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Pacific Odyssey-Vancouver to Kinleith on Time

On 31st January at 4.15 p.m., six mighty Pacific P10 off-highway logging trucks rolled into New Zealand Forest Products Ltd's yard at Kinleith right on schedule.

In the July Newsletter we explained how a selling team, including the President of Pacific Truck and Trailer Company Mr S. G. (Stan) DeBou, was successful in winning the order against stiff opposition.

The result: 28 cases of components which had travelled from Vancouver via Kobe, Japan, to Lyttelton, and six large cases of British-built Cummins NTC 335 diesel engines, which travelled from Liverpool via the East Coast of the United States to Lyttelton, were transformed through many thousands of hours of planning and assembly work into six impressive Pacific Trucks.

Responsible for the project was Mr R. (Rex) Frisken, Manager of Technical Services, who said "one of the most gratifying aspects was the the example of inter-departmental

co-operation shown during the assembly and delivery operation. This was the first time that A. & M. had assembled chassis from the bare rails, and it involved the finish drilling and reaming of more than a thousand accurately-located holes to accept the driven-fit aircraft-type bolts which are one of the features of the Pacific chassis".

With the chassis components arriving only the week before Christmas, and the engines not arriving until the 9th January, Norman Goile, A. & M. General Foreman, had to use his ingenuity as well as work some of his truck assembly staff over the Christmas and New Year vacation so as to have the trucks assembled and mobile by the scheduled delivery date.

Others were brought in to give a helping hand: the Payloader assembly team, Engineering Group, G.O. Service Supervisors (D. J. Prujean and E. J. Stannard), R. A. Loasby, Quality Auditor, and many others.

The trucks finally travelled from

Middleton A. & M. to Wellington by the inter-island steamer express "Rangatira". They were then driven the remaining miles to Kinleith by I.H. drivers under the watchful eye of R. A. (Alex) Painter, Supervisor, National User Sales, who had inspected the trucks before delivery.

Now that these large trucks for off-highway work have been assembled by I.H. in New Zealand, it is anticipated that more multi-truck deliveries of this kind will eventuate.

Top: The 6 Pacific trucks had been completed when this photograph was taken and were about to be driven in convoy to the port of Lyttelton.

Below shows two of the trucks at the loading ramp to the "Rangatira" at Lyttelton prior to loading.

