aspects of the service cover instructive and worthwhile areas: lectures, music, crafts and reading.

DAT35 Tks31-33

Japan - 1946

J101-102/DAT35 6'29"
Database ID: 9480

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

Talk by Tony Grayburn on the Army Education Service (AES) Agriculture Section.

The AES Agriculture Section has a nursery garden at Headquarters which distribute seedlings to unit gardens. Most units establish their own gardens with varying success depending on soil quality.

DAT35 Tk34

Japan - 1946
J103/DAT35 1'43"
Database ID: 9483

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

I/v with Sgt Tony St John.

Of the 4000 troops in Japan 1350 were taking courses. Farming courses were in great demand. Army Education Service provides tuition and textbooks and arranges for end of year university exams to be taken in Japan. About 200 men attend classes in wool classing, vegetable growing, plumbing, and coaching for matriculation and school certificates.

DAT35 Tk35

Japan - 1946
J103/DAT35 2'23"
Database ID: 9485

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

A talk on Army Education Service Lectures by some lecturers: Ken Berryman, Ian Hay, Peter Grigg, Trevor Hall and Rolly Decke.

The AES provides lecture tours to the 2NZEF area. Subjects include "Music in our Lives", future of the Commonwealth, starting your own Business, rug weaving and Japanese art.

DAT35 Tk36

Japan - 1946
J104/DAT35 2'22"
Database ID: 9490

INTRO TO JAPANESE SONG

Part 1.

Introduction to a song by Toshiko Yosikawa sung at an Army Education Service concert.

Part 2.

The Song by Toshiko Yosikawa..

DAT36 Tks 2-3

Japan - 1946
J102-104/DAT36 3'40"
Database ID: 9492

YAMAGUCHI YMCA CLUB

I/V with Mr Barr, Secretary, YMCA Club, Yamaguchi (2 parts).

Part 1.

The large main clubroom has a cafeteria, tables, chairs, a grand piano, recreation centre and gift shop. Mr Barr and his assistant, Corp. Whiteside, have 17 Japanese girls to help run the club. The Club is open every day from 9am to 10pm.

Part 2.

The Club has its own bakehouse down the street. It runs a flower service to New Zealand. A Japanese firm runs the gift shop. A photographer works from the Club.

DAT36 Tks4-5

Japan - 1946
J105-106 6'14"
Database ID: 9496

GREETINGS

Greetings to those at home from:

Part 1.

Ian Heaven, Arthur Ferguson, Willis Hodge & Truby Cederman.

Part 2.

Bill BaileyKen Simmons, Alf Curreen & Mick Connolly.

DAT36 Tks6-7

Japan - 1946
J105-106/DAT36 6'00"
Database ID: 9499

TRIP TO JAPANESE MOUNTAINS

A two part talk by Dick Cross "Trip to the Japanese Mountains".

Part 1.

The journey from Tokyo took 2 days by train. The last 35 miles were along a narrow road, climbing steeply. The Northern Japanese Mountains are one of 3 ranges that extend for approx. 100 miles throughout the main island of Japan.

Part 2.

Visitors spent the night at the Japanese inn. The bath water was from a mineral spring, and was too hot for the New Zealanders. After the bath the guests put on padded winter kimonos. Girls were waiting with dishes of sliced meat and vegetables which were cooked quickly on a brazier. Beds consisted of a Japanese mattress on the floor and 3 eiderdowns.

DAT36 Tks8-9

Japan - 1947
J107-108/DAT36 7'14"
Database ID: 9501

ARMY SLANG

A two part discussion about army slang with Ron Fraser, Scotty Scott, Lou Brown.

Part 1.

The 3 soldiers talk about army slang currently being used in Japan and discuss its derivation.

Part 2.

Conclusion of the discussion.

DAT36 Tks10-11

Japan - 1947
J107-108/DAT36 6'16"
Database ID: 9503

DIVISIONAL CAVALRY CAMP AT MASUDA

A two part talk by Sgt. Felmingham about the Divisional Cavalry Camp at Masuda

Part 1.

The camp is very isolated and is situated in the area that was used as a submarine training school during the war. The camp was built on reclaimed land and many improvements have been made, including gardens, a football field and a hockey ground.

Part 2.

Facilities include a tennis court, gymnasium, art studio, music room, library, cinema and a woodwork room. As the camp is so isolated, it has to provide many of its own services, eg laundry, tailors shop and barber.

DAT36 Tks12-13

Japan - 1946
J109-110/DAT36 3'56"
Database ID: 9505

GREETINGS FROM DIV. CAVALRY REGIMENT

Greetings to those at home from Divisional Cavalry Regiment.
Colin Brownlee & Mervyn Williams.

DAT36 Tk14

Japan - 1947
J109/DAT36 1,32"
Database ID: 9506

REGIMENTAL AID POST

A talk "Regimental Aid Post (RAP)" by John Denny.

The RAP is well fitted out with up-to-date equipment, including a bacteriological set, X-ray plant and steriliser. There is a ward of six beds, and 11 staff. Most of the work is routine.

DAT36 Tk15

Japan - 1947
J110/DAT36 1'59"
Database ID: 9508

JAPANESE CUSTOMS

A two part talk on "Everyday Japanese Customs" by Corp. Ray Poskitt.

Part 1.

Most of the Japanese wear wooden clogs which are cheap and very light. The women wear ankle-length kimonos with large coloured sashes. Kimonos are made of specially elaborate material for ceremonial occasions. Most Japanese men wear tight-fitting trousers and dull shirts.

Part 2.

Men and boys are seldom seen without hats, but women rarely wear them. Men take first place in everything. Many customs seem to be the reverse of European ones, for example when reading a book, one starts at the back, and the town comes first when addressing an envelope.

DAT36 Tks 16-17

Japan - 1947
J111-112/DAT36 4'42"
Database ID: 9509

GREETINGS

Greetings to those at home from:
John Denny, Syd Kembell, Noel Poland & Lionel Alderton.

DAT36 Tk18

Japan - 1947
J111/DAT36 2'05"
Database ID: 9510

PROFESSOR MCDONALD

Talk in 2 parts.

Part 1.

Professor A. H. McDonald greets his friends in NZ. He is Professor of Ancient World History at Sydney University and is on a lecture tour for British occupation forces in Japan. He plans to talk about the problems of Japan, East Asia and the Pacific, and hopes to help the soldiers understand why they are in Japan.

Part 2.

Australians and New Zealanders need to know each other better at home as well as working together overseas.

DAT36 Tks19-20

Japan - 1947

J113/DAT36 3'44"
Database ID: 9511

GREETINGS: 6TH NZ GENERAL HOSPITAL, KIWA

Greetings from the 6th NZ General Hospital staff at Kiwa (3 parts).

Part 1.
Jean Harding, Dwillis Kemp, Ruth Elliot.

Part 2.
Nora Hamblyn, Enid Collins, Melita Russell.

Part 3.
Short talk by Matron, Miss Christine McDonald. Greetings from Amy Airey.

DAT36 Tks21-23

Japan - 1947
J115-116/DAT36 8'15"
Database ID: 9514

JAPANESE BATH-HOUSE

A two part Talk by Des Walker "A Japanese Bath-house".

Part 1.
Bath-houses in the region use hot mineral water pumped to the hotels from a central pumping station in town. All the businesses in these hotels is done by women. There is one bath-house in the hotel, common to women, men and children.

Part 2.
The bath is about 20 foot square with a tiled floor. Hot water flows in continually. One washes standing outside the bath and rinses in hot water from a wooden bucket. One then has a good soak in the bath. Later one gets out and has a more thorough wash then a few more minutes soaking. As well as the hotel bath-houses, the town has several large communal bath-houses which are open all day.

DAT36 Tks24-25

Japan - 1947
J117-118/DAT36 4'17"
Database ID: 9516

LT. GENERAL ROBERTSON

A talk given by Lt. General Robertson, Commander in Chief, B.C.O.F. when he opened a radio station (WLKW) for Kiwis in Japan, (possibly opened on 15 January, 1947).

He sends a message to NZ, and recalls his visit to NZ 12 years before when he was on the staff of Duntroon College. He says the NZ troops are doing a fine job and set a fine example.

DAT36 Tks26-27

Japan - 1947
J117-118/DAT36 4'05"
Database ID: 9517

RHYME OF THE YOUNG KIWI

A parody on "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner" by Miss Marjory Hardcastle and Sister Duffus.

"The Rhyme of the Young Kiwi".

DAT36 Tk28

Japan - 1947
J119/DAT36 2'40"
Database ID: 9519

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

A two part talk by Captain Kevin Miles "19th Army Service Corps"

Part 1.

This Company distributes supplies of food, petrol and ammunition. The force is scattered over 2000 square miles of poorly roaded country, and huge stocks of food have to be handled. Nearly all the food has to be imported. It arrives in bulk at Kure.

Part 2.

The bakers produce as much bread as a city bakery and it is of a high quality. Roads are very poor so the standard of vehicle maintenance must be high.

DAT36 Tks29-30

Japan - 1946
J120-121/DAT36 4'45"
Database ID: 9521

GREETINGS

Greetings from Army Services Corps Company (2 parts).

Part 1. Eric Sampson, Owen Stevens, Vern Hollis.

Part 2. Norman Phillips, Graham Appleton, Eddie Dooley.

DAT36 Tks31-32

Japan - 1947
J120-121/DAT36 4'11"
Database ID: 9522

MAIL FROM NZ

Two part talk "Mail from NZ" by John Tobin.

Part 1.

Please write to the soldiers in Japan as they greatly appreciate getting letters. Many more letters are sent from Japan to NZ than come the other way.

Part 2.

"Mail arriving in camp". A sound picture of the mail arriving in camp and how it is received.

DAT36 Tks33-34

Japan - 1947
J122-123/DAT36 3'43"
Database ID: 9523

ENGAGEMENT GREETINGS

Ernestine Winstone and Syd Beresford send greetings to those at home, on the occasion of their engagement.

DAT36 Tk35

Japan - 1947
J122/DAT36 2'08"
Database ID: 9524

GOING HOME

Talk "Going Home" by Keith Mosheim.

First impressions of Japan were rather dismal because of the wreckage, bombed city areas and the devastation of Hiroshima. The first few months were very busy but later there was time to see more of Japanese life.

DAT36 Tk36

Japan - 1947
J123/DAT36 2'15"
Database ID: 9525

SKIING WEEKEND

The station was opened on 15th January. The embryo of the station was a 10 watt mobile broadcasting van. A 500 watt transmitter and the necessary studio equipment was built under the direction of Mr Martin from the Kiwis in Japan unit. The studio is at the Army Engineering Services Camp. WLKW is on air nine and a half hours on weekdays, and longer on Sundays.

DAT36 Tk43

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 2'43"
Database ID: 9535

STATION WLKW YAMAGUCHI PART 2

Seven Part series of talks about the Talk Station WLKW Yamaguchi.
Talk "WLKW the NZ News" by David Steven.

The chief events of the day are assembled and edited by the Prime Ministers department in Wellington. The news is sent by morse to Melbourne. Between Melbourne and Kure there is a teleprinter link. There is also the Brigade news.

DAT36 Tk44

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 2'13"
Database ID: 9538

STATION WLKW YAMAGUCHI PART 3

Seven Part series of talks about the Talk Station WLKW Yamaguchi.
Talk "WLKW Programmes" by Des Walker.

An evening programme includes dinner music, variety hour, popular music by popular bands, concert hour and feature time.

DAT36 Tk45

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 1'39"
Database ID: 9539

STATION WLKW YAMAGUCHI PART 4

Seven Part series of talks about the Talk Station WLKW Yamaguchi.
Talk "WLKW Outside Broadcasts" by Johnny Penketh.

Within a week of opening WLKW was able to do its first outside broadcast when Des Walker did a commentary on games in the Freyberg Cup competition from Freyberg Park, Yamaguchi.

DAT36 Tk46

An extract from a Freyberg Cup match commentated by Des Walker.

DAT36 Tk47

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 3'50"
Database ID: 9541

STATION WLKW YAMAGUCHI PART 5

Seven Part series of talks about the Talk Station WLKW Yamaguchi.

WLKW closing down and the announcer, Les Brown, reads a sample of the news from NZ.

DAT36 Tk48

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 2'54"
Database ID: 9544

STATION WLKW YAMAGUCHI PART 6

Seven Part series of talks about the Talk Station WLKW Yamaguchi.

A description of the Maori concert party in Kokura.

DAT36 Tk50

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 1'41"
Database ID: 9546

GREETINGS FROM WLWK YAMAGUCHI PART 7

Seven Part series of talks about the Talk Station WLKW Yamaguchi.

Part 1

Greetings to those at home from radio station WLKW technicians, Bob McIntyre and Moss Merrilees.

Part 2

Also greetings from Stan Johnson, Tom Wright and Robert Grant.

DAT36 Tk49/DAT37 Tk3

Japan - 1947
J128-134/DAT36 5'09"
Database ID: 9547

J FORCE MAORI CONCERT PARTY

Songs from the Maori Squadron Concert Party:-

Part 1

"Pai Kea", 2'10"
DAT36 Tk51

Part 2

"Piki mai", 2'23"
DAT46 Tk18

Part 3

"Manuere", 2'10"
DAT37 Tk1

Part 4

"Haire Rahi"
DAT37 Tk2

Japan - 1947
J132-133/DAT36-37/46 11'54"
Database ID: 9551

OCCUPATION FORCES

A Talk about BCOF (British Combined Occupation Forces) by 2nd Lts P. B. Pollard and P. J. Grigg.

Part 1.

In January, 1946, the first BCOF party arrived in Japan. 12 months later they were in charge of 9 provinces with a population of about 11 million Japanese, and the disposal of the Japanese war material in the BCOF zone almost completed.

In 1946, the first elections were held since the war. After the December 1946 earthquake the Force made a great effort to aid the victims. On 17th March, 1946, 2NZEF, with 4000 officers and men arrived in Japan, and established units in the Yamaguchi area.

Part 2.

After the arrival of 2NZEF came the 14th RNZAF Fighter Squadron RNZAF with 264 men and 24 aircraft. They fly regular patrols, keeping a watch on ground activity. 4000,000 Japanese and Koreans to be repatriated have passed through the control points manned by the NZers.

DAT37 Tks5-6

Japan - 1947
J134-135/DAT37 4'22"
Database ID: 9552

GREETINGS

Greetings to those at home from Don Hight, L. Koia, Keith Stephens.

DAT37 Tk4

Japan - 1947
J135/DAT37 1'47"
Database ID: 9554

RED CROSS HOSPITAL HIROSHIMA

A 4 part talk about the Red Cross Hospital at Hiroshima, by Lt. C.B.Shearer.

Part 1.

This modern Japanese hospital was relatively untouched by the bombing, although many of the buildings around it were ruined. It is a 5 storey, grey stone building, plain but modern.

Part 2.

The ward we saw was large and well lit with 8-10 beds, but it appeared crowded as each patient was surrounded by relatives who spend the day in the ward, cooking and helping care for the patient. They had cooking utensils, vegetables and charcoal burners. The nurses' uniform is similar to a European one.

Part 3.

Most of the patients burned by the bomb had extensive burns, mainly on exposed parts. A surgeon was operating on such cases with reasonable success. The operating theatre and equipment seemed efficient.

Part 4.

The Japanese fall behind the western world in some forms of treatment, for example tuberculosis. The practice of cooking at the bedside makes it hard to keep the hospital clean and efficient. The Japanese doctors suffer from lack of contact with European doctors.

DAT37 Tks7-10

Japan - 1947
J136-137/DAT37 7'11"
Database ID: 9555

25TH FIELD BATTERY

Talk on the 25th Field Battery.

Part 3.

Stan Kettle describes the move from Yamaguchi to the large industrial town of Ube. Colin McEwen describes the active service conditions in the Yamaguchi area.

Part 4.

Conclusion of talk by Colin McEwen and greeting by Ken Sandford.

DAT37 Tks13-14

NOTE:- See Dbase ID #9557 for Parts 1 & 2

Japan - 1947
J138-139/DAT37 4'00"
Database ID: 9556

25TH FIELD BATTERY

Talk in 2 parts by Les Laing

Part 1.

The battery arrived in Japan in March, 1946, and was established in the Yamaguchi area. Anti-militarisation patrol and general garrison duties occupy most of the time. Major Archibald is the present Battery Commander.

Part 2.

The city of Ube was heavily bombed during the war and the industries are now involved in the task of reconstruction. Roy Lemmon describes the activities of the Battery after the move to Ube.

NOTE:- See Dbase ID #9556 for Parts 3 & 4

DAT37 Tks11-12

Japan - 1947
J138-139/DAT37 3'49"
Database ID: 9557

GREETINGS 25TH FIELD BATTERY

Greetings to those in NZ from Ron McDougall & Graham Kerr.

DAT37 Tk15

Jim Marr, Norm Olsen & Gordon Davies

DAT37 TK16

Japan - 1947
J140-141/DAT37 3'02"
Database ID: 9558

JAPANESE PEOPLE

A two part talk by Jack Graham "The Japanese People".

Part 1.

The Japanese character is very hard for a foreigner to understand, as they always have a smile to hide their emotions. The Japanese are short, with dark hair and sallow, yellowish skin. The peasants are very poor, and have to work hard to remain alive. Social conditions have changed little in the last few centuries and peasants still use the same implements as their forefathers.

Part 2.

Men, women and children all work together in the field from sunrise to sunset. Their everyday dress is primitive and poor, although most people have colourful clothing to wear at festivals. Only in the large cities is the influence of European clothing noticeable.

DAT37 Tks17-18

Japan - 1947
J140-141/DAT37 4'02"
Database ID: 9559

WLKH, KOKURA

A three part i/v with Bob McDonald from WLKH Kokura an American Radio Station.

Part 1.

There is little difference between the British and American armies, but the NZ soldier is supplied with more things free.

Part 2.

Rugby football has less rules and is rougher than American football. The programme he will present that evening is called "A-Z in Novelty" and is by American artists.

Part 3.

The Americans appreciated the visit to WLKH of the Maori Concert Party.

DAT37 Tks19-21

Japan - 1947
J142-143/DAT37 7'13"
Database ID: 9560

GREETINGS

Messages from Yolande Swann and Les Laingon the occasion of their engagement.

DAT37 Tks22-23

Japan - 1947
J143-144/DAT37 3'31"
Database ID: 9561

TELEPHONES

A conversation with Junko San about the difficulties sometimes experienced in getting the right telephone connections in Japan.

DAT37 Tk24

Japan - 1947
J144/DAT37 2'27"
Database ID: 9562

GREETINGS, 4TH ADVANCED ORDNANCE

Greetings to those in NZ from members of the 4th Advanced Ordnance.

Part 1.
Captain Len Baker, B. Farrell.

Part 2.
Jack Green, Jim McKenna, Brian O'Sullivan.

Part 3.
Gordon Miles, George McPhail.

DAT37 Tks25-27

Japan - 1947
J145-146/DAT37 8'30"
Database ID: 9563

GREETINGS AND SONG

Greetings from Bert Lepper of 27th Battalion, and extract from song "Among my Souvenirs" in Japanese.

DAT37 Tk28

Japan - 1947
J146/DAT37 2'44"
Database ID: 9564

ILLEGAL KOREAN IMMIGRANTS

A talk about illegal Korean immigrants in Japan, by Dennis Widdowson.

In 1901, Japan took over Korea. 99% of her industries and 85% of her agricultural land was seized for exclusive use by the Japanese. The Koreans were underpaid and often poverty-stricken. About 8,000,000 Koreans were living in Japan with better lifestyles than they would have had in Korea. Many more Koreans tried to smuggle themselves into Japan, with their bundles of belongings and money concealed in their clothing.

DAT37 Tk29

Japan - 1947
J149/DAT37 2'35"
Database ID: 9565

GREETINGS, 16TH NZ WORKSHOPS, CHOFU

Greetings to those at home from soldiers at the 16th NZ Workshops at Chofu:

Part 1.
Des Pike, Ralph Crerar, Charlie Watts.

Part 2.
Bob Hanlon, Joe Govan, Lloyd Stevens, Jim Riley.

DAT37 Tks30-31

Japan - 1947
J149-150/DAT37 4'40"
Database ID: 9566

NATIONAL FILM UNIT

I/V in two parts with Roger Mirams, of the National Film Unit.

Part 1.

Mr Mirams was in Japan shooting material which shows the part the NZers had in the Occupation of Japan. Some material was filmed during a Provost Court sitting. Material was also filmed about leave hostels and places for soldiers to visit in Japan.

Part 2.

There is some footage of NZers patrolling for illegal immigrants coming in on Japanese fishing boats. The films would be available for showing in Japan in 4-6 weeks.

DAT37 Tks32-33

Japan - 1947
J150-151/DAT37 5'27"
Database ID: 9567

NATIONAL FILM UNIT

Description of Maori Song of Farewell being filmed by the National Film Unit.

DAT37 Tk34

Japan - 1947
J151/DAT37 3'12"
Database ID: 9568

BRASS BAND

I/v with Rex Grenfell of the 2NZE brass band.

There are 35 men in the band in full time positions. The band has done 7000 miles of travelling in Japan. It has been to Tokyo twice with the Guard Battalion. It plays at concerts as well as ceremonial parades.

DAT37 Tk35

Japan - 1947
J152/DAT37 2'47"
Database ID: 9569

BRASS BAND

The J Force Brass Band Play the March:- "Appreciation"
DAT37 Tks36-37
Note this item repeated on both tracks.

The J Force Brass Band Play the March:- "Under the Allied Banners".
DAT46 Tk17

Japan - 1947
J153-154/DAT37/46 3'01"
Database ID: 9570

GREETINGS FROM BRASS BAND

Greetings from members of the J Force brass band:
Hori Evans, Reg Ackroyd, Jim Milligan, Bob Fielder, Graham Richards, Dennis Neilson.

DAT37 Tks38-39

Japan - 1947
J152/155/DAT37 4'42"
Database ID: 9571

SHORT STORY

Short story "The Return of Margaret" by Staff Sgt. Stan Cooper in two parts.
Told by George Welsh of the Australian Army Education Service, Kure.

DAT37 Tks40-41

Japan - 1947

J159/DAT37
Database ID: 9572

4'08"

FREYBERG CUP

Sports review of Freyberg Cup match by Des Walker (2 parts).

Part 1.

The match was between 27th Battalion and Divisional Cavalry. It was watched by a large crowd, including several high-ranking officers of British Commonwealth Occupational Forces. 27th Battalion won.

Part 2.

The Minister of Defence, Mr Fred Jones, presented the Freyberg Cup to 27th Battalion at the end of the game.

DAT37 Tks42-43

Japan - 1947
J160-161/DAT37 4'42'
Database ID: 9573

FREYBERG CUP

A two part talk "The Freyberg Cup Series" by Captain Davis.

Part 1.

The Freyberg Cup was donated in 1940. This year's competition aroused intense interest throughout the units. The standard of football was high and would compare well with the best inter-provincial football in NZ.

Part 2.

From this series a Brigade side has been selected to go to the British Commonwealth Occupation Force competitions for the Duntroon Cup. The Rugby Union should give consideration to players who have done well on this series when choosing the All Blacks.

DAT37 Tks44-45

Japan - 1947
J161-162/DAT37 4'07"
Database ID: 9574

GREETINGS FROM DIVISIONAL CAVALRY TEAM

Messages to those at home in NZ from members of the Divisional Cavalry Rugby team: Lieutenant Ross Wright, Sgt. Sandy McNearnie, Corp. John Wright, Trooper Don McGregor, Capt. Harry Davis.

DAT37 Tk46

Japan - 1947
J160/DAT37 2'50"
Database ID: 9575

PADRE H. WHITFIELD

A three part talk "A page from a Padre's diary" by Padre H. Whitfield.

Part 1.

This outlines some of the Padre's daily routines. He goes on parade with the men in the morning, then visits the orderly room for more details about the day's activities. He makes frequent visits to the hospital, deals with the mail, and helps when there is bereavement or trouble and makes long journeys to outlying companies.

Part 2.

A "Padre's Hour" for the whole unit is part of the official programme. The men can ask questions and take part in discussion. On Sunday there is a morning voluntary 30 minute church parade and an evening song service. The Padre spends long hours in the YMCA hut to keep close contact with the soldiers.

Part 3.

The Padre is on call at any hour. He may conduct a marriage or a burial service. He makes contacts with Japanese pastors and visits their churches.

DAT37 Tks47-49

Japan - 1947
J162-163/DAT37 7'15"
Database ID: 9576

RUGBY COMMENTARY

Six tracks covering part of the commentary on a rugby match between 27th Battalion and Divisional Cavalry.

DAT37 Tk50 & DAT38 Tks2-6

Japan - 1947
J166-168/DAT37-38 30'00"
Database ID: 9577

GREETINGS

Greetings from staff at 6th NZ General Hospital in Kiwa.

Part 1.
Roy Yearbury, Ian Howat, David McDougall.

Part 2.
Selwyn Penk, Cliff Beale, Ken Hall.

DAT38 Tks7-8

Japan - 1947
J171-172/DAT38 4'08"
Database ID: 9578

GREETINGS

Part 1.
Greetings to Captain Maurie Winter who had a serious accident in Japan and was invalided home.

Greetings from:-
Chum Allen, Mac Miller.

Part 2.
Dave Mead, a Japanese housegirl and a Japanese typist.

DAT38 Tks9-10

Japan - 1947
J171-172/DAT38 4'55"
Database ID: 9579

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE ON STATION AKAA

A two part talk about Sholo Cave near Yamaguchi. By Brian Mason.

Part 1.
Sholo Cave, near Yamaguchi, is the largest limestone cave in Japan. There are shops for tourists. The entrance is through a huge rent in a 200 foot cliff with a large stream flowing out. A causeway is built beside the river.

Part 2.
The cave is open like a tunnel and well lit. At the end, hanging from the roof, is a gigantic formation of limestone. The cave reaches 200 feet high and 200 feet wide, though the average is less than that. The temperature is mild inside.

DAT38 Tks11-12

Japan - 1947
J173-174/DAT38 4'40"
Database ID: 9580

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE ON STATION AKAA

Army Education Service session on Station AKAA.

The programme opens with music and this is followed by the station announcer reading Dennis Widdowson's letter, which won a prize in the AES literary competition. In the letter Dennis describes the contrast between the war damaged areas of Japan and the beauty of the natural scenery.

DAT38 Tks13-14

Japan - 1947
J173-174/DAT38 6'01"
Database ID: 9581

H.M.N.Z.S. GAMBIA

Part 1.
Interview with 3 sailors from the HMNZS Gambia.

About 30 NZers are aboard the Gambia. It had come from England, calling at Gibraltar, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, and Hong Kong before arriving in Japan.

Part 2.
Greetings from sailors on the Gambia: Len Gregory, Murray Hamilton, Colin Grey.

DAT38 TKs15-16

Japan - 1947
J175-176/DAT38 4'28"
Database ID: 9582

NIKKO NATIONAL PARK

A visit to the Nikko National Park. By Paul Pollard.

Part 1.
We spent the night in Tokyo on the way. Most of the streets are now numbered according to American practice. Next morning we travelled by train from Tokyo to Nikko.

Part 2.
After arrival at Nikko there was a short journey by bus then a cable-car ride up a steep mountainside. The Japanese have spent large amounts of money to make these sights accessible to tourists. We stayed at the Lakeside Hotel and had 2 days skiing.

Part 3.
We visited Nikko to see the shrine. There are beautiful carved figures above the shrine doorway. The original of the "3 famous monkeys" is there. At the Temple of the Crying Dragon, if you stand beneath the dragon and clap your hands, it makes a crying sound.

DAT38 Tks17-19

Japan - 1947
J175-178/DAT38 7'04"
Database ID: 9583

PEARLS

Lou Brown talks about pearls.

Part 1.
There are 3 types of pearls. Real or natural pearls are produced by the oyster. Cultured pearls come from the oyster but their growth is artificially induced. Imitation pearls are synthetic, made using essence of pearls which is a substance extracted from fish scales. Their quality varies greatly. It was discovered that if an irritant was introduced into the oyster, a pearl would be formed.

Part 2.
In 1913, the first successful cultured pearl was produced, and are now farmed. Good ones are indistinguishable to laymen from natural pearls. At the age of 3 they are operated on. A mother-of-pearl bead is placed on the skin of an oyster and a small bit of skin is cut off, the bead wrapped in it, then placed in a second oyster. After 7 years, a fair sized pearl is formed. Girls do most of the work, including diving for the pearls.

DAT38 Tks20-21

Japan - 1947
J177-178/DAT38 6'32"
Database ID: 9584

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME

A talk about Cherry Blossom Time by Williams.

For two weeks in Japan it is Cherry Blossom time. There is an abundance of the trees, planted in groves, avenues and by

the river. Crowds of Japanese view the blossom, making pilgrimages to the more famous spots.

DAT38 Tk22

Japan - 1947
J178/DAT38 2'31"
Database ID: 9585

JFORCE GREETINGS

Greetings from Divisional Cavalry Regiment: Ross Faulkner, Cherry Raureti, Phil Ward, Peter McComick.

Greetings from Divisional Signals: Ron Rawling, Ray Soutar.

DAT38 Tks23-24

Japan - 1947
J179-180/DAT38 4'52"
Database ID: 9586

BIRD AND ANIMAL LIFE

Crosbie Morrison is interviewed about Japanese Bird & animal life.

Part 1.

There are about 850 varieties of Japanese birds, but bird life is scarce as Japan was very short of food and 90% of the bird life was eaten. There are 4 different kinds of sparrows. The black-eared kite is a scavenger and a protected bird. It is one of the most significant birds numerically. There is a black and white fantail similar to that found in Australia and NZ.

Part 2.

Spine tailed swifts migrate to Japan from Australia and NZ in winter. There are few varieties of native animals, but these include foxes, badgers, weasels, a native dog, a brown bear and a white bear. There used to be a lot of monkeys, but now they are scarce. Japan has few flies.

DAT38 Tks25-26

Japan - 1947
J179-180/DAT38 7'14"
Database ID: 9587

THE G. I. EXPRESS

A talk by Williams and others about the "G. I. Express".

Part 1.

This is the American express train which travels from the southern island of Kyushu and passes through the NZ area on its way to Tokyo twice a day.

Part 2.

The train consists of the engine, three comfortable day coaches, two American-style sleeping cars, an apartment sleeping car, a dining car, and a baggage van. An American soldier is in charge of the train. He is usually accompanied by 2 Military Police on his way through the train. There are Japanese waiters and train boys.

Part 3.

The train sets out from Kokura and goes through a tunnel connecting Kyushu with Honshu, the main Japanese island. It takes 26 hours from here to Tokyo. The scenery is rural in the south but there are larger cities in the north.

DAT38 Tks27-29

Japan - 1947
J181-182/DAT38 7'39"
Database ID: 9588

GREETINGS

Greetings from members of 27th Battalion: Ron Crawford, Syd Kearney, Trevor Phillips.

Greetings from members of 22nd Battalion: Bruce Irwin, Hilton Hughes, David Mitchel.

DAT38 Tks30-31

Japan - 1947
J182-184/DAT38 4'01"

Database ID: 9589

INTERPRETING

The language problem and the need for interpreters often slows things down. A recorded sample of an interview with a Japanese person through an interpreter as this dialogue illustrates.

DAT38 Tk32

Japan - 1947
J183/DAT38 2'43"

Database ID: 9590

JAPANESE ATTITUDES

Interview with Sgt Al Kentwell "Present attitude of the Japanese people"

Part 1.

The Japanese lack the arrogance they showed before the war. They are rather bewildered by the War Crimes trial and cannot understand why their leaders should be tried.

Part 2.

The Japanese were greatly surprised at the revelation of some of the atrocities committed during the war. Before the war there was a rather brutal attitude. Police would strike people and teachers strike children. This is now forbidden. The Japanese are bewildered about the meaning of democracy.

DAT46 Tks19-20

Japan - 1947
J183-184/DAT46 6'50"

Database ID: 9591

YAMAGUCHI GIRLS HIGH CHOIR

Part 1.

Introduction to Yamaguchi Girls High and the school choir. The school has 1500 girls and the curriculum is similar to that of a NZ High School. 2'22"

Part 2.

The choir sing "The Nightingale". 2'15"

Part 3.

The choir sing "Whispering Hope". 1'41"

DAT46 Tks21-23

Japan - 1947
J185-186/DAT46 6'21"

Database ID: 9592

JAPANESE CUSTOMS AND GREETINGS

Rowan Gibson sends greetings back to New Zealand and then talks about Japanese customs.

It is usual to take off shoes before entering the house. Signs at Japanese railway stations include the name of the previous station and also the next one ahead. A charcoal burner is placed on the dining table to keep food hot.

DAT46 Tk24

Japan - 1947
J186/DAT46 2'53"

Database ID: 9593

14TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Talk about the 14th RNZAF Fighter Squadron by Flight Lieutenant Geoff Highet.

The main task is to keep watch from the air to see that nothing untoward is happening on the ground. Daily patrols are flown over the area. We also patrol the coastline and keep a watch for boats bringing in illegal Korean immigrants.

DAT38 Tk33

Japan - 1947
J187/DAT38 2'52"
Database ID: 9594

GREETINGS FROM 14TH SQUADRON

Messages to those in NZ from members of 14th squadron.

Part 1.
Peter Clark, Ron Horn, Maurice Meads, Montague.

Part 2.
Rupert Phillips, W. Wood, John Hunter, S. Bignall.

DAT38 Tks34-35

Japan - 1947
J187-188/DAT 38 4'55"
Database ID: 9595

AIR TRIP FROM NZ TO JAPAN

A talk by Flight Sgt. Crawford.

Part 1.
The trip can be monotonous, with little in view except the sea. The first stop was Norfolk Island, which had a semi-tropical climate. Next day we flew to Brisbane, where some time was spent shopping, then on to Cloncurry in Northern Queensland and Darwin.

Part 2.
A day was spent at Okinawa, where the Americans had the Japanese POWs clearing wreckage from the island, then on to Japan. The trip took 11 days with 57 hours in the air.

DAT38 Tk36 & DAT39 Tk1

Japan - 1947
J188-189/DAT38-39 5'38"
Database ID: 9596

DUNTROON RUGBY CUP COMMENTARY

Duntroon Rugby commentaries.

Part 1.
The last 4 minutes commentary on the first half of the game.

Part 2.
Last 3 minutes on second half of the Duntroon Cup game.

DAT39 Tks 5-6

Japan - 1947
J192/DAT39 6'45"
Database ID: 9597

DUNTROON CUP RUGBY GAME

Presentation of the Duntroon Cup to Captain of 2NZEF team by Acting Commander in Chief, Air Vice Marshall Bladin.

DAT39 Tk7

Japan - 1947
J193-DAT39 3'00"
Database ID: 9598

RUGBY SINCE THE FREYBERG CUP

"Rugby since the Freyberg Cup" by Tony Grayburn.

Part 1.

Captain Davis, Captain Bailey, and Major Mathews were selectors of the NZ Brigade team, Captain Davis was coach. NZ beat Mito 54 - 0.

Part 2.

The Australian beat the NZers 16-11 in a match in Freyberg Park, Yamaguchi.

Part 3.

The NZ team beat the Australians 25-11 at Freyberg Park, winning the Duntroon Cup.

DAT39 Tks 2-4

Japan - 1947
J190-191/DAT39 7'32"

Database ID: 9599

GREETINGS, 6TH NZ GENERAL HOSPITAL, KIWA

Greetings from staff at the 6th NZ General Hospital in Kiwa.

Part 1.

Nurse Mavis Freeman, Nurse Cynthia Stevens, Nurse Oinah McPherson.

Part 2.

Charge Sister Kathleen Bland, Sister Rachel Simpson, Sister Marge Webb.

DAT39 Tks8-9

Japan - 1947
J193-194/DAT39 6'38:

Database ID: 9600

KIWIS O.R.'S CLUB

Gladys Harper, Rosemary Vaughn and Joyce Harding, members of the Women's Voluntary Services, are interviewed about the Kiwis O.R.'s Club.

Part 1.

Upstairs there is a lounge and a snack bar, open all day. There is a ballroom where dances are held once a week, and occasionally a show by a British concert party. A variety of games and books are lent out.

Part 2.

Downstairs there is a kitchen, a dining room, recreation room with billiards and table tennis, and a barber shop.

DAT39 Tks10-11

Japan - 1947
J195-196/DAT39 5'10"

Database ID: 9601

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

"Agricultural Education in Japan" A Talk by Lt. Allo.

Part 1.

Agricultural research is very important in Japan. Japanese agriculturalists have a sound knowledge of their own kind of farming and there are many research stations. A complete soil survey has been made of the whole country. The Japanese are efficient at prevention of soil erosion. Many new crops and vegetable varieties have been bred to suit local conditions.

Part 2.

One of the two research stations run by the University of Tokyo is 72.8 acres. Trials are conducted on crops of wheat, rice barley, and potatoes. Vegetables are grown and there are several plantations of native trees. It has a complete 3 acre farm where farm management problems are studied, and another farm for horticultural research. There is a small canning plant.

DAT39 Tks13-14

Japan - 1947
J195-197/DAT39 6'27"

Database ID: 9602

GREETINGS

Greetings to those in New Zealand from members of J Force: Bob Grandi, Barry Nicholson, Ron Damlyn.

DAT39 Tk12

Japan - 1947
J197/DAT39 2'10"
Database ID: 9610

RADIO FUN SESSION

Recordings made during a Radio Fun session at the O.R.'s Club

Part 1. Chat.

Part 2. Song "Chou Chou" by a Japanese soprano.

Part 3. Recording of a quiz programme.

DAT39 Tks15-17

Japan - 1947
J198-199/DAT39 8'33"
Database ID: 9611

GUARD ON TOKYO

The Guard on Tokyo.

Part 1.

A commentary on the handing over of guard duties from the 4th NZ Guard Battalion to the 5th Royal Gurkha Regiment on 31st May, 1947.

Part 2.

A large crowd is gathered in front of the Imperial Palace. The new guard is posted, 3 Indians are marched to their places as the NZ guard march back to their platoon. The guard duty is always shared between an American and a British Commonwealth Occupation Force unit.

Part 3.

Nelson Drummond, Sgt of the guard during the changeover, gives his impressions of Tokyo. Many of the buildings are western style; the main streets are very wide and full of traffic. At the Ginza, servicemen haggle with locals over the price of goods.

DAT39 Tk18-20

Japan 31 MAY 47 - 1947
J200-202/DAT39 7'54"
Database ID: 9613

GEISHA GIRLS

Staff Sgt Robbie Robertson and Sgt Dennis Widdowson talk about the "The Geisha".

Part 1.

After the earthquake and fire in Tokyo in the 17th century, thousands of destitute girls stormed the tea-houses looking for work. Those who could sing, dance and entertain, as well as serve food, had an advantage. The public continued to want them and eventually they came to live in a separate geisha house.

Part 2.

In 1944, the Geisha houses were ordered closed, but this was never enforced. Agents scour the country, particularly after crop failures, to buy farmers' daughters. The girls are trained for years in singing, dancing, flower arrangement, the tea ceremony and "pleasing men". At 13-14 years the geisha girl is ready for her first appearance.

Part 3.

Businessmen are the main customers. The earnings go to the Geisha's "owner" and her working life is short. Many commit suicide when they are no longer wanted.

DAT39 Tks21-23

Japan - 1947
J201-203/DAT39 8'11"
Database ID: 9619

KIWA HOSPITAL

The Hospital at Kiwa. A talk by Charge Sister Kathleen Bland.

Part 1.

The hospital at Kiwa, built on a small hill, was originally a Japanese sanatorium. A year ago the area was a wilderness but now this has been transformed into trees and gardens. The inside has been transformed from bare boards to linoleum. There are electric sterilisers, and the Red Cross have provided comforts.

Part 2.

The hospital rebuilding has commenced as daily repair was needed to the old hospital. The roof leaked and windows fell out. Much of the laundry had to be sent to Yamaguchi. The new hospital will have reduced staffing, and 150 beds instead of the current 300.

DAT39 Tks24-25

Japan - 1947
J204-205/DAT39 6'01"
Database ID: 9620

GREETINGS

Greetings from Nurse Shirley Leckie, Nurse Zita Schumacher, Nurse Barbara Oakleigh.

DAT39 Tk26

Japan - 1947
J204/DAT39 2'20"
Database ID: 9621

WORLD AFFAIRS

"World Affairs" A Talk to NZ Soldiers by Bernard Newman.

Part 1.

Conditions in Japan at this time are much better than in Germany where there are 4 powers in control which sometimes pull different ways. In Japan there is only one controlling body.

Part 2.

Japan is in a similar situation to Germany after WWI. Both countries suffered defeats after generations of militarism. The Allies tried to create a democratic Germany as an antidote to militarism, and a moderate government has been set up in Japan.

Part 3.

It is hard to change traditional ideas, but the Japanese are not as resistant to different ideas as the Germans. There is difficulty in understanding the oriental mind. Minor inflation has started to occur and help must be given to those Japanese who are fighting it.

Part 4.

Rifts have appeared between the Great Powers, and some Japanese feel they can play one off against another. We have given the Japanese the tools of democracy but we don't know how they will use them.

Part 5.

Hard work is needed for all nations to work together. The task facing the troops in Japan is a hard and long one.

DAT39 Tks27-31

Japan - 1947
J206-208/DAT39 15'40"
Database ID: 9623

GREETINGS

Greetings from J Force troops on Dunera at Suva Fiji, 19th July, 1947

Part 1.

Sister Marlin, Miss Legg, Miss Moyer, Miss Boot.

Part 2.

Lt Laing, Corp Coley, Major Boyd, Private Mabey, Miss White, Capt Nutsford, Miss Davies, Lt Rathbun, Private Janssons, Private Roberts, Private McKinnon, Lt Bill Beaumont.

DAT39 Tk32-33

Japan 19 JUL 47 - 1947
J209/DAT39 9'12"

Database ID: 9624

FIREFLIES

A Talk "Fireflies"

Part 1.

June in Japan is the firefly season. At night they can be seen lighting up the banks of streams and rivers. The Japanese have a ritual, "firefly catching". The children, accompanied by parents, go to the nearest lake or river where fireflies are abundant. Each child carries a small cage or paper bag in one hand and a fan in the other. On the way they may sing a song to attract the firefly.

Part 3.

The firefly beetles are a half inch long and they are dull greenish from the rear part of the abdomen. The eggs and larvae, which also glow, are found at the bottom of muddy ponds and streams. Children strike the fireflies down with their fans and take them home. They are put in a cage which is hung in the eaves of the house, and they can live for 3 or 4 days.

DAT39 Tks34 & 36

Note: For part 2 see Data Base ID #9629 DAT39 Tk35

Japan - 1947
J210-212/DAT39 3'44"
Database ID: 9628

FIREFLIES SONG

Part 2.

A song by Japanese children as they go to catch fireflies.

DAT39 Tk35

Note: For parts 1 & 3 see DBASE ID #9628. DAT39 Tks 34 & 36

Japan - 1947
J211/DAT39 1'50"
Database ID: 9629

NAVAL ARSENAL

Peter Grigg talks about the Naval Arsenal at Yokkhaichi

Part 1.

On 300 acres of reclaimed land at Yokkhaichi there was a naval arsenal, the largest factory of its kind in the East. It employed about 35,000 men and women, and for 7 years it produced naval guns, midget submarines, torpedoes and shells.

Part 2.

The arsenal was bombed just before Hiroshima by American B-29s and was reduced to a tangled mass of wreckage. Hundreds of children were working there at the time, and many were killed or injured.

Part 3.

At the beach there are the rotting hulks of small boats and submarines. The reparations material is kept in 4 buildings not damaged by the bombing. It consists of all the machinery salvaged from the ruins, labelled and in good condition.

DAT39 Tks37-39

Japan - 1947
J210-213/DAT39 6'39"
Database ID: 9631

MAIKO HOTEL

David Steven and Bob Irvine are interviewed about Maiko Hotel near Kobe.

They travelled on the American and British Commonwealth Occupation Force expresses. The hotel is in a beautiful spot. It is 4 storeys high and the roof is tiled with glazed brick. The design of the rooms is Japanese, the furniture is European. There are Japanese waitresses and the food is excellent.

DAT40 Tk2

Japan - 1947
J214/DAT40 3'50"

Database ID: 9633

GREETINGS

Greetings to those in NZ from Johnny Hartstone, Earle Shine, Charlie Annear.

DAT40 Tk3

Japan - 1947
J213/DAT39 2'25"
Database ID: 9635

BUNRAKU

The Classical Japanese Puppet Show. A talk by Colin Buck

Part 1.

This is a classical Japanese puppet show, which has been presented the same. It is usually performed at Osaka but on this occasion was at Yamaguchi.

Part 2.

A story teller chants the story accompanied on the samisen. A man supports each puppet with his left hand which works the head and directs the body, and his right hand supports the right hand of the puppet. Puppets vary in size, between 1 and 4 feet, according to their importance in the play.

DAT40 Tks4-5

Japan - 1947
J214-216/DAT40 6'46"
Database ID: 9638

GREETINGS

Greetings from Henry Swann, Jim King, Johnny Routledge, Graeme Broughton.

DAT40 Tk6

Japan - 1947
J216/DAT40 4'12"
Database ID: 9639

GREETINGS

Part 1.

Messages from 27th Battalion to friends and family in NZ: Bill Henderson, John Quaide.

Part 2.

O. Mills, Owen McKenzie, Les Gray, Dave Bartlett.

Part 3.

Greetings from members of Royal NZ Air Force: Sgt. Ivan Hamilton, Graham Menzies, Bill Meredith.

DAT40 Tks7-9

Japan - 1947
J218-220/DAT40 5'58"
Database ID: 9641

HOT SPRINGS, EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES

Sgt Rolly Jenkins is interviewed about Hot Springs, Earthquakes & Volcanoes.

Part 1.

There are over 2000 hot springs. Some occur singly and some in groups as at Beppu, a famous resort on Kyushu island. The hotels there have hot spring baths and sand-bathing can be done on the beach.

Part 2.

Rotorua is more impressive than Beppu. At Beppu small vats of sea water are suspended over a hot pool to evaporate the water and retrieve the salt. Japan has 200 volcanoes of which 50 are active.

Part 3.

In the last 1200 years, Japan has had more than 2000 major earthquakes. In 1923 an earthquake caused Tokyo and Yokohama to be levelled by fire. The 1946 earthquake was more severe, but caused less damage as it was centred out at sea.

DAT40 Tks10-12

Japan - 1947
J218-220/DAT40 8'43"
Database ID: 9643

GREETINGS

Greetings from members of Head Quarters Signal Company, Chofu:

Part 1.
Sgt. Dick Burrows, Claude Webby.
DAT40 TK13

Part 2.
Lyne King, Brian Hunter,
DAT40 Tk14

Part 3.
Remainder of Brian Hunter's message and greetings from Part 2 Sgt Geddes Campbell.
DAT40 Tk16

Part 4.
Cpl. Doug Dittmer, Snow Hamilton.
DAT40 Tk15

Part 5.
Sgt John Larwood.
DAT46 Tk25

DAT40 Tks13-16/DAT46 Tk25

Japan - 1947
J221-223/DAT40/46 11'19"
Database ID: 9646

DUNERA

Commentary from Kure wharf on the arrival of the Dunera, August, 1st, 1947.

The Dunera brought 2000 NZ Troops to Japan, including 2 Companies of Maori and a number of NZ women.

DAT40 Tk18

Japan 01 AUG 47 - 1947
J224/DAT40 4'18"
Database ID: 9648

TROOP ARRIVAL AT YAMAGUCHI

Commentary from Yamaguchi Station on the arrival of the relief draft for 2NZEF. Troops are embarking from the train to form up outside the station and march off to camp.

DAT40 Tk19

Japan - 1947
J225/DAT40 2'41"
Database ID: 9649

GREETINGS

Messages and greetings from men of the relief draft:

Part 1.
George Sargeant, Tod Spurgeon, Bob Stephenson.

Part 2.
Pvt. Allan Gordon, John Rennie, Neil Butler.

Part 3.
Les Johnson, Eric Ross, Bob Haycock.

DAT40 Tks20-22

Japan - 1947
J225-227/DAT40 6'38"
Database ID: 9651

JAPANESE FORESTRY

Japanese Forestry by Tony Grayburn

Part 1.

The area of Japan is little more than that of NZ but the population is much larger. Only 20% of NZ is covered with forest, in contrast to Japan's 59%. Japan is next to Finland in the greatest percentage of forest cover. The state owns 38%, 44% is privately owned, and 18% has communal ownership. Tony Grayburn began his study at Kochi on Shikoku with a tour of the forests under state control. Travel was by forest railway.

Part 2.

The Japanese were perfect hosts and Mr Grayburn was welcome everywhere. He visited a bush camp where a sake party was held for him, and at one forest village the school was closed for his visit. There are magnificent areas of cedar forest, with trees averaging 4 feet in diameter and 150 feet high.

Part 3.

A big camphor factory and the state lumberyard on Shikoku were visited. At Takamatsu there were areas of pines. He then went to Osaka.

Part 4.

The chief timber trees included cedar, cypress, 2 species of pines, and fir. In the north and higher regions such hardwoods as beech, birch and oaks were found.

DAT40 Tks23-26

Japan - 1947
J228-230/DAT40 10'57"
Database ID: 9653

DUNERA

A programme about life aboard the Dunera.

Part 1.

Time was spent on training periods, during which the Army Education Service gave information about various aspects of Japanese life, fatigue duties and entertainment.

Part 2.

I/v with Lt. A. Reynolds. The newspaper "The Dunera News" was produced during the voyage. 300 copies per day were printed by hand on a flat-bed duplicator. It contained world news, items about places passed on the voyage and articles by soldiers on board.

Part 3.

A humorous description of a film show aboard ship.

Part 4.

Entertainment included quiz shows, a boxing tournament, and a Bible Class. Padre Storkey organised concerts.

Part 5.

Regular dances were held, and there was a "crossing the line" ceremony. On August 1st, the coast of Japan was sighted.

DAT40 Tks27-31

Japan - 1947
J231-233/DAT40 13'15"
Database ID: 9656

J FORCE GREETINGS WAAC WELFARE DIVISION

Greetings from Olga Walker, Margaret Fox, Doris Meikle. Mabel Rofe, Mona Dyer, Ruby Ransfield.

DAT40 Tks32-33

Japan - 1947
J233-234/DAT40 6'41"
Database ID: 9661

A STREET IN YUDA

A Talk About "A street in Yuda".

Part 1, Tk34

Yuda is a village on the outskirts of Yamaguchi and is typical of the villages in the rural area. All possible land around the town is used for growing vegetables and rice. Yuda had a number of hotels where hot baths can be obtained. The village is compact, houses and shops squeezed together.

Part 2, Tk37

Inside the large, grey-tile roofed Shinto temple, there is a large open space with a matted floor and an altar at one end. The Japanese do not observe a weekly religious holiday. Special festivals are observed, and worshippers may enter the temple at any time.

Part 3, Tk36

The street is narrow with an open drain on either side which is used for washing clothes. The houses are drab and unpainted. Many of the shop fronts are open to the street.

Part 4, Tk35

It is very hot and many children and men are wearing short trousers only. The women wear European print frocks or kimonos. Sunshades and fans are very much in evidence. The village post office is a modern two-storey building.

Part 5, Tk38

The geta, a wooden shoe, is the most common form of footwear. A modern film is advertised outside the post office.

DAT40 Tks 34-38

(Note DAT tracks are out of order)

Japan - 1947
J235-237/DAT40 11'13"
Database ID: 9663

PASTORAL JAPAN

Captain A. V. Allo of the Army Education Services is interviewed about Pastoral Japan.

Part 1.

There is a very limited amount of land available for pastoral farming. Most arable land is used for intensive agriculture, growing crops such as rice. Much of the hill country is covered in forests or is too rugged to be used for farming. It is different in Hokkaido where farms are larger.

Part 2.

There are 200,000 sheep in Japan. The price of cattle is very high. 30% of Hokkaido's dairy produce is sold on the black market. The Japanese would prefer more animal products in their diet.

Part 3.

The pastures need more phosphates and lime. Artificial fertiliser is in too short supply to be used on pasture. Timothy and red clover are the main pasture grasses. In Hokkaido the average dairy farm is 12-25 acres, but usually involves cash crops as well.

Part 4.

In Hokkaido dairy farming is fairly simple; cows are kept indoors most of the year and fed and milked by hand. There is a peppermint factory, a pyrethrum factory, farm machinery factories and 3 sugar beet factories in Hokkaido. Linen flax is grown.

Part 5.

There are 28 superphosphate works in Japan and 40 dairy factories in Hokkaido. Japan could be a market for NZ milk products such as dried or evaporated milk if they could be delivered at a price the Japanese could afford.

DAT40 Tks39-43

Japan - 1947
J239-241/DAT40 14'21"
Database ID: 9667

3RD BATTALION

Lt Colonel R. B. Dawson Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion.

On 7th August, 1947, the 3rd Battalion NZ Regiment came into existence, most of the soldiers having arrived from NZ a few days before. Most come from the South Island and Wellington province. The entire camp is being rebuilt. This battalion will provide next October's Guards Battalion in Tokyo.

DAT46 Tk26

Japan
J242/DAT46
Database ID: 9672

07 AUG 47 - 1947
2'52"

TALK & GREETINGS FROM 3RD BATTALION

A talk about the present activities of the 3rd Battalion, Yamaguchi and greetings from Lt. Col. Dawson.
Tk3

Greetings from members of 3rd Battalion, Yamaguchi: Lt. Col. Dawson, Lt. Gordon Campbell, Lt. Alf Smith.
Tk2

Bill Isaac, Les Baxter, Percy Robertson
Tk4

Don Keen, Russell Eddy, Jack Geddes.
Tk5

(Note individual tracks not in order)
DAT41 Tks2-5

Japan
J237-241/DAT41
Database ID: 9674

- 1947
6'54"

ENGINEERS AT BOFU

Part 1.
The 5th Engineers Works Company has its headquarters and stores depot at a former cellulose factory on the outskirts of Bofu.

Part 2.
An interview with Major Percy Childs. He talks about the work being undertaken by the 5th Engineers. The main camp jobs are at Yamaguchi where they are building a camp for 3rd Battalion, at Kiwa where they are building a hospital, and at Usuki where they are building a camp for 2nd Battalion, NZ Regiment. The work is done by Japanese labourers supervised by the Engineers.

Part 3.
Sgt Jim Craig from Stores Depots interviewed about his work. Most supplies come from a depot on the other side of Kure, or through the American 8th Army. Most supplies come by rail, and timber by barge. At the stores depot, Japanese tradesmen make tables, desks and other carpentry work which is sent to different units.

DAT41 Tks6-8

Japan
J243-244/DAT41
Database ID: 9682

- 1947
8'36"

GREETINGS FROM ENGINEERS

Greetings to those at home in NZ from the Engineers at Bofu.

Part 1.
Sgt Jim Craig, Staff Sgt Ken Hood, Sapper Fred Main, Sapper Max Bowis.

Part 2.
Corp Gerald Grieve, Corp Don Smith, Corp Bob Blackburn.

Part 3.
Sapper Johnny Tauri, Tom Reardon, Major Percy Childs.

DAT41 Tks9-11

Japan
J244-246/DAT41
Database ID: 9683

- 1947
9'41"

CELLULOSE FACTORY

A Talk about the Nippon Cellulose Factory.

Part 1.

It was hoped that production at this factory would be resumed within 5 months. It was owned by the Nippon Cellulose Industrial Company, Limited, and had a normal staff of 3500, most of whom lived within the factory area where all facilities were provided. Artificial silk or rayon was made and also rayon staple fibre which is a substitute for cotton.

Part 2.

A description of the view from the roof of the factory.

Part 3.

Continuation of the description of the view from the roof.

Part 4.

Description of the process by which wood pulp, arriving at the factory in the form of pressed sheets is treated, passed through looms, dried and baled before being forwarded to the finishing factory at Kyoto.

DAT41 Tks12-15

Japan - 1947
J245-248/DAT41 6'32"
Database ID: 9684

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Colonel Gordon Jenkins talks about the Public Relations Unit.

The public relations staff have 2 tasks. One is to tell people in the home countries and in the world at large the efforts and achievements of the Japanese Occupation from the British Commonwealth point of view. This is done through home press and radio. The other task is keeping the occupation force supplied with overseas and local news. This is done through the Force daily newspaper BCON, which has a representative from each country on the editorial staff and through the Force Radio Station.

DAT41 Tk16

Japan - 1947
J249/DAT41 6'25"
Database ID: 9685

GREETINGS

Greetings from Athletes at the British Commonwealth Occupation Force Athletic Meeting, at Kure on the 5th & 6th September.

Messages from Captain Trevor Field, Sergeant Bill Chalmers, Len Dickison, Sergeant Don Ashton.

DAT41 Tk17

Japan 06 SEP 47 - 1947
J249/DAT41 7'01"
Database ID: 9686

RELIGIONS IN JAPAN

Religions in Japan.

Parts 1 & 2.

Shintoism and Buddhism are the traditional religions. Buddhism is based on ideas introduced from India and Shintoism is of native origin. Shintoism involves a range of gods, with the Sun Goddess of primary importance as she is the first ancestor of the Japanese ruling family. There is no regular attendance at shrines or temples but the observance of religious festivals, such as U-Bon is very important. The priests act as intermediaries for the people with prayers and ritual. Japanese believed that the Emperor was their Godly head and children were taken at 6 years of age to the temple for a ritual where the greatness of Emperor and Japan was taught. Christian principles are becoming more acceptable through the Occupation.

DAT41 Tks 18-19

Parts 3-5

Moss Wells a Christian missionary who came to Japan from America in 1900 to teach at a girls' school in Hokkaido. At first, during the war, she was asked to stay near home for her own safety. Later she was sent to an internment camp at Tokyo where she was treated kindly. "Christianity is rooted in Japan. The Japanese are searching for some thing and many could be brought to the Christian faith. "

DAT41 Tks20-22

Japan - 1947
J251-253/DAT41 13'20"
Database ID: 9687

GREETINGS

Greetings to those in NZ from members of 11th Provost Detachment and 5th Engineers Works Company: Private Gordon Lynne, Lance Corporal Colin Jackson, Sapper Ted Trail, Corporal Maurice Pagani.

DAT41 Tk23

Japan - 1947
J251/DAT41 3'31"
Database ID: 9688

GREETINGS

Part 1.

Greetings to those at home from the 6th NZ General Hospital from Sister Mary Sunderland, Nurse Ruth Delahunty, Elma Gotbach, Sister Alma Vorbach.

Part 2.

Sister Vorbach continued, Nurse Patricia Gillespie and Nurse Violet Mexted.

Part 3.

Greetings from Sister Mary Scott. Then the nurses give their impressions of Japan. They are impressed with the peasant women who work in the fields and on building sites. Schools and shops are open every day of the week.

Part 4.

Nurses impressions continued.

DAT41 Tks24-27

Japan - 1947
J254-256/DAT41 11'41"
Database ID: 9689

JAPANESE FESTIVAL CEREMONY

Commentary on a festival Ceremony

Part 1.

Introduction. This broadcast was made at a Shinto temple and the participants were chiefly priests. The congregation knelt on thick grass mats and the priests were seated on a dais below the altar.

DAT41 Tk28

Part 2.

Priest chants followed by the broadcasting commentator giving a description of the scene as the orchestra prepared to play.

DAT46 Tk27

Part 3.

This is a recording of the orchestra and the singing during the ceremony.

DAT41 Tk30

Part 4.

The singing finished and the players left the stage. The commentator presents his concluding remarks.

DAT41 Tk29

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Japan - 1947
J255-258/DAT41 6'15"
Database ID: 9690

THEATRE

I/v with Doug Stark about Japanese Theatre

Part 1.

Doug visited theatres in Osaka, Kyoto, and Tokyo and the Takarazuka Opera near Kobe. Japanese acting and miming is expert. The actors had perfect hand and foot movements, and production standards are high. The Takarazuka Opera is particularly impressive. All the performers are female and there are 3 companies. While one is playing another is rehearsing and the third is resting.

Part 2.

Japanese theatres are more modern than those in Australasia. The stages are larger and the technical equipment more

sophisticated. They have a seating capacity of about 2500. The Japanese are very theatre conscious, the theatres well attended and productions have long runs.

DAT41 Tk31-32

Japan - 1947
J257-258/DAT41 6'35"
Database ID: 9691

GREETINGS

Greetings from members of 2nd Battalion

Part 1.
Sgt Bob Grant, Private Tommy Kane, Corporal Frank Gibbison.

Part 2.
Private Rua Waihi, Lance Cpl. Star Pewhairangi & John Stewart.

Part 3.
Sgt Bruce Crowley of the Army Education Service.

DAT41 Tks 33-35

Japan - 1947
J259-260/DAT41 9'55"
Database ID: 9692

KOKURA

A talk by Doug Smith about his visit to Kokura.

Part 1.
Kokura is an industrial city on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu. Its iron and steel factories are dormant and it has many burnt out areas. It is the divisional headquarters for the American troops. The people seem much poorer than those in the NZ area. The one modern department is surrounded by flimsy wooden buildings.

Part 2.
Ragged shoe-shine boys beg for work. Food is scarce from July to October. General McArthur authorised the distribution of imported food during this period to help replace food Japan had previously imported from Korea, Manchuria and Formosa. Although the people looked poor, there had not been any serious epidemics during the war.

DAT41 Tks36-37

Japan - 1947
J260-261/DAT41 5'52"
Database ID: 9693

GREETINGS

Messages to those at home in NZ from members of 19th Army Service Corps Chofu.

Part 1.
Driver Pat Cassidy, Driver Jimmy Love, Driver Jim Brady.

Part 2.
Driver Johnny Gill, Driver Snow Pearson, Driver George Earnshaw.

DAT41 Tks38-39

Japan - 1947
J262-263/DAT41 7'03"
Database ID: 9694

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Captain Kevin Miles talks about the 19th Army Service Corps.

Part 1.
It is the responsibility of the Army Service Corps to supply food and fuel to all sections of the military organisation. Foodstuffs come direct from Australia by sea to Kure, then onto other units by rail. Coal, coke and wood are obtained through Japanese authorities. Consumption is kept to an absolute minimum, as the Japanese are short of fuel.

Part 2.

No locally grown food is used, as it is needed by the Japanese. Bread is baked 6 days a week in 2 modern electric ovens and 2 field ovens. The maintenance and upkeep of the refrigeration plants is the responsibility of the Army Service Corps.

DAT42 Tks2-3

Japan - 1947
J263-264/DAT42 7'54"
Database ID: 9695

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Part 1.

A national holiday is held in honour of the harvest. Farmers from villages in the Yamaguchi area attend a sports meeting. One tent contains a display of the fruits of the harvest, and another displays prizes, mainly pens and pencils. There are 3 legged races and a novelty race in which spectators paint a face on a mask and then run wearing it.

Part 2.

The competitors in the slippery eel race have to take an eel out of a bucket and run 5 or 6 times around the arena with it.

Part 3.

There is a dance by a geisha girl who is wearing a mauve kimono and carries a fan. She goes through the movements very slowly and gracefully while accompanied by a traditional orchestra and singing.

Part 4.

In the race there are 5 lanterns with handles on the track. The competitors must race to where the lights are, light the lanterns and finish the race.

Part 5.

For this race six competitors are armed with bamboo sticks and blindfolded. They have to try and find some cans with the sticks.

Part 6.

As the sports meeting nears an end, a priest beats drums in front of the harvest offerings and another prays before the food. After a mighty tug of war the meeting is over. The children say goodbye.

DAT42 Tks4-9

Japan - 1947
J265-268/DAT42 15'36"
Database ID: 9696

DENTISTRY

Major Fred Aikle is interviewed about Army Dentistry.

Part 1.

Many of the NZers have had little dental treatment since primary school days so dental decay is fairly rife. The Force is examined systematically and treatment given when necessary. There are 3 dental sections, each containing a dental officer, technician, orderly and possibly a clerk. Up to 40% of the troops are wearing artificial dentures and there is a minimum staff to care for these.

Part 2.

The Japanese do not suffer from tooth decay as much as we do, partly because of their simple diet and the different mineral content of soil and water. Their teeth do have large deposits of tartar which cause irritation to their gums. They colour their teeth with gold crayon which adds to the irritation. Rural Japanese dentists do not carry out even the fundamental dental principles and there is an appalling lack of hygiene.

DAT42 Tks10-11

Japan - 1947
J269-270/DAT42 4'01"
Database ID: 9697

GREETINGS

Greetings to those in NZ from members of 14th RNZAF Squadron.

Part 1.

Flight Officer Ron Nairn, Flight Sgt. Derek Flintoff, Flight Officer Bill Trott.

Part 2.

Lt Laurie Gatfield, Lt Jack Mitchell Corp Gwilyn Jones

Greetings from members of 3rd Battalion, Yamaguchi.

Part 3.
Driver Alf Inwood, Driver John Mercer, Private Stanley Bradley, Bruce Handley.

DAT42 Tks12-14

Japan - 1947
J269-271/DAT42 11'02"
Database ID: 9698

OFFICERS' CLUB BURGLARY

An attempted burglary of the Officers Club. A talk by Sergeant Doug Smith.

Part 1.
Sgt Doug Smith was in charge of the Officer's Club at Yamaguchi when there was an attempted burglary. Doug discovered a Japanese boy in the hall in the early morning, captured him and rang the Provosts but the boy escaped. The lad was captured by the police the following day.

DAT76 Tk28

Part 2.
Greetings to those at home from Sgt Doug Smith.

DAT42 Tk16

Japan - 1947
J271-272/DAT46/42 4'55"
Database ID: 9699

PADRES

Padre Selwyn Dawson.

Sometimes it is hard to know how to behave in a strange country. Some of the padres organised Moral Leadership Schools, 3 of which were held at Beppu. There were lectures, discussions and devotional periods. The emphasis was on fundamental Christian principles of good conduct, and how to apply these in Japan.

DAT42 Tk15

Japan - 1947
J272/DAT42 3'42"
Database ID: 9700

CHOFU FIRE

A series about the Chofu fire.

Part 1.
Fire broke out on October 17th at Chofu, the Brigade Headquarters of the NZ Military Occupation. Eventually, a large area was devastated and many hundreds were left homeless. The Japanese firemen are organised on the same basis as the Peace Force, but their fire-fighting equipment was not very efficient.

Part 2.
Sgt L. Brown
The fire spread quickly and the wind was very strong. Those people with homes near the blaze began stacking their belongings on carts in order to remove them. There was much confusion but nobody was seriously injured.

Part 3.
The NZ fire teams and the Engineers helped put out the fire. Local citizens prepared food for the homeless. Next day a relief committee was set up by the NZers and the Japanese authorities.

Part 4.
Mr Clark, Commissioner YMCA.
The YMCA, a rented building, was the only severe loss to the NZers. The fire broke out about 2 blocks away and the staff and helpers began evacuating everything. The billiard table was dismantled and no equipment lost.

DAT42 Tks17-20

Japan 17 OCT 47 - 1947
J273-275/DAT42 9'58"
Database ID: 9701

GUARD BATTALION

I/v with W/O Noel Mangin of the Guard Battalion.

The journey for the Guard Battalion from Yamaguchi to Tokyo took about 29 hours. The Battalion took over from the 65th Australian Battalion in a ceremony lasting about an hour. The sentries guard property such as the British Embassy and the Commander-in-Chief's residence.

DAT42 Tk21

Japan - 1947
J276/DAT42 3'05"
Database ID: 9702

GREETINGS

Messages to those at home from members of Guard Battalion

Part 1.

Warrant Officer Noel Mangin, Lance Corp M. Culotto, Lance Corp Frank Martinovitch.

Part 2.

Sgt Ray McAuley, Des Fear, Ian Burton, Des Oliver.

DAT42 Tks22-23

Japan - 1947
J276-277/DAT42 6'15"
Database ID: 9703

UENO STATION

A talk about Ueno Station.

Part 1.

This modern station is near the famous Ueno Park, which has a zoo, an art gallery and a museum. It is a mile from the centre of Tokyo and handles most of the city's northbound traffic.

Part 2.

At night the station is home for many hundreds of travellers.

DAT42 Tks24-25

Japan - 1947
J277-278/DAT42 4'50"
Database ID: 9704

GREETINGS

Greetings home from members of Divisional Signals Company Yamaguchi.

John Bayliss, Signalmen Gordon Court, Les Johnston, Corp Noel Scanlon.

DAT42 Tk26

Japan - 1947
J282/DAT42 4'38"
Database ID: 9711

MOUNT FUJIYAMA

Captain Leo Faigin Climbing Mount Fujiyama.

Part 1.

About 45,000 Japanese make a pilgrimage up Mount Fujiyama during July and August. They zigzag slowly up the dusty track, which is littered with rubbish.

Part 2.

We spent the night in a large alpine hut with a smoky fire in the centre of the floor. We set off at 7.30 next morning and reached the snowline,

No 6 station, about 11am. There are 12 stations, which are huts with grass matting floors, from 5000 feet to the summit. We stopped at 3pm at No 9 station and spent the night there. Next morning we made the summit by 9am. The crater is a mile in circumference and has very steep walls.

Part 3.

There is a meteorological station, a shrine and some other buildings around the lip of the crater. In July and August there is a souvenir shop. It was good to be able to do such a long snow climb and reach such a great height with little or no technical skill.

DAT42 Tks29-31

Japan - 1947
J283-285/DAT42 9'03"
Database ID: 9712

GREETINGS

Greetings from soldiers of the 16th NZ Workshops at Chofu.

Part 1.

Keith O'Brien, Dick Wilson, Ron Pope.

Part 2.

Donald Conchie, Vernon Castle, Leslie Day.

DAT42 Tks27-28

Japan - 1947
J283-284/DAT42 6'54"
Database ID: 9713

ROYAL WEDDING PARADE

Commentary on the Royal Wedding Parade. 21st November 1947.

Part 1.

An interview with Colonel McCaskill.

Colonel McCaskill is in charge of the representative force of NZers in the parade which will be held at the Imperial Plaza. The Commander-in-Chief, General Robertson, will inspect the parade and order a Royal Salute.

Part 2.

Description of the previous day's events.

This description also includes the reception given by Mr Gascoigne, Head of the British Mission at the Legation. General Robertson held a reception, and there was a ball at the British Embassy.

Part 3.

Description of troops marching past the saluting base.

The march past included the Australian Armoured Car Unit, Royal Australian Artillery Section, Australian Infantry Detachment, the NZ Band, the NZ Force (300 soldiers including 100 Maori).

Part 4.

The Royal Australian Air Force, the 14th RNZAF Squadron and the Band of the 66th Australian Battalion complete the parade.

Part 5.

The units of the Air Force pass overhead. This consists of 5 squadrons provided by the RAF, RAAF and the 14th RNZAF Squadron.

Part 6.

The scene after the parade is more reminiscent of an American town than one in the Orient.

Part 7.

The NZ Band passes playing "The Invercargill March". Tomorrow the British Commonwealth Occupation Force troops will return to their various areas in southern Honshu.

DAT42 Tks32-38

Japan 21 NOV 47 - 1947
J286-289/DAT42 19'36"
Database ID: 9714

GREETINGS

Greetings from members of the Royal Wedding Parade in Tokyo.

Part 1.

Private Bill George, Signaller Jim Fisher, Corp Graham Torrie.

Part 2.
Pvt Fred Mynott, Pvt Keith Christie, Warrant Officer Richard White.

DAT42 Tk39/DAT43 Tk2

Japan
J290-291/DAT42-43
Database ID: 9717

21 NOV 47 - 1947
9'51"

MILITARY TRIBUNAL

Far East International Military Tribunal. A 10 part series about the Far East International Military Tribunal.

Part 1-3.

Captain Quinton Baxter.

The room was originally a meeting room for students in the Japanese military college. During the war it was taken over by the War Ministry and after the war the Allies took it over for the War Trials. The area for Japanese spectators is completely filled and they attend constantly. There are judges from UK, USSR, France, Netherlands, Philippines, China, Australia, Canada, and Justice Northcroft from NZ. Some of the defendants are soldiers whose chief prominence was in China and Manchuria in the days before Pearl Harbour. Others organised secret societies with the motive of overthrowing democratic constitutional government in Japan in preparation for aggressive war. Some are diplomats, like General Tojo who was Premier of Japan when Pearl Harbour was attacked.

Part 4.

Six Military Police stand behind the defendants and there are motion picture cameras which record some of the scenes.

Part 5.

A red light indicates a translation of proceedings is in progress. Court reporters record verbatim everything said in court.

Part 6.

Seats are kept for defence council and distinguished guests. Interpreters have sound proof boxes.

Part 7-8.

Japanese defendant, General Oshima, is being cross-examined by the American prosecutor.

Part 9.

An interview with Captain Baxter. A large amount of organisation is involved in the trials. Over 600 Allied staff are employed, and many Japanese. There is a records section, photographic section, public relations staff, a custodians office, and a section devoted to translation and language difficulties. American Military Police guard prisoners during the trial.

Part 10.

Since the first sitting of May 3rd, 1946, prosecution and defence have produced evidence ranging over the whole framework of Japanese activities throughout the Far East over a period of 16 years. The judges must estimate the part played by each individual in these events.

DAT43 Tks3-10

Japan
J292-297/DAT43
Database ID: 9719

- 1947
38'21"

PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Darrell Berrigan, Tokyo correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post.

Part 1.

Democracy is making progress in Japan. It is ahead of communism. Different Western countries have different ideas of democracy and it is hard for an army to teach democratic ideas. This would be better done by people not educated to a militaristic regime.

Part 2.

The Occupation must go for at least 5 years to bring democracy to Japan. It would probably take 2 generations for democratic principles to take root. The struggle between USA and Russia at present is focussed on China. Japan is better off than many of the countries that fought against her.

Part 3.

Darrell Berrigan and Lt Peter Duggan Smith, discuss their war time experiences. They first met in Rangoon and later Delhi.

DAST43 Tks11-13

Japan
J298-300/DAT43
Database ID: 9725

- 1947
13'42"

GREETINGS

Greetings from Empire House the administrative centre for British troops in Tokyo.

Part 1.

Captain Bruce Poananga, Corp Ray Maxwell, Pvt Carr Bryan.

Part 2.

Miss Ruth WhiteCorp Laurie Newton.

Part 3.

Miss Yvonne Trainor, Corp Ron Telford, Miss Deidre Ashton, Captain McKenzie of the Australian Forces.

DAT43 Tks14-16

Japan - 1947
J298-300/DAT43 11'47"
Database ID: 9728

EMPEROR HIROHITO

Commentary on the visit of Emperor Hirohito to Hiroshima. 7 December, 1947.

Part 1.

The Emperor had great power during the war and the people were fighting fiercely up to the time of his surrender. They greeted the Occupation soldiers because the Emperor had ordered it. His role had changed radically since then. A directive in September 1945 forbade propagation of the idea that the Emperor was greater than the leaders of other countries because of his ancestry or special origin. This was followed by his own repudiation of his divinity.

Part 2.

This would be the Emperor's first visit to Hiroshima since the explosion. In the very centre of the city only about 5 heavily built buildings had been left standing, but many hastily built wooden buildings had sprung up in the devastated areas.

Part 3.

Signs of the bomb still visible include discoloured concrete caused by the flash, the scaled off surfaces of granite especially in small cemeteries, charred tree trunks, people with scar tissue.

Part 4.

It is hoped the city will become an important tourist centre. Hiroshima still needs 60,000 to 70,000 houses and there is a shortage of building materials. An annual Peace Festival will be held every year from August 5th to 7th.

Part 5.

A Japanese band awaits beside the dais, and a number of city officials behind it. Japanese and foreign press photographers are present. Some wounded Japanese war veterans have been brought by nurses.

Part 6.

The Emperor wears ordinary civilian clothes. He mounts the dais and the band plays the national anthem. The huge crowd forces its way forward.

Part 7.

After the Emperor's speech, thousands of people surge towards him.

Part 8.

The Emperor leaves and the crowd disperses.

Part 9.

Details of the date of the visit.

DAT43 Tks17-25

Japan 07 DEC 47 - 1947
J301/306/DAT43 24'14"
Database ID: 9732

GREETINGS

Greetings from members of 3rd Battalion, NZ Regiment.

Lt Laurie Penney, Pvt George Buckingham, Sgt Gordon Meyer, Lance Corp Keith Goodall.

Pvt Robert Pates, Pvt Peter McGill, Pvt Eddie Coe, Pvt Arthur Smith.

DAT 43 Tk26-27

Japan - 1947
J305-306/DAT43 7'27"
Database ID: 9737

SUMO WRESTLING

A seven part commentary on sumo wrestling.

Part 1.

The origins of this sport go back to antiquity. 2 men try to throw each other by using their legs and hips. The ring is 18 feet square, raised two feet off the ground. The ring proper has a diameter of 15 feet marked by straw bales filled with earth. The audience completely surround the ring.

Part 2.

The ring has a roof over it, supported by 4 poles representing the four referees who used to stand there in former days, or the 4 seasons of the year. There is no restriction on the weight of the contestants. Each rinses his mouth, wipes his face with paper, then throws some salt into the ring. The contestants stand either side of the ring and rub their bodies with their hands, which is symbolic of cleansing. Next they sit on their heels facing each other, 2 feet apart, and must come up together. No part of the body must touch the ground except the feet and they must not step out of the ring.

Part 3.

The umpire enters the ring with a fan shaped object which he uses to control the game. There is a time-keeper, and five members of the Board of Inspectors who may be appealed to if there is an objection. Each contestant lasts one hour. The techniques are very complicated, with more than 200 ways of throwing an opponent.

Part 4.

The champion wrestler of Japan, wearing a famous sacred official rope around his waist, takes part in the ceremony, half kneeling and waving his hands sideways. This is now repeated by the chief member of the other team.

Part 5.

The contestants try to grasp the other's belt, but if one steps out of the ring the contest is over. The umpire wears a long purple robe and a black hat. His rank is shown by the strings attached to his hands. The rank of the wrestlers is indicated by the way their hair is done.

Part 6.

The wrestlers throw salt into the ring, then clap hands and stamp feet. Both hold the other's loin cloth and one is forced out of the ring. The victor remains.

Part 7.

l/v with champion wrestler who lives near Tokyo and weighs 310lbs. The Japanese spectators gaze at him in awe.

DAT43 Tks28-33/DAT44 Tk2

Japan - 1947
J308-313/DAT43-44 24'30"
Database ID: 9740

GREETINGS

Messages from:

Part 1.

Capt Harry Davis, Corp Bob Schoon, Pvt Henry Courteney.

Part 2.

Pvt Allan Bowers, Terry Hunt, Bill Shaw, Corp Bill Dick, Bill Easthope.

DAT44 Tk3-4

Japan - 1947
J314-315/DAT44 7'25"
Database ID: 9745

JACK SINGLETON

A talk by Jack Singleton a lecturer from the Central Advisory Council for Education to HM Forces. He is an extension lecturer from Oxford University.

Part 1.

The troops want to know why there is a crisis in Britain and what is being done to get over it. The British troops will be returning home soon and the talks help prepare them for what to expect in the way of food and living conditions.

Part 2.

Many foods are rationed in Britain. The average calorie value of 2,800 per day. People are expected to work longer hours on less calories.

Part 3.

The British are grateful to the ordinary folk of NZ who are sending food parcels. I was impressed by the way ordinary people lived and worked in the lands I visited. It was the first time I had met so many fellow members of the Commonwealth. The

Maori concerts were impressive.

DAT44 Tks5-7

Japan - 1947
J316-317/DAT44 7'30"
Database ID: 9746

MAORI MUSICIANS SEND GREETINGS

Messages to those in NZ from Maori members of 2nd Battalion.

Ken Graham, Bill Heremia, B. Haronga, Sonny Ramsfield, and Corp. Tuti Roa.

DAT44 Tk8

Japan - 1947
J317/DAT44 2'40"
Database ID: 9747

MAORI SONGS

Part 1.

Maori group play and sing 2 Maori songs.

Part 2.

They then sing a Hawaiian tune and "Now is the Hour".

DAT44 Tks9-10

Japan - 1947
J318-319/DAT44 5'57"
Database ID: 9748

CHRISTMAS, 1947

The Kiwi Christmas programme, 1947.

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Part 1, Tk19..

Introduction and greetings from Bob Irvine.

Part 2, Tk11.

A brief introduction to the Christmas programme. Girls' choir sing "Silent Night".

Part 3, Tk13.

Told by Sgt Eric Dunlop.

A Christmas party was held for Japanese children at the OR's Mess of the Army Education Service, Yuda. There was a large range of party food.

Part 4, Tk14.

At Yuda, the children enjoy the Christmas tree lights and tinsel.

Part 5, Tk16.

The children are thrilled when Father Christmas gives out presents.

Part 6, Tk15.

At Usuki, the 2nd Battalion celebrated Christmas in Maori fashion, with a hangi. The meal included pork, fowl, mutton bird and kumara. Padre Hadfield sends greetings in Maori.

Part 7-9 Tk12 & 17-18

Lt Henare introduces a Maori song by a group at Usuki.

DAT44 Tks11-19

Japan 25 DEC 47 - 1947
J320-322/DAT44 21'17"
Database ID: 9749

LEAVE HOSTELS

Part 1.

There are 4 British Commonwealth Occupation Force leave hostels at Beppu, on the east coast of the island of Kyushu. From the hostels a massive concrete statue of the Buddha can be seen on the outskirts of the city. In the thermal region

steam can be rising from hot lakes and boiling pools. Weird stone figures have been erected among them by the Japanese and there is an alligator farm.

Part 2.

Interview with Major Mark Perrot.

The soldiers come on a BCOF train which leaves Kure in the morning and arrives at Beppu in the evening. They are taken by bus to the hostels, where they are welcomed with a cup of tea and some cigarettes. Close to 100 soldiers come each week. In summer they can travel by boat from Kure.

Part 3.

From the hostels soldiers can go on trips to the springs, lakes and an airfield. There are films 3 nights a week, and on Friday a dance. The staff includes 14 WAACs and some Japanese. The hotel buildings are of a high standard.

Part 4.

Sand bathing can be done at Beppu. A grave is dug in the sand and the Japanese get in, are covered over with sand and bathe for some time. In Spring the view of the cherry blossom is spectacular.

DAT44 Tks20-23

Japan - 1947
J323-326/DAT44 13'05"
Database ID: 9750

GREETINGS

Greetings from the leave hostel at Beppu.

Part 1.

Miss Andre Lynch, Miss Harriet Randall, Miss Pauline d'Emden, Doug Ranston, Dane Birch, Sgt Major Rocky Searle.

Part 2.

Sgt Noel White, Corp Phil Perry, Pvt Paul Piper.

Part 3.

Staff Sgt Lofty Windleborn, Sapper Geoff Sole, Sapper Brian Haussman.

Part 4.

LAC Doug Ramsten, LAC Dane Birch, Sgt Major Rocky Searle.

DAT44 Tks24-27

Japan - 1947
J324-332/DAT44 14'16"
Database ID: 9751

SANDY ASHTON

Sandy Ashton, the Assistant Chief of the Language Division of the International Prosecution of Major War Criminals.

Part 1.

In 1941 I came to NZ from England. In September, 1942, when the Japanese prisoners were sent from Guadalcanal to Featherston I joined the staff that worked with them and stayed there until December, 1945. Then I was put in command of the small NZ guard in charge of the Japanese prisoners who were being repatriated.

Part 2.

The voyage was without incident. The POWs were landed at Tokyo Bay on 3rd February, 1946. After a day or 2 they were sent to their homes. They were welcomed by their families despite the fears of some of them.

Part 3.

Most of the repatriated Japanese were able to take up their old lives where they had left off. Some showed gratitude to the NZers for the way in which they had been treated in NZ.

Part 4.

It is hard to say if the Japanese attitude to life has changed. Much lip-service is paid to democracy but there is not much sign of an understanding of what it really means.

DAT44 Tks28-31

Japan - 1947
J328-329/DAT44 12'13"
Database ID: 9752

THE GINZA

Part 1.

The Ginza is the most famous part of Tokyo's shopping area. People flock there in their thousands. Some seem poor, but few are reduced to begging. Unimpressive wooden structures have replaced the many destroyed by fire.

Part 2.

The large department stores sell most things at reasonable prices. Electrical goods and novelties can be bought cheaply, but footwear and clothing are in short supply. Goods are also sold in smaller shops and canvas topped booths on the side of the street.

Part 3.

Outside a man is selling white rabbits in baskets. Another is demonstrating rat traps and there are booths selling toys and cigarette lighters.

Part 4.

Many of the shop fronts are open with goods spilling out onto the pavement. Nearby the Union Jack Club caters for British Commonwealth Occupation Force recreation facilities. There are a number of dance halls on the Ginza. The traffic is a strange assortment - electric trams, US Army trucks, modern American cars, older Japanese models, carts, rickshaws and bicycles.

Part 5.

Traffic on the busy intersection is controlled by Japanese policemen and American Military Police. Many of the shops have loudspeakers over the doorway. Nearby is an entrance to the Underground. This is almost another city, with rows and rows of streets and shopping going on.

DAT44 Tks32-36

Japan - 1947
J333-335/DAT44 14'31"
Database ID: 9753

GREETINGS

Greetings from members of Guard Battalion.

Part 1.

Staff Sgt John Walker, Pvt Ray Davidson, Pvt Des Whiting.

Part 2.

Lance Corp Tom Mashiter, Lt Lee Smith.

DAT44 Tks37-38

Japan - 1947
J318-337/DAT44 7'00"
Database ID: 9755

EMPIRE HOUSE AND GUARD BATTALION

Colonel H. M. Foster & Colonel J. W. Murray describe Empire House and the Guard Battalion.

Part 1

Colonel H. M. Foster, Commanding Officer of British Commonwealth Occupation Force sub area and Lieutenant Colonel J. W. McMurray, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, NZ Regiment. February 1948. Staff at the headquarters at Empire House are drawn from the components of BCOF.

Part 2

The headquarters deal with the logistic support of all British Missions and personnel in Tokyo. It administers a Guard Battalion and is responsible for liaison with US Forces. Guard duty lasts a month and the soldiers have very good living quarters. The Guard camp is close to Tokyo, so there is plenty of entertainment available. The Army Education Service organises trips to places of interest and there are free picture shows at "Piccadilly" and "Union Jack" which are operated by BCOF.

DAT45 Tks2-3

Japan 01 FEB 48 - 1948
J335-338/DAT45 6'41"
Database ID: 9758

GREETINGS FROM GENERAL HOSPITAL, KIWA

Greetings from staff of the 6th NZ General Hospital at Kiwa.

Part 1.

Sister Margaret Angus, Nurse Margaret Johnston, Padre Alec Parr.

Part 2.

Sister Wray Corsbie.

DAT44 Tks39-40

Japan - 1948
J339/DAT44 4'33"
Database ID: 9761

PEASANT FARMERS

Part 1.

About one third of Japan's inhabitants make their living by farming although only 19% of the land is suitable for cultivation. The peasant class formed the foundation for Japanese militarism. The army was drawn from the youth of the countryside. In the villages the most respect was shown for the Emperor. Militarist policy was too easily absorbed. Since the Occupation the feudalistic land-owning system is being reformed. Many tenant farmers will be able to purchase on easy terms the land on which they work. Previously, many of the peasants had to hand over a half or more of the harvest to the landowner.

Part 2.

A Japanese farmer says his main problems are shortage of food and manure. He does not have a problem getting labour. Only a small part of the grain crop can be kept by the farmer. The rest must be sold to the Government.

Part 3.

Solving the problems of the peasant farmers may help the development of democracy in Japan.

DAT45 Tks4-6

Japan - 1948
J339-341/DAT45 6'71"
Database ID: 9762

PEDRO DE TREEND

J Force member, Pedro de Treend.

Part 1.

I was born in northern Spain, but I went to England when I was seven. I ran away from a monastery school on Ireland and travelled in South Africa, Argentina, and Europe before coming to NZ. When the Spanish War broke out I volunteered to go back to Spain and fight against Franco. I was captured and spent six months in gaol.

Part 2.

My ankles were broken when I was captured to stop me running away. After my escape I came to Australia. I joined up in April, 1939 and went to France. I was discharged from the Army in 1940 because of injuries, and worked in an aircraft factory in England before getting back into the Army again. I saw most of the African campaign before being injured in a tank. I was sent back to England and discharged.

Part 3.

I joined the French Foreign Legion which was fighting with France against Germany. The 2nd French Armoured Division was being formed in Algeria and they wanted men who were experienced with tanks to volunteer for it. I did this, and took part in the French invasion in the American sector. I went to Holland but was arrested by the Dutch Secret Police. After I was released, I went over the German border and joined an American unit. The Military Police got suspicious and I was sent to a refugee centre in Belgium.

Part 4.

I hitch-hiked to Antwerp and tried unsuccessfully to get back into the British Army. Then I went to the French headquarters where I was given my clearance papers. Back in Belgium, I joined the unit and went on the invasion to the Rhine. I was captured and sent to a concentration camp. After two months I was liberated and flown back to England. I was on my way to Burma when the war finished and I was diverted to Palestine where I stayed until 1946.

DAT45 Tks7-10

Japan - 1948
J343-344/DAT45 14'50"
Database ID: 9766

RADIO HAM

Sgt Bill Hamer, a "Radio Ham".

The Army gives every encouragement to amateur radio operators in Japan. I wanted to keep in touch with the people I had contacted back in NZ, so I got the necessary authority from the US 8th Army Headquarters and found the various radio parts that were necessary to set up my station. I have contacted about 30 countries and keep in touch with my old friends in NZ.

DAT45 Tk11

Japan - 1947
J342-DAT45 3'55"
Database ID: 9772

GREETINGS

Messages from WAAC Welfare Division and Army Education Service, Yuda.

Part 1.
Miss Margaret Peebles, Corp Bert Dagg, Miss Phyllis Rattenbury.

Part 2.
Sgt Bill Martyn, Miss Dorothy Wyatt, Clyde Hewer.

DAT45 Tks12-13

Japan - 1948
J345-346/DAT45 6'33"
Database ID: 9773

14TH RNZAF FIGHTER SQUADRON

Part 1.
I/V with Flying Officer Ron Nairn. The squadron was formed in 1942 with veterans from the Singapore and Dutch East Indies campaigns. After the war it was chosen to come to Japan as the NZ component of the British Commonwealth Air Forces. There are about 200 airmen in the squadron, which is now at Bofu.

Part 2.
Description of part of a Corsair training exercise.

Part 3.
The sound of a Corsair flying overhead followed by what could be theme music.

Part 4.
The Corsair was the backbone of the US Navy in the Pacific. It is extremely versatile, has a good turn of speed, can fly at a great height, has a long range, is easy to manoeuvre and carries a very heavy armament. The ground staff are divided into 2 crews. The servicing crew look after the daily routine of flying the planes while the maintenance crew are responsible for the periodic inspection of the planes.

Part 5.
Greetings (see separate entry 9775).

Part 6.
I/v with Flight Lt John Playden. The flight section planes follow each other in closely to land. The runway, a concrete strip, is just over 5000 feet long and 150 feet wide.

Part 7.
I/v with Flight Lt Highet, Flying officer Max Berryman, Flying Officer Noel Hannah and Flight Sgt Derek Flintoff. They do a lot of formation flying between patrols to keep their flying up to standard.

Part 8.
I/v with Squadron Leader, Frank George. The squadron is busy with general duties. They are carrying on with patrols and replacement pilots are expected soon. They are good sporting facilities at Bofu.

DAT45 Tks14-22

Japan - 1948
J347-350/DAT45 16'45"
Database ID: 9774

GREETINGS 14TH NZ FIGHTER SQUADRON

Greetings to those in NZ from members of the 14th RNZAF Fighter Squadron.

Part 1.
AC2 Raymond Mahoney, AC2 Bob Goodall, Cpl Rupert Philips.

Part 2.
LAC Ian Thompson, AC2 Lloyd Fieldson, Flight Sgt Douglas Smith, Sgt Ernie Ellis.

DAT45 Tks18-19

Japan - 1948
J348-349/DAT45 7'05"
Database ID: 9775

PROVOST COURT

Major R. C. F. Hollis, President of NZ Provost Courts.

Part 1.

The Provost Court is where perpetrators of crimes against the Occupying authorities are brought to trial. After the war Military Commissions were set up to deal with less serious crime. Crime concerning the Japanese only is dealt with in the normal Japanese courts. Each Provost Court has a Prosecuting Officer, Defending Officer, Clerk, and Interpreter. Every prisoner is provided with a Defending Officer, or he can employ any civil council that he wants.

Part 2.

A big problem is offending by juveniles. Girls and boys are sometimes encouraged by their parents as they know the sentence will be lighter. Most prisons are well conducted. The behaviour of prisoners in court is good. Once detected in crime, the Japanese will readily volunteer all the information required. Parents of offenders will sometimes try to bribe the judge.

Part 3.

The Court at Yamaguchi is hearing a case involving Chinese nationals. In this case there must be 3 members on the Bench, and one must be Chinese.

Part 4.

The Courtroom is very similar to a NZ one, and the procedure is much the same.

DAT45 Tks23-26

Japan - 1948
J351-353/DAT45 11'41"
Database ID: 9776

GREETINGS FROM C COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION

Messages from members of C Company, 3rd Battalion.

Part 1.

Sgt Leo Walsh, Pvt George Sheppard, Pvt Bob Mason.

Part 2.

Pvt Peter Rothschild, Corp Massey Stevens, Corp Harry Bramley.

DAT45 Tks27-28

Japan - 1948
J353-354/DAT45 7'40"
Database ID: 9777

FREYBERG CUP

Part 1.

I/v with Lt Pat Rhind.

The match was played at Yamaguchi between 2nd Battalion and 3rd Battalion. The game was well up to representative standard.

Part 2.

Commentary on the last 6 minutes of the Freyberg Cup match.

Part 3.

Brigadier Potter, Commander 2NZE, presented the Cup to Major Wright, captain of the winning 2nd Battalion team.

DAT45 Tks 29-31

Japan - 1948
J355-356/DAT45 14'43"
Database ID: 9778

GREETINGS FROM CHOFU

Greetings from members of Headquarters Staff, 2NZE, Chofu.

Part 1.

Sgt Joe Nicholson, Pvt Colin Luskie, Corp Bill Bailey.

Part 2.

Corp Bernie Hudson, Corp Roy Richards.

DAT45 Tks32-33

Japan - 1948
J357-358/DAT45 6'28"
Database ID: 9779

EMPIRE DAY

Commentary on the Empire Day parade. 24th May, 1948.

Part 1.

For this parade only the Australian and NZ troops remained in Japan. Nearly 1000 troops took part in the parade under the command of Colonel H. M. Foster.

Part 2.

The salute was taken by Air Vice Marshall McAuley.

Part 3.

The troops marched off led by the Australian band.

DAT46 Tk3-5

Japan 24 MAY 48 - 1948
J365-366/DAT46 6'45"
Database ID: 9780

GREETINGS FROM EMPIRE HOUSE

Greetings from members of staff at Empire House.

Section Officer Margaret Forsythe, Pvt Rex Harris, Pvt Mervyn Brown, Corp Ron Johnstone, Corp Noel Panther.

DAT46 Tk6

Japan - 1948
J366/DAT46 4'36"
Database ID: 9781

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION

A Discussion "The influence of the J Force Occupation"

Those taking part were Warrant Officer Lou Brown, Sgt Barry Cleverley, Staff Sgt Eric Dunlop, Sgt Ron Munro.

Part 1.

Since the Occupation the younger Japanese people have become fond of Western music and literature. This is more noticeable in the cities.

Part 2.

Japanese peasant has little contact with the Occupation troops. The average person has more freedom than before. The Japanese personality is outwardly docile, but most still consider their way of life better than the Western way. The attitude to the Emperor is changing from religious adoration to respect.

Part 3.

It will be a long time before democracy is really established in Japan. The Japanese don't appear to have enough understanding of the principles of democracy to put them into practice.

DAT45 Tks34-35/DAT46 Tk2

Japan - 1948
J357-359/DAT45-46 10'36"
Database ID: 9782

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Commentary on the Independence Day Parade in Tokyo.

General Douglas MacArthur reviews a massed parade of British and American troops which then march through the streets of Tokyo. The parade included 700 members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, under the command of Colonel H. M. Foster. The NZ troops were mostly from 2nd Battalion NZ Regiment which was just completing Guard duty.

DAT46 Tks7-9

Japan - 1948
J365-368/DAT46 13'39"
Database ID: 9783

TROOPS IN JAPAN

Part 1.

Japan accepted the Occupation with good grace. At first there was much for the troops to do: destroying warlike material, dealing with repatriates and showing that they would not put up with any re-establishment of the old militarist regime. The work for tactical troops has now diminished. Remoulding the Japanese way of life is the main task left to be done, and practically all this work is being done by US military and civilian personnel. Therefore, the withdrawal of the NZ troops is wise. It is time to look for good leadership within Japan.

Part 2.

With the withdrawal of the NZ troops, only the Australian and US Forces remain in Japan. Japan's manufacturing industries must be built up. There are nearly 80 million people in Japan, and unless they can be assured of a decent living by a democratic government, there is a chance they may turn to communism.

DAT46 Tks10-11

Japan - 1948
J368-367/DAT46 10'08"
Database ID: 9784

MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Part 1.

Major Alfred P. Robertson Head of Military Government in the Yamaguchi Prefecture. He is in charge of the Command Section of the prefectural team, and there are 5 operations sections.

Major Frederick Wiggins talks about Resources, Commerce and Industry Section. The main task is to increase production of manufactured items, promote more efficient use of natural resources and see that there is no interference with economic reform measures.

Douglas O'Brien, Civil Information and Education Section.

Our main task is to see that militarist thought is purged from the Japanese school system. Through the new school system Japanese children are being educated in democracy.

Part 2.

Captain Haggard, Legal and Government Section.

We help the Japanese government enforce instructions issued by the Supreme Commander and the Japanese laws formed from these instructions. The most important current project is the complete reform of the police system.

Lt Hamm, Health Section.

One task is to prevent disease amongst civilians, thus protecting the troops' health. We also help the Japanese to improve the standard of sanitation and general medical care.

Public Health Section.

The task is to help the Japanese take care of those with poor living conditions. We supervise the distribution of imported food, clothing and medicine.

BCOF Liaison Officer, Captain John Neil Rutland.

The responsibility is to maintain liaison between BCOF and US government units.

Part 3.

Rutland continued.

All contact with the Japanese government agencies and officials must be made through the Military Government, and a Liaison Officer is necessary.

Major Robertson.

A good start has been made in helping Japan to become a democratic nation in these first two years, but many more years' work is needed.

DAT46 Tks12-14

Japan - 1948
J369-370/DAT46 15'23"
Database ID: 9785

CHERRY BLOSSOM

Commentary on Cherry Blossom Day in Japan.

On this day the Japanese make a pilgrimage to where the cherry trees are in blossom. There is a race meeting at Bofu. It is

on a very small course, with sharp corners. Only about 3 horses are in each race. Also, greetings from Captain Claude Davidson, Captain Pat Reynolds, Private Gary Chapman and Major Keith Mosheim.

DAT46 Tk15

Japan - 1948
J371/DAT46 6'08"
Database ID: 9786

MEDICAL CORPS

Captain Noel P. Dowsett Medical Corps Headquarters, Kiwa.

In NZ the soldiers were all examined and inoculated against some of the diseases they might come across. On board ship there was a lot of sickness. The main surgical, medical and specialist units of the Medical Corps are at Kiwa. A Regimental medical officer attends men at the main battalions and visits outlying areas. The main medical problems are lack of hygiene, difficulty of transport, excessive heat and insect-borne diseases.

DAT46 Tk16

Japan - 1948
J371/DAT46 7'45"
Database ID: 9787

J FORCE DISCS

British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) in Japan, 1945 - 1948. Following the capitulation of Japan in August, 1945, NZ agreed to join with the United Kingdom, India, and Australia in the formation of a 40,000-strong BCOF in Japan. Late in 1945, 9 Brigade was raised from soldiers of the 2nd NZ Division in Italy. The 4320-strong force (J Force) sailed from Naples in February, 1946, arriving in Kure at the southern end of Japan's main island of Honshu, on 19th March. The allocated area of occupation included the Hiroshima Prefecture. The Brigade took over 3 Japanese repatriation centres and supervised the repatriation of 300,000 Japanese soldiers and illegal Korean immigrants. Koreans attempting to infiltrate into Japan seeking employment were checked at strong points manned at several coastal towns. In addition, the NZers patrolled the whole of Yamaguchi Province to detect hidden arms and war equipment, reporting war supplies from destruction. They supervised local election and, to some extent, local administration ensuring that occupation orders were carried out in offices and schools. The original members of J Force were repatriated to NZ in July, 1946, and their places were taken by volunteers from NZ who enlisted for 12 months' service. In mid-1947, a further relief of volunteers took place. However, due to the diminishing nature of the military tasks connected with the occupation, the strength of J Force was reduced to 2400. Early in 1948, the NZ Government, with the concurrence of the United States Government, decided to withdraw the Force. It was returned to NZ between July and October of that year. Sound recordings were made on acetate discs by the NZ Broadcasting Service with NZers serving with the BCOF between 1945 and 1948. The recordings were not dated but are in chronological order.

Sound Archives holds 284 discs, J1 - J371 which have been copied across, for preservation, to DAT33-46. Individual DAT track numbers have been noted on each Database entries.

The whereabouts of missing original acetate recordings is unknown.

Japan - 1945
J1-371/DAT33-46 27HRS 15MINS
Database ID: 9803

JOHN PENKETH - J FORCE RADIO WLKW

This programme is a recreated radio programme from the J Force radio station WLKW using the original script from 1946 and John Penketh who announced the programme originally. All the recordings are originals from the 1920's and 1930's. It was recreated in 1994. The recordings are: Oscar Natzke singing "When a maiden takes your fancy"; a Gracie Fields medley; Invercargill March; "Symphony" sung by Vera Lynn; Peter Dawson with "Old Father Thames"; and "Te Arawa E" by Rotorua Maori Choir.

DOCUMENTS.

N/A - 1946
T 7396 22'20"
Database ID: 16289

SUNDAY EVENING WITH JIM SULLIVAN

A sample part of Jim Sullivan's programme, "Sunday evening with Jim Sullivan".

Introduction. Letters.

A tribute to Peter Jonesa rugby great A tribute to Jack Cowie, a cricket great John Downey, a playwright and lecturer in theatre and film at Victoria University is interviewed by Alison Lloyd Davies about his new play about Julius Vogel.

"10 yrs ago" - recordings from Sound Archives about the 1984 snap election I/V with John Penketh, a radio announcer on the NZ Armed Forces first radio station, with the J force in Japan. This item moves into a recreation of a radio programme using the original script and announced by a now older John Penketh. It ends part way through but the whole recording can be heard on T 7396 which has accompanying documents.

N/A
TX 2745
Database ID: 16290

12 JUN 94 - 1994
60'00"

MCNAB, JOHN - I/V

Jim Sullivan i/vs Dr John McNab of Cheviot Rd, Lowry Bay, Eastbourne, Wellington. One of the soldiers on a 1946 Mobile Unit disc in Hiroshima. He heard the i/v and got in touch. Talks about Hiroshima and Japan after the bomb. He was with the J Force. Raw interview.

New Zealand
T 7618
Database ID: 21720

- 1995
15'55"