

## Christmas Greetings From The Forces

ATTENTION is drawn to the fact that on the evening of Saturday, December 25, Station 2YA will broadcast the following Christmas messages from the Forces, which were not announced in our programmes last issue:

10.15: Repetition of Pacific Christmas Greetings.

11.15: Pacific Greetings continued.

11.25: Repetition of the Middle East Christmas Greetings.

At 1.0 a.m. (Sunday), 2YA will re-broadcast a Christmas programme from the BBC.

## INVESTMENT IN GOODWILL

### Telling New Caledonia About New Zealand

OUR New Zealand troops in New Caledonia have spent much of their spare time getting to know the local people. Many have picked up enough French to conduct elementary conversation, and quite a number of the local people have a smattering of English. Where neither of these conditions obtain our troops seem to "get across" by lavish use of gesture and their obvious anxiety to be friendly.

This desire to know all about their lives has naturally evoked from the French people a responsive interest in New Zealand. Many French people have expressed a desire to visit New Zealand after the war and to have our discharged soldiers bring their wives and families to visit Necal. So the French Governor asked recently that talks about New Zealand should be given over the French radio.

Owing largely to the enthusiasm of S/Ldr. P. E. Laughton-Bramley, R.A.F., talks on various aspects of New Zealand life are now being broadcast weekly, and the interest shown in them has proved these talks to be a fine investment in goodwill. As S/Ldr. Laughton-Bramley is not himself a New Zealander the talks are prepared in co-operation with S/Sgt. Leo Fowler, a former member of the New Zealand Broadcasting Service, and are translated into French, and broadcast by S/Ldr. Laughton-Bramley.

S/Ldr. Bramley served with the R.A.F. during the last war, and after the armistice in the British Consular Service in France. In 1938, while on a tour of Germany he was arrested by the Nazis as a spy, but managed to obtain his release after several unpleasant experiences. Prior to the present war he was British Vice-Consul at Aix-le-Bains.

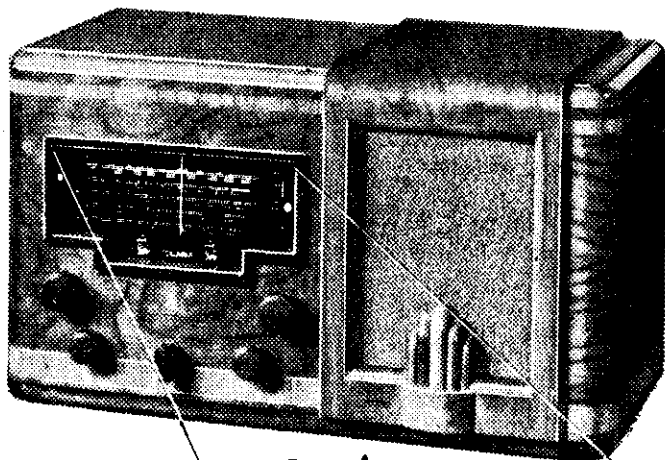
As a member of the R.A.F.V.R. he went to France with the armed forces and after the fall of France was with an Operational Squadron of the Coastal Command. Later he was selected to come to New Zealand on special duties.

He has already given several talks on New Zealand, including two on the French influence on New Zealand history and a talk on the Maori people. To make the service as useful as possible, the French people of New Caledonia are invited to ask for talks on subjects in which they are specially interested.



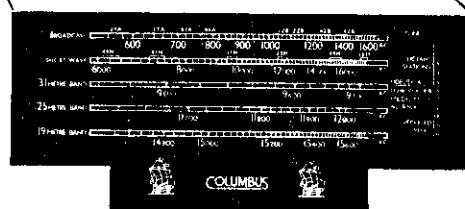
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