

IN PICKET SHIP:

Scientists Off To Auckland Is.

The U.S.S. Calcaterra left Dunedin this morning for weather picket duty in southern waters with 13 extra men on board. They are New Zealand scientists who will spend three weeks on the sub-antarctic Auckland Islands.

Dr R. A. Falla, director of the Dominion Museum, and Dr E. J. Godley, of Christchurch, director of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, head the expedition.

Dr Falla said the expedition had originally planned to travel in the New Zealand Antarctic supply ship Endeavour but damage during her last trip south had made it necessary to go in the Calcaterra.

This meant that the length of the scientists' stay in the Auckland islands would be limited to the length of one picket duty.

TWO GROUPS

The scientists will work in two groups. One will carry out a "pioneering" survey of Adams Island, under Dr Godley, and will live in tents for three weeks. The other, under Dr Falla, will live at Point Ross where they will reconstruct the wartime coast-watching establishment.

Included in the party on Adams Island is Dr P. Rickwood, of the University of Otago's geology department, who will deal with the geological aspects of the survey.

The two groups will be about 25 miles apart and linked by radio. Both will be equipped with small outboard motor boats which, together with building materials and scientific equipment, were loaded on to the Calcaterra yesterday.

N.Z. Men Leaving On Ship

Thirteen New Zealand scientists will leave Dunedin on board the weather picket ship, U.S.S. Calcaterra, today to spend three weeks on the sub-antarctic Auckland Islands.

The expedition is headed by Dr R. A. Falla, director of the Dominion Museum, and Dr E. J. Godley, of Christchurch, director of the botany division of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Dr Falla, who spent yesterday supervising the loading of stores, said the expedition had originally planned to travel on the New Zealand Antarctic supply ship Endeavour.

Damage to the Endeavour during her last trip south had made it necessary to travel on the Calcaterra and had limited the length of the scientists' stay in the Auckland Islands to the length of one picket duty.

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Seven men, under Dr Godley, will carry out a "pioneering" survey of Adams Island. They will live in tents for the three weeks.

Dr P. Rickwood, of the University of Otago's geology department, will deal with the geological aspects of the survey.

The remaining six men, headed by Dr Falla, will live at Point Ross where they will reconstruct the wartime coast-watching establishment.

Building materials including prefabricated wall sections and floors, form a large part of the supplies being carried south on the Calcaterra.

"We feel the coast-watching buildings will make a very suitable base for a scientific party," Dr Falla said.

During their stay in the Auckland group, the two parties will be about 25 miles apart and their only connection with each other and with the outside world will be by radio.

Both groups will be equipped with small outboard motor boats which were also loaded on to the Calcaterra yesterday.

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