



NEW ZEALAND BROADCASTING SERVICE,
Arawa Street,
ROTORUA.

7th March 1950.

Kermit Geary Esq.,
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PENNSYLVANIA U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Geary,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 19th February reporting reception of 1YZ.

It was astonishing to us to receive a report from so far across the States as Walnut-port. We have considerable pleasure in confirming your reception of 1YZ Rotorua, and it may be of satisfaction to you to learn that you are by far the most distant point where 1YZ has been reported.

Our power is only 10 K.W. and the Wellington station of 60 K.W. has not reached much further than this great distance.

We first came on the air on 27/4/49. Our transmitter is on the Coast about 30 ~~air~~ miles from the Studios in Rotorua. The mast of 500 feet steel lattice-work is also the Antenna and was the first tower aerial to be used in New Zealand. The mast was built in Melbourne Australia, and the transmitter and studio equipment by Amalgamated Wireless Ltd. in Sydney, Australia. Rotorua is the centre of the thermal district and a tourist centre.

We have very good coverage of most of the Pacific Islands including Tarawa Island, known to your Marines. We have had a number of reports from California, and one from Carey in Ohio.

You might be interested to know that I was engineer at 2YA Wellington when we arranged a two-way conversation between New York and your Admiral Byrd on his first trip to the South Pole. When he came back I looked after his little fox-terrier "Igloo" (who flew with him over the Pole) while the Admiral made another broadcast. The two-way broadcast to New York was in those days a world record.

Many thanks for your report and perhaps we will hear from you again later in the year.

Yours very sincerely,

STATION MANAGER.