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Because secrecy was paramount, their station locations and personnel, their triumphs and failures, were never reported. And this secrecy continues to the present day, having all but sunk out of sight. As Dr Warren Tucker, the director of the Security Intelligence Service, comments in his foreword "*I am delighted that this book now puts firmly into the public arena a record of New Zealand's small but important SIGINT contribution to the wartime Allied effort.*"

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