

Boys to Camp on Eton Playing Field

A party of young New Zealanders arrived in Melbourne yesterday on their way to London where they will camp for 10 days on the famous playing fields of Eton College.

They are members of the Boys' Brigade, a non-denominational church movement. They include, besides New Zealand boys, 15 dusky Cook Islanders, whose ages range from 17 to 57.

In England they will attend the centennial celebrations of the birth of Sir William Smith, who founded the Boys' Brigade in Glasgow in 1883.

Just before noon yesterday the contingent marched through the city to the rousing accompaniment of drum and bugle music supplied by diminutive bandmen from the local Boys' Brigades.

There was a civic reception by the Lord Mayor (Cr. Solly) and then a feast of sandwiches, soft drinks and biscuits in the Town Hall reception room.

Worked for Trip

Rev. T. Pitman, leader of the Cook Island contingent, is himself a native islander and a Congregational minister of the London Missionary Society.

His party, he said, included three teachers, a

policeman and a radio operator. All the rest were planters who exported copra, oranges and tomatoes to New Zealand.

"Most of us have worked very hard in our spare time to save towards this trip," Mr. Pitman said. "One of our party even did some pearl-diving to earn extra money."