

SAMPLE SECTION OF AN ABSTRACT

Jock SMITH

Interview: 25 December 20

Interviewer: Mary Smith

Abstracter: Jo Smith

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Gives full name. Gives place and date of birth. Explains his middle name, Adolphus. Gives father's name - explains his father was an ex-serviceman from WW1, wounded at Gallipoli. Gives brief history of father's wounding. Recalls father complained about it after the war.
- 03.50 Describes father's work post-war on railway and difficulty of building a railway line from Bloggstown to Billington. Explains father an explosives expert – blew holes for tunnels.
- 06.05 Explains how his 3 brothers and two sisters were in the services. Father had 'no problem' with him joining up. Explains his departure from NZ – mother went to Auckland to see him off. Explains that father sent a parcel to him every month he was overseas. Describes parcels and their contents.
- 08.08 Describes getting the tins and how crew appreciated them too. Gives mother's name. Describes her and his relationship with her. Explains her Presbyterian religion was important to her and still is to him.
- 11.0 Describes how Catholics and Jews were called out of church parades in New Zealand in the Army for own religious observation.
- 12.30 Describes early life Bloggstown. Explains that they lived in a Public Works camp. Describes camp and conditions.
- 14.70 Describes some of his primary schooling – skipping classes because he was ahead of the others. Mentions Fred Bloggs, great grandson of William Bloggs. Explains his best subjects French and Latin.
- 17.40 Recalls where he was when Second World War declared. Describes atmosphere at home. Describes going to the Billington to enlist. Explains why he chose the army. Did not want to be with 'all those toffs' in the air force.