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LIEUT. D. W. BAIN

The crocodiles were nerve-wracking

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and as much, too, from the humid heat which robs everybody of half his energy.

LIEUT. BAIN was enthusiastic about his colleagues, the Australian and American correspondents. They are not merely co-operative, he told us, but friendly and helpful in the most amazing ways; and the nearer you get to the enemy the more marked this characteristic is.

"In the fighting zones you are not rivals: you are colleagues. Your own job comes first, but you don't cut another man's throat to beat him with a story—especially if he is such a good chap as all these fellows are."

"If you have come to your job through the army, as I have, you have one attitude, but if you are a civilian newspaper man, you have another attitude. It is something like this. In the first case you find yourself wondering if a story is true, if it will help the army to publish it, and if it will pass the censor. In the second case your chief concern is whether it is a good story and how you can make the most of it and get it away with the least possible delay. So the best stories—by which I mean the most sensational and dramatic—tend to go to individual newspapers. The best verified may be sent by official correspondents who feel that they are servants of the State, and know that accuracy in their case is more important than speed."

EXCELLENT work, Lieut. Bain told us, is being done by the New Zealand Broadcasting Unit operating in the Pacific. Though conditions are difficult, the Unit has found its way into strange places and succeeded in keeping contact with the fighting sections of the expeditionary force. The news service from the New Zealand end was also appreciated, though it was difficult in such unreal surroundings really to feel close to New Zealand. One trouble is that the news continuity is often broken by active service conditions. But the chief difficulty is that nothing read or heard in such a strange world seems to have reality. "Rumours, of course, have been a part of camp life since the beginning of military history. But when force headquarters are on one island, divisional headquarters on another, and brigade headquarters perhaps somewhere else, when you live in and out of jungle retreats, and travel by water or by air, it is almost impossible to make and keep the contacts that reduce rumours to nonsense and leave you with a secure hold of the basic facts."

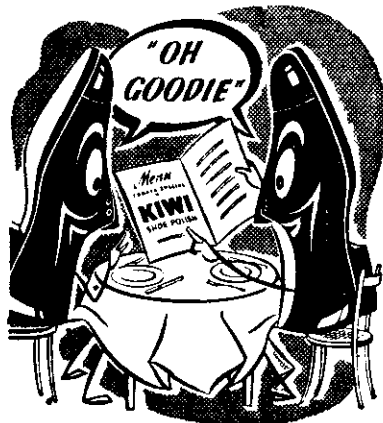
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