

## RADIO TRANSCEIVERS AND CALLSIGNS



The above picture (courtesy John Ely) shows the most common radio used by Natmap field staff the Traeger TM2. It was a part valve, part transistorized set, with removable crystal boxes containing the operating frequencies – one for transmitting and one for receiving. To change frequency remove one set and plug in another. As well as allowing inter-party communication the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) could be contacted in the event of emergency or to send/receive telegrams to/from the office.

There was also a separate crystal box which could be tuned to radio stations. In an isolated area it was useful to field parties by providing news, sport and music. For those who may remember a favourite program was “Kindergarten of the Air”. While many Natmappers will never admit it (and of course we have only heard the rumours) there were occasions when members of Natmap field parties were reportedly seen “dancing” round the campfire in time to the music and performing the actions described by the Presenter!!

The following pages contain the circa 1964 & 1966 list of Natmap callsigns, then the list for 1973 and early 74, the final list for 1974 and the handwritten (by Andrew Turk countersigned by Bobroff) list for 1975. The Canberra callsign list for 1973 and later is also there (courtesy Laurie McLean).

VL5 BW  
CALL SIGNS.

FMG.  
CALL SIGN.

BW	NAME	INITIALS	FMG.	CALL SIGN.	NOTES
100	H.A. JOHNSON		9 JV	(NG) (8ED)	
101	J.D. LINES	JDE	9 JT		
102	L.G. TURNER	LGN	8 ZI		
103	R. FORD	RFQ	8 ZH	(8EA)	
104	N. FENTON	NEIL (MID)	8 SDK		
105	E. SETON	TES	8 SDO		
106	O.J. BOBROFF	BOB	8 SFU		
107	J.W. WITZAND	WILL	8 SFV		
108	G. CRUICKSHANK	GILLY	8 SHA		
109	P. BARDULIS	(MID)	8 SHJ		
110	D.J. HUTTON	DAVE	8 SQA	(8EE)	
111	A. BOMFORD	TONY	8 SQB		
112	J. DE STEFANI	JACK	8 SQC		
113	S. KIRKBY	SID	8 SQD		
114	F. LEAHY	FRANK (MID)	8 SQE		
115	F. COMBE	FRED	8 SUA		
116	J. ALLEN	JOHN	8 SUB	(8EB)	
117	B. DAENKE	BRIAN (FID)	8 SUC		
118	D. LOCKE	DOY	8 SUD		
119	J. CARLISLE	JIM (MID)	8 SUE		
120	R.W. JAMES	BOB	8 SUF		
121	I. JOHNSON	IAN	8 SUG		
122	C. McMASTER	CARL	8 SUH		
123	R. SCOTT	ROY	8 SUI		
124	M. RUGELI	MAX	8 SXN		
125	E.H. BURKE		8 SXO	(8EC)	
126	A. COLVIN	ALAN	8 SXP		
127	J. COMBE	JIM (SLIM)	8 SXQ		
128	N. BROWNSEA	NORM	8 SXR		
129	R.W. GOLDSWORTHY	BOB (MID)	8 SXS		
200	D. PRICE	DAVE	8 SXT		

Call Signs circa 1964 – courtesy Ed Burke

Survey Branch  
Administrative Instructions for Field Parties.

CIRCA 1966  
 COURTESY: CARL McMASTER

TRAEGER TRANSCEIVERS.

CALL SIGNS.			RADIO			
P.M.G.	W.R.E.	BRANCH	NAME		TYPE	NUMBER
9 JV	BW100	G	Johnson	H.A.	TM2	3326
9 JT	101	T	Lines	J.D.	"	3328
8 ZI	102	T	Turner	L.G.	"	2928
8 ZH	103	G	Ford	R.A.	"	2597
8 SDK	104	T	Fenton	N.R.	59M10	2369
8 SDO	105	T	Seton	E.F.N.	TM2	2599
8 SFU	106	G	Bobroff	O.J.	"	2600
8 SFV	107	G	Witzand	J.W.	"	2831
8 SHA	108	G	Cruickshanks	G.J.	"	3180
8 SJJ	109	G	Bardulis	P.E.	59M10	2372
8 SQA	110	G	Hutton	D.J.	TM2	2833
8 SQB	111	G	Bomford	A.G.	"	2601
8 SQC	112	T	Hawker	N.K.	59M10	2373
8 SQD	113	T	<u>Kirkby</u>	S.L.	TM2	2604
8 SQE	114	T	Madden	J.D.	"	2598
8 SUA	115	G	Wilson	L.R.	"	2834
8 SUB	116	G	Langhorne	P.H.	"	2835
8 SUC	117	T	<u>Jennings</u>	G.D.	"	3325
8 SUD	118	G	Porteus	A	"	2836
8 SUE	119	G	Dosnic	V.E.	"	2602
8 SUF	120	G	James	R.W.	"	2927
8 SUG	121	G	Francis	R.	59M10	2370
8 SUH	122	T	<u>McMaster</u>	C.G.	TM2	2832
8 SUI	123	G	Stevens	M.J.	"	2371
8 SXN	124	T	<u>Welling</u>	P.J.	"	2830
8 SXO	125	T	<u>Burke</u>	E.H.	51 MA	1935
8 SXP	126	G	Cook	D.P.	TM2	3327
8 SXQ	127	G	Fox	J.F.	"	2596
8 SXR	128	G	Sutherland	W.	"	3182
8 SXS	129	G	Goldsworthy	R.W.	"	2926
8 SXT	200	T	<del>TAPPY</del> <del>Antenakakis</del>	<del>R.P.</del> G.	"	3181
8 SZG	201	G	Roelse	A	"	3179
8 SZH	202				51MA	1702
8 SZI	203				"	1724
9 SDA			ELY		TM2	1854
9 SDB					"	1852
9 SDC					"	1925
9 SDD		T	<u>Vassil</u>	R.A.	TM2	2603
9 SDE		T	<u>Veenstra</u>	C	"	3184
9 SDF		T	<u>Douglas</u>	T.L.	"	3183

NOTE: Operators will retain the allotted call signs irrespective

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<u>CALL SIGN</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>RADIO</u>	
<u>P.M.G.</u>	<u>W.R.S.</u>		<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
8 SQD	BW 113	Kirkby, S.L.		
8 SFC	BW 106	Bobroff, O.J.		
8 SQE	BW 114	Madden, J.	TM 3	3748
9 SDA	BW 210	Manning, J.	TM 3	3714
9 SDD	BW 104	Vassil, R.A.	TM 3	3753
9 JT	BW 101	Turk, A.	CM 7	
8 SFV	BW 107	Smith, R.G.	TM 3	3749
9 SDF	BW 117	Cowling, S.G.	TM 2	3183
9 SDE	BW 209	Cross, R.A.	TM 3	3752
8 SDO	BW 105	Greenall, A.P.	TM 3	3750
9 JV	BW 100	Bruce, D.A.	TM 3	3755
8 SXT	BW 200	Wright, A.J.	TM 3	3754
8 ZI	BW 102	Stapleton, R.	TM 2	3326
8 SUB	BW 116	Wise, P.J.	TM 2	3474
8 ZH	BW 103	Ford, R.A.		
9 SDC		Forster, W.R.	TM 2	3181
8 SZI		Crane, K.	TM 2	2835
8 SJJ	BW 119	Goldsworthy, R.W.	TM 2	2600
8 SQC	BW 129	Muir, I.	TM 2	3328
8 SYK		Helmore, R.C.	TM 2	2926
8 SYG		Blake, P.	TM 2	2830
8 SUG		Lloyd, M.	TM 2	2599
8 SXO		McLean, L.W.	TM 2	2928
8 SZH		Graham, E.	TM 2	3184
8 SDK		Burries, G.	TM 2	2598
3 SXN		Rollo, E.J.	TM 2	2832
9 SDB		Turner, R.	TM 2	2603
8 SUE		Kearns, R.	TM 2	3325
		Spare (Melb.)	TM 3	3751

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD PARTIES  
TRASGER TRANSCEIVERS - 1974

<u>CALL SIGN</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>RADIO</u>	
<u>P.M.G.</u>	<u>W.R.E.</u>		<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
	BW 113	Kirkby, S.L.		
8 SFU	BW 106	Bobroff, C.J.		
8 SQE	BW 114	Madden, J.	TR 3	3748
8 SFU	BW 210	Hanning J./Hewett, B.	TM 3	3714
9 SDD	BW 104	Vassil, R.A.	TR 3	3753
9 JV	BW 101	Greenall, A.	CM 7	
8 SFV	BW 107	Smith, R.G.	TM 3	3749
9 SDF	BW 117	Cowling, S.G.	TM 2	3183
9 SDB	BW 209	Cross, R.A.	TR 3	3752
8 SXT	BW 105	Stapelton, R.	TM 3	3750
9 JV	BW 100	Morgan, H.	TR 3	3755
8 SXT	BW 200	Wright, A.J.	TM 3	3754
8 SUB	BW 102	Turk, A.	TR 2	3326
8 SUB	BW 116	Wise, P.J.	TR 2	3474
8 ZH	BW 103	Ford, R.A.		
8 SJJ		Forster, W.R.	TR 2	3181
8 SZI		Crane, K.	TR 2	2835
8 SJJ	BW 119	Goldsworthy, R.W.	TR 2	2600
8 SQC	BW 129	Huir, I.	TM 2	3328
9 SYN		Helmore, R.C.	TR 2	2926
9 SYG		Blake, A.	TM 2	2830
8 SUG		Lloyd, R.	TR 2	2599
8 SXO		McLean, L.W.	TR 2	2923
8 SZH		Graham, S.	TR 2	3184
8 SQD		Burriss, G.	TR 2	2598
8 SXN		Rollo, A.J.	TR 2	2832
8 ZH		Turner, A.	TM 2	2603
8 SHH		Kearns, R.	TR 2	3325
		Spare (Melb)	TM 3	3751

TEMPORARY CALL SIGN LIST - Trager Transceivers  
Melbourne 1975

<u>CALL SIGN</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>RADIO</u>	
<u>PM G</u>	<u>WRE</u>		<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
VL5LV Mobile 1	BW 100	Cross R.A.	TM3	3755
2	BW 101	Helmere R.C.		
3	BW 102	Vassil R.A.	TM3	3753
4	BW 103	Cowling S.G.	TM3	3754
5	BW 105	Muir I	TM3	3752
6	BW 106	Smith R.G.		
7	BW 107	Turk A.G.		
8	BW 113	Morgan M	CM7	
9	BW 114	Milican LW	TM3	3748
10	BW 116	Edwards L.	TM3	3714
11	BW 117	Lawrence G	TM3	3751
12	BW 119	Blaise P	TM3	3749
13		Reynolds H.	TM3	3750
14		Lloyd M	TM2	3124
15		Burress G	TM2	2526
16		Anderson M.	TM2	2603
17		Clements R.	TM2	2926
18		Rollo E.J.		3325
19	BW 129	Langhorne P		3328
20	BW 200	Stapleton R		2835
21	BW 209	Stuckbery W		3183
22	BW 210	Wise P.J.		2598
23		Crane J.K.		2830
24		Goldsworthy RW		3477
25		Turner R.		3473
26		Madden J.		2832
27		Bobroff O.J.		2926
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RADIO CALL SIGNS - 1973

<u>PMG</u>	<u>WRE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
9 SYH	BW 108	R.J. BRYANT
9 SYK	109	D.L. GRAY
8 SXP	110	D.P. COOK
8 SZG	111	B.A. MURPHY
	115	K. LEPPERT
8 SUD	118	P.W. O'DONNELL
	120	
9 SYO	121	A.J. DECK
8 SUE	122	B.J. SLOANE
8 SUI	123	H.W. GRANGER
8 SXQ	124	J.W. GRAHAM
9 SYL	125	W.A. JEFFERY
9 SYP	126	J.D. LAMB
8 SQB	127	J.G. EDMONSTONE
9 SYM	128	J.R. WOODGER
8 SUA	201	C. VEENSTRA
8 SQA	203	R.J. WITRZENS
8 SHA	204	S. BENNETT
8 SFU	205	J. STEED
9 SYQ	206	P.R. WALKLEY
8 SUF	207	G.J. DONNELLY
8 SXR	208	J.C. MC PHIE
8 SYJ	212	A.J. RODGERS
9 SYI	215	R. CRAVEN
9 SYN	213	J. CLARKE
9 SYI	214	G.D. HOLMES

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8 NWA ALLEN P.  
 8 NWB BOMFORD A.G.  
 8 NWC GUILFOYLE J.  
 8 NWD CONWAY C.  
 8 NWE EDMONSTONE J.G.  
 8 NWF STEED J.  
 8 NWG GRANGER H.W.  
 8 NWH BAKER G.  
 8 NWI MILLER M.  
 8 NWJ  
 8 NWK WOODGER J.R.  
 8 NWL LEPPERT K.  
 8 NWM MORGAN P.  
 8 NWN BRYANT R.J.  
 8 NWO MOULE G.  
 8 NWP WALKLEY P.R.  
 8 NWQ  
 8 NWR RODGERS A.J.  
 8 NWS SLOANE B.J.  
 8 NWT TWILLEY R.J.  
 8 NWU  
 8 NWV WITRZENS R.J.  
 8 NWX  
 8 NWY  
 8 NWZ

8 NXA  
 8 NXB BENNETT S.  
 8 NXC CASTALANELLI M.  
 8 NXD  
 8 NXE  
 8 NXF BROWN K.  
 8 NXG GRAY D.L.  
 8 NXH GRAHAM E.  
 8 NXI SCOTT R.  
 8 NXJ JAMES R.  
 8 NXK MORTIMER P.  
 8 NXL LUCK J.  
 8 NXM MUELLER T.  
 8 NXN OBST B.  
 8 NYA VEENSTRA C.  
 8 NYB BOYLDEW G.  
 8 NYC CORCORAN J.  
 8 NYD WILLINGTON B.H.  
 8 NYE WILLIAMS G.  
 8 NYF CLARKE J.  
 8 NYG GRAHAM J.  
 8 NYH HOMES G.M.  
 8 NYI LIEGME G.  
 8 NYJ JEFFERY W.  
 8 NYK HALL S.  
 8 NYL LEWIS A.  
 8 NYM MITCHELL H.  
 8 NYN HANKINSON M.  
 8 NYO O'DONNELL P.  
 8 NYP  
 8 NYQ MURPHY B.A.  
 8 NYR WATSON C.  
 8 NYS SUTTON J.  
 8 NYT SKINNER M.