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THE thing that women simply loathe in men is the thing of which men are frequently guilty... halitosis (bad breath). It is the offence unpardonable, the bar to friendships, romance, and business relations. And men, according to women, are the worst offenders—so flagrant, in fact, that women write to ask that we do something about it in our advertising. Well, gentlemen (we hope), here's a hint: The sensible, easy, delightful precaution against halitosis is Listerine Antiseptic, with its amazing antiseptic and deodorizing power. You simply rinse the mouth with it morning and night, and between times before business or social engagements. Listerine Antiseptic freshens and cleanses the entire mouth, quickly halts the fermentation of

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A "Listener" Interview

AT WAR WITH A MICROPHONE

THE "man with the golden voice," as someone once called A. L. Curry, has returned to New Zealand after four years of war. His job with the NBS mobile unit is over, and he is on three months' leave, part of which will be spent in medical treatment for his right shoulder, which was injured in an accident.

From the unit's work in the field, New Zealand was provided with the programme "With the Boys Overseas," and now, in the archives of the NBS, is a complete recorded sound and descriptive history of the important actions in which the Second N.Z. Division was engaged.

Mr. Curry left New Zealand in September, 1941, arriving in Cairo to take over the job of commentator from Doug. Laurensen, who had accepted an appointment in the Forces Entertainment Section of the Egyptian State Broadcasting Service, he told us.

At that time Noel Palmer and Norman Johnston were members of the unit. Mr. Palmer later returned to New Zealand to become engineer at 1YA, and Mr. Johnston is now in charge of the NBS station at Makara.

Mr. Curry's first experience recording the soldiers' greetings to their people at home was at Bagusch, before the Tobruk campaign of November, 1941. This began a service which was to last more than four years and which took the unit into all the countries through which the Division travelled. "Undoubtedly the New Zealander was the ubiquitous soldier of the Middle East, particularly when the non-Divisional units were in operation," Mr. Curry said. "So that these scattered sections should have the opportunity to join in the messages home, the broadcasting staff covered tremendous distances. Thus every man available was able to take part in the Sunday sessions to New Zealand."

Early in the war it was realised that one of the broadcasting unit's functions was to seek out formations, as it was impossible for them to join at a central point to make recordings. That meant the development of a portable recording apparatus which could be carried in any vehicle from a jeep to a three-tonner.

Much Travelling

From Egypt the unit went to Palestine, Syria, the Levant, on to the Turkish border and even into Irak. Then came a long desert trek of 2000 miles from Alamein to Tunis. The allocation of personnel to broadcast was made on a basis of length of service. It was quite impossible to give every long-service man a chance to speak, but it is likely that, over the period, 70 per cent.



Spencer Digby photograph
A. L. CURRY: With the Boys Overseas

of the Division with more than three years' service took part in the broadcasts.

The broadcasting unit worked in two sections, one with the Division in action and the other covering the lines of communication and New Zealand personnel in the Navy and Air Force.

Each section consisted of a commentator and an engineer. The maintenance and regularity of the Sunday morning greetings were the prime considerations of the unit, but a very important part of the work was describing and recording the campaigns in which the Division featured. In the four years no action, large or small, in which the New Zealanders were engaged went undescribed. Whenever the Division was in the fighting, the microphone was there too and, naturally, some notable broadcasts were provided.

Famous Engagements

When Rommel cut off part of the New Zealand force in the Tobruk campaign in November, 1941, the broadcasting unit was split, but through the assistance of the R.A.F., the commentator was able to fly over the enemy lines and land in Tobruk to record an account of the series of actions at Sidi Rezegh and El Duda, which resulted in the relief of the beleaguered garrison.

When the Division broke through the enemy ring at Minqa Quaim, it was accompanied by the broadcasting unit, which was thus able to tell the story of the New Zealanders' famous stand. This was the action which, according to Mr. Churchill, was the decisive factor in the defence of Egypt. Then the Division fell back on Alamein and accounts

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