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CONWAY REEF
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To Radio		Confirming 2-way QSO			
YU4FDE					
May 1990	GMT	MHz	2-WAY	RST	
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23	1838	14	SSB	59	
23	1903	21	SSB	59	
		28	SSB		

HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR CONTACT WITH CONWAY REEF (CEVAL-RA)

Conway Reef is located some 300 miles SE from the Fiji group. A lonely place, the reef is made up of a small sandbar with an overall length of less than 400 feet and a surrounding reef of 1 mile in diameter. It takes a minimum of 2 to 3 days to reach Conway by sea from Fiji - depending on Mother Nature.

Our 86 foot American Samoa based schooner GALATEA had her engine prior to reaching Fiji and, in spite of major repair efforts, the group had to rely on the sails only. En route, the boat's generator and toilet were lost - and the crew had to seek recourse to earlier methods developed by Mother Nature.

Conway is unfortunately infested with tiny ticks that decided to nest on the DXpedition operators, in many sensitive areas of the human body - probably due to a mistake by Mother Nature.

Life on a DXpedition can be rugged and austere - maybe even more so if you have lost your cooking utensils somewhere along the line. Two major rainstorms washed our tents down, leaving all the gear soaking wet and off the air - but 3D2AM recovered for 48,000 QSO's with the help of Mother Nature.

The 3D2AM operation provided an interesting framework for person-to-person friendship under extremely demanding conditions. Upon our return to Fiji, we found ourselves hailed as the best DX group ever, completing the whole adventure without a single argument and forging lifelong friendships - just as planned by Mother Nature.

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EQUIPMENT: (2 camps & 5-stations)
ICOM 735/751s and AMERITRON AL80As,
CUSHCRAFT beams and BUTTERNUT verticals,
YANMAR 2 KW and 4 KW generators.

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