

# A YANK IN THE TERRITORY

An American journalist said this week that the Territory was the most amazing and one of the least known countries in the world.

He said: "Boy. When I tell the people back home about this country they just won't believe it."

He is Mr. Ralph Craib, a re-write man from the Oakland Tribune, California.

He arrived in Australia in April with a number of American journalists who were guests of Qantas Empire Airways.

Mr. Craib was the only one of the party who visited the Territory.

"This visit is a bit of sheer luck," he said.

A Qantas executive said to the party one night over a few drinks: "You haven't seen anything yet. You want to go to New Guinea."

"So I took him up on that, and he was right.

"The others who had previous commitments returned home.."

During his visit Mr. Craib spent hours at the Department of District Services office and the South Pacific Post going over patrol reports and files.

He also flew to the Highlands and took pictures of Highland natives welcoming aircraft.

"Wherever you touch down in this Territory there is good, colourful news," he said.

"I had a yarn with that Horry Niall of yours, at Lae.

"Say, he's a good guy. He told me plenty.

"After some time I asked him when he thought he'd have the Kukukukus under control.

"He said he didn't know, but he reckoned it would be about the same time we put Chicago under control.

"The hospitality I've received from the people here is tremendous. Everyone helped, particularly when I went looking for stories of your patrol officers.

"Those guys are unique in the world. Why, I met one in the highlands who was only a 19 years-old kid.

"And the job they do? Brother, that's man-sized.

"Someone should tell the world about it."

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