



Then on Tuesday we heard of the death of Dorothy Elizabeth Evans (nee Girdwood) - always known as Betty - who passed away in the Norfolk Island Hospital earlier that morning. Betty had lived a very full and active 82 years in New Zealand, with the Forces overseas, and on Norfolk Island.

Having been reared in a farming area in Port Waikato Betty joined the New Zealand Army when war broke out and served overseas in New Caledonia, the Middle East and Europe.

Afterwards she served on the Allied Control Commission in the rehabilitation of Germany, returning to New Zealand after discharge; came for a holiday on Norfolk - and stayed for the next 43 years!

During her years on Norfolk, Betty married Gunsen Evans in 1965 but had only 6 months of marriage when Gunsen died. She ran the boarding house called "Felecita" which was on the site of the present "Colonial of Norfolk Island", worked with World Traders when the Gostling family owned it, was a member of the Administration Philatelic branch for many years and was also joint Librarian.

She loved travelling and whenever she could, she packed her bags and away she went overseas,

but always meeting up with her three nieces somewhere along the line. Betty's particular friend on Norfolk was Avis Dunning but she also had a great rapport with many of the older residents whose friendship she enjoyed and who held her in great esteem.

She was an unassuming but friendly person who got great pleasure in caring for her garden. It was quite evident that her health was not the best over the last couple of years.

This Christmas was to be a reunion of the nieces and Betty's friends from England. Ro Leamon and Ann Gray from Reading, visited Norfolk some 12 years ago and arrived last week, which enabled them to have a little time with their old friend. Niece Josephine Mullins from New Zealand also came last weekend in time to be with her aunt.

The family get-together will go ahead, with Josephine's husband and two sons coming today ; Susan Girdwood arrives from Hong Kong, Kerry Girdwood and her son Sam also arrive today and they will all spend Christmas together in "Darset", Betty's home.

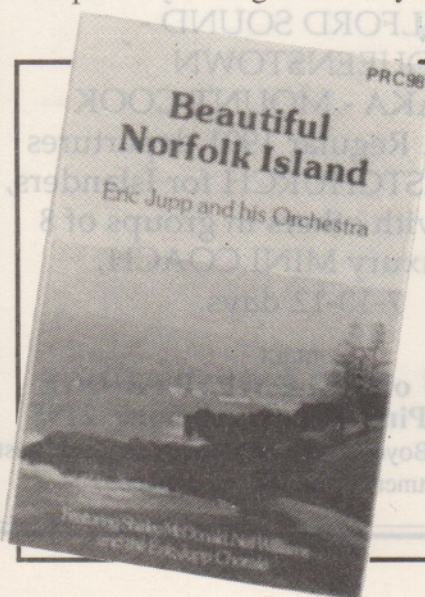
Josephine, on behalf of her two sisters, their families and Ro and Ann, wish to record their sincere thanks to all friends and members of the community who shared their sadness in the loss of Betty with floral tributes, cards, etc. - and to Rev. Les Thompson for his graveside service which, with emphasis on Psalm 23 was a tribute in its content to the life of Betty Evans.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

With the arrival of Bishop Reid today, we are to have a special Confirmation Service at All Saints, Kingston on Sunday morning at 10 am.

The Chapel choir will be in attendance as will the Sunday School children who both have a part to play in the service.

Please make a note of the time - 10 am.



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