

## SAMPLE SECTION OF AN ABSTRACT

### BLOGGSTOWN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

**Recorded:** 18 August 2017

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**Interviewer:** Mary Smith

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**Abstracter:** Jo Smith

JOCK SMITH

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00.10 Recording identification

John “Jock” Adolphus Smith. Born 25 December 1926, Wellington. Explains name. Father Walter David Smith. Ex-serviceman WWI, wounded Gallipoli, details.

03.50 Father worked post-war on railway, describes. Difficult building railway line from Bloggstown to Billington. Father an explosives expert – blew holes for tunnels.

06.05 Brothers [Frederick “Fred” Arthur Smith, Paul William Smith and Richard Adam Smith] and sisters [Patricia Jane Highet Nee Smith and Margaret Helen Richardson nee Smith] all in the services. Father had ‘no problem’ with him joining up. Departure from NZ, details, reference Auckland. Father sent parcel every month, describes.

08.09 Describes getting the tins and how crew appreciated them too. Mother Rose Patricia Smith [nee Paterson], describes her, relationship. Presbyterian religion important to her and self [Religion].

11.00 Catholics and Jews called out of church parades in NZ in the army, explains.

12.30 Describes early life Bloggstown. Lived in Public Works Camp, describes.

14.70 Primary schooling [Education] – describes. Skipped classes, explains. Mentions Fred Bloggs, great-grandson of William Bloggs. Reference French and Latin.

17.40 Recalls where he was when Second World War declared. Describes atmosphere at home. Enlisted Billington – describes. Chose Army, explains. Did not want to be with ‘all those toffs’ in the Air Force.