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Falamae Beach and Stirling Island in the Treasuries, as seen from Mono Island.

units held their own exhibitions first, selecting the best, from the point of view of both skill and novelty, to pass on to their colleagues of other units new suggestions and methods.

Over two hundred exhibits were finally selected for the brigade exhibition, including a small display from some United States troops. The success of the exhibition, in achieving its simple aim of encouraging others to go and do likewise, was beyond all expectation.

So the men of the 3rd N.Z. Division in the Treasuries, in what spare time they could find after helping to build the airstrip or unloading ships, or continuing jungle patrols and training, and improving their camps, used hand and brain to advantage. The Young Farmers' Club literally sprang into being with nearly seven hundred members, each camp having its own group, with weekly meetings addressed by officers and men of their own unit or borrowed from a panel of lecturers who had been enticed by the B.E.O. to give their services. Boxing Day was celebrated by a real gala day, with sports on land and in the water, from "horse" racing to boat racing—and all held in a spot that, barely two months

earlier, had been a Native village occupied by the Japs.

Other big days followed, and before long the local jungle had produced yachts that made Blanche Harbour resemble Auckland Harbour on Christmas Eve, as the Brigade Yacht Club held week-end contests. The B.E.O. became the sports secretary, this time for the island, as inter-unit competitions were organized, including Allied units representing two to three times as many United States troops as there were New-Zealanders.

By this time the Brigade Education Officer had become the Island Special Service Officer (the United States Army term for his counterpart in their forces), and he was serving all servicemen stationed here, from army, navy, and air force, with films, sports, and concerts. Island schedules for visiting U.S.O. camp shows had to be fitted in with picture nights, usually playing to about a thousand troops at a time for an hour before the film. The 3 Div. "Kiwi" Concert party, and the 3 Div. band visited the islands, and, as on the day of the landing and ever since, in battle, sport, and entertainment, New Zealand and United States troops were side by side, sharing equally hardships and play.