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LOOKING AROUND THE ROOM I NOTICE THAT THERE IS A NUMBER OF YOU ARE
EX SERVICEMEN. IF YOU LAUGH I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GUILTY, OR IF YOU
HANG YOUR HEAD IN SHAME, WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR SAUCER WHILE
TRAVELING ON A TROOP TRAIN?. I got a dollar EACH WAY.

THERE WERE 84 REFRESHMENT ROOMS NATION WIDE. IN THE EARLY DAYS THE
TRAINS WERE SLOWER, THE LOCOS WERE SMALLER AND DIDN'T HAVE THE WATER
CARRYING CAPACITY AS THE LARGER LOCOS HAVE, HENCE MORE FREQUENT
STOPS. N.Z.R. DECIDED WHILE SERVICING THE LOCO THEY WOULD PROVIDE
REFRESHMENTS FOR THE PASSENGERS. THOUGH THERE WERE JUST OVER 80
REFRESHMENT ROOMS NATION WIDE, THEY WERE NOT OPERATING ALL THAT THE
SAME TIME. ON THE EAST COAST LINE (THIS IS IS KNOWN TODAY) THERE
WERE 5 ROOMS. I KNOW ^{YOU} WILL BE SAYING TO YOURSELF ^{NAME} NAME THEM, AND HERE
THEY ARE .WAIROA, NAPIER TE AUTE (LATER ^{N M} REMANED OPAPA) WAIPUKURAU
AND WOODVILLE. IN THE EARLY DAYS H.B. PASSENGER TRAINS HAD A DINING
CAR BUT WAS REMOVED ABOUT THE BEGINING OFF W.W.I FOR
ECONOMY REASONS. AS TIME WENT ON TRAINS GOT FASTER, THE LOCOS GOT
LARGER HENCE THE NUMBER OF STOPS REQUIRED GOT FEWER. THE TE AUTE
MAY MADE A NUMBER OF YOU QUERRY THIS STOP BUT THERE IS A PHOTO
WHEN IT WAS A STOP. BEEN INVOLVED IN ITS RESTORATION. EVIDENCE IS
STILL THERE. EARLY ROOMS WERE LEASED OUT BUT FROM 1917 ON NZR
STARTED THE TO CANCELL THE LEASES AND OPERATE THEM THEMSELVES.
NZR ORDERED THEIR CROCKERY FROM MANY MANUFACTURERS, SOME WELL
KNOWN SUCH AS W.H. GRINDLEY AND CO. STAFFORDSHIRE POTTERY
WEDGEWOOD W. ADAMS JOHNSON BROS. A MEAKIN ROYAL DALTON MADDOCK.
AT THE OUT BREAK OF W.W.2. CROCKERY WAS CUT OF SO ² N.Z. CO.
AMALGAMATED BRICK AND PIPE CO. STARTED TO MAKE IT. IT IS BELEIVED
THAT ^{THEY} ~~THEY~~ COULDN'T PUT A HANDLE ON THE CUPS .THE PUBLIC WENT RIGHT OFF
AS THEY WERE TO HOT TO HANDLE ~~TO HANDLE~~ IN THE SUMMER BUT RATHER
COMFORTING TO HANDLE IN THE WINTER. THEY WERE VERY CRUDE OF A
STAW COLOUR. BRICK AND PIPE SPORNSED SOMEONE FROM ENGLAND TO MAKE
A BETTER CUP. BRICK AND PIPE BECAME THE WELL KNOWN CROWN LYNN CO.
DURING THE WAR THE ANNUAL LOSS OF CUPS ON THE RAILS WAS IN THE
VICINITY OF 10,000 PIECES. IN THE 1950S THE ANNUAL AVERAGE

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121,500 drop of 98,500 pieces

~~79000 CUPS AND 42500 SAUCERS.~~ ONE PENNY OF THE PURCHASED PRICE OF A CUP OF TEA WENT TOWARDS THE COST OF REPLACEMENT OF CROCKERY, DURING THE ~~W.W.~~ *W.W.* THREE DIGGERS WENT INTO A DUDLIN YMCA TO BE SERVED A CUP OF TEA IN N.Z.R. CUPS, ONE FROM PAEKAKARIKI AND TE KUITI. (N.Z. HERALD REPORT.)

PEOPLE HAVE OFTEN ASKED "WHAT IS SO INTERESTING AND COLLECTABLE ABOUT THE REFRESHMENT ROOMS AND ITS CROCKERY". WELL THERE ARE THE UNIFORMS, MENU, SILVERWARE AND THE FAMED CUP AND SAUCER PLUS WITH THEIR ASSORTED BOOKSTALLS FROM COUNTER SERVICES TO THE FULL DINING ROOMS. *only full dining room was present* ALL PARTS OF NZR HISTORY. RAILWAY CROCKERY IS VERY COLLECTABLE NOT JUST AS A COLLECTION OF NZR INSCRIBED CUPS BUT ALSO A RECORD OF THE INDIVIDUAL ROOMS.. ~~HERE IS ONE EXAMPLE OF A SUPPLIER OF CROCKERY,~~ MANUFACTURED BY ALFRED HEAKIN ENGLISH POTTERY IN STAFFORDSHIRE. THE MAKERS MARK DATES FROM 1897 TO 1913 WHICH DATES THE PIECES IN THE DAYS OF LEASED REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

PIECES FOUND AROUND OPAPA HAD A FORAL DESIGN A BITE BETTER LOOKING THAN THE NZR USED, SEEING A NUMBER OF YOU WERE FAMILAR OF WAIOURU. THEIR MONOGAM WAS A BLACK OVAAL AND THE SAUCER ~~ITSELF~~ *Had a* SELF LINED WITH PINK AND GOLD AROUND THE RIM, AT A LATER DATE NZR CHANGED FROM USING THE STATIONS ~~NAME~~ *NAME* TO A SERIAL NUMBER THE COLOURS AND THE NUMBER USED WOULD IDENTIFY THE STATION.

N M REMEMBER THE SIGN ON THE PLATFORM "PLEASE LEAVE THE CROCKERY ON THE PLATFORM" HOWEVER THERE WERE A ~~NUMBER~~ *NUMBER* THAT WAS TAKEN ON BOARD AND A COLLECTER WOULD COME THROUGH WITH A FOUR GALLON TIN TO COLLECT THE CROCKERY WHAT WAS LEFT AFTER WHAT WAS THROWN OUT THE WINDOW. THESE WERE SORTED AND RETURN TO THE RIGHTFUL STATION OTHERWISE, SAY A LOT OF WAIPUKURAU CROKERY COULD FINISH UP IN WELLINGTON AND WAIPUK WOULD RUN SHORT. ~~ENTER~~ *MODERN* THE FIRST OF MODERNERA TRAINS IN THE EARLY 1970s SUCH AS THE SILVER STAR. SILVER FERN, NORTHERNER AND SOUTHERNER SAW THE INTRODUCTION OF

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THE SMALLER COMACT AIR LINE TYPE OF CROCKERY FOR THE USE ON BOARD IN THE DINING AND BUFFET CARS. I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE LOOSE CROCKERY WOULD BE WELL DOWN FROM REFRESHMENT ROOM SERVICE DAYS. FIVE YEARS AGO IT IS RECORDED THAT THAT CUP AND SAUCER WAS TRADED AT \$50 WHILE A 1970 C&S WENT FOR \$80 EVEN BROKEN CRACKED CHIPPED WILL BRING SMALL DOLLARS. THERE IS ON THE MARKET CROCKERY FORGERIES BUT WITH A DIFFERANCE .THEY ARE SMALLER THREE CIRCULAR PIN HOLES MAKES WHERE THE CUP STOOD ON A HOLDER IN THE KILM WHERE AS THE GENUGIME CROCKERY STOOD ON ITS BASE THUS NOT GLAZED ON A RIM AROUND ITS BASE. PLUS THE INSCRIPTION IS AT 90° TO THE HANDLE.

MANY JOKES HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE FOOD THAT THE ROOMS SOLD THICK CUPS, COLD TEA. THE PIES ,BLOCK CAKE, AND THE NEATLY MADE ~~PIE~~ ^{HAM} SANDERWICHES. EACH ROOM WANTED TO BE ON TOP IN MAKING THE BEST TO OUT DO THE NEXT STOP DOWM THE TRACK. THE STAFF HAD TO SLICE THE BREAD BY HAND AND HAD TO GET SO MANY SLICES OUT OF EACH LOAF, LONG BEFORE ~~BY~~ ^{THEY} HAD BREAD SLICES.