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FIJIAN TROOPS' KAVA FESTIVAL

Southwood Camp, Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire

Dress Rehearsal - 11 am, Tuesday, 2nd January 1962  
Performance - 8.30 pm, Wednesday, 3rd January

Fijian recruits to the Royal Engineers and the Royal Army Service Corps are to perform their traditional kava ceremony, with singing and dancing, at Farnborough, Hants, this week.

About 40 of them, from 1 Training Regiment, RE, and 1 Training Battalion, RASC, will be taking part before an audience of British troops and families and local civilians in the gymnasium of the Royal Engineers' unit, Cove, on Wednesday night.

The festival is built round the old Fijian welcoming ceremony at which guests are offered a potent licquor prepared from the kava plant. Performers will, of course, be wearing their own distinctive South Seas "battledress".

If you intend to cover either the rehearsal or the performance, please telephone Major Philip Crook, RE, at FARNBOROUGH (Hants) 3100.

Note for Pictures Editors

We have had several requests for facilities to photograph the Fijian soldiers in uniform. Their uniforms have now been tailored and Tuesday morning would be a good time to see them.

Rehearsal. Steve -

Please nip me if N-Tre  
present.

George Y. - tape.