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I remember watching reruns of 'The Terrific Adventures of the Terrible Ten' on TV when I was a kid. I grew up in Canada so I don't know if this show played in the U.S. or not, but it was definitely broadcast in Canada.

I have only 3 episodes of this programme on 16mm film in my collection so my comments are based on these episodes...I can't remember much about the ones I saw as a kid.

First: I'm very impressed with the production values of this programme. The musical score is excellent and the photography is well done also.

Second: The stories are juvenile, but appropriately so as this was a kids' programme. I found them cute and suitable for any age kids. All the kids have noticeable Australian accents.

The stories centre around ten kids who have established their own town (Ten Town) and run it themselves. It has its own hospital, town hall, radio station, bank, general store, etc. It looks like a bunch of clubhouses kids would build and is very cute.

Now where these kids' parents are is another story. But who cares when you're a kid watching this stuff!

Another mystery: In all 3 of my episodes there are never 10 kids present. Where are the rest of them?

My episodes are:

'Two Days To Zero' deals with a stolen rocket fuel formula. The formula is made up of, among other things, bicarbonate of soda and hot tea (and they make it on a kitchen table...oh boy!). The kids save the day by making their own rocket fuel and naturally foil the thief too.

'Marooned' in which the kids go to an island to cut Christmas trees and their boat drifts off. A raft is built and the kids calculate currents and such to get to their lost boat.

'Mystery At Wallaby Creek' Wallaby Creek is a town a few miles from Ten Town. A burglar/firebug is plaguing the town and everyone thinks a person who dresses up as a cat is the culprit. The kids from Ten Town help prove otherwise.

Each episode was originally made in two parts. Later (for reruns I imagine) the two parts were combined to make each story complete in itself. The original episodes were approximately 15 minutes. The combined ones run at around 25 minutes...Hey! 5 extra minutes for advertisers you know! IMDb has erred slightly on the title of this series. All three of my films state the title as 'The Terrific Adventures Of The Terrible Ten'.

The programmes were made in Melbourne, Australia.

2.

I watched these on British TV in the very early 60's as a 9 or 10 year old and I wouldn't miss one for anything. One thing I remember as clear now (45 years later) was a song from one of the episodes. Can't remember the name of the episode but it concerned an Irish horse and a race it has to win. To make the horse go faster a little ditty had to be sung in it's ear ;- Oh Joseph dearest, have you heard, The news that's going round. The Shamrock is by law forbid' To grow on Irish ground.

The horse would then be so angry it would increase speed and win the race.

3.

I have very vague memories of this when I was around 8 or 9 in the early 60s.

I'm sure we used to play a game in the playground based on this series which we called Ten Town Tommy.

My only recollections of the programme are a lot of trees and the fact that the boys used walkie talkies in the bush - which I was incredibly jealous of and I remember fantasising about getting hold of a pair to use with my mates.

I'd love to see an episode or two to see if anything comes back to mind...

4.

I was a youngster growing up in country Victoria when this show was filmed, and later became Ten Town. I was actually in a few episodes as an extra only. The show was filmed in Country Victoria not far from Macedon just off the Calder Highway. We (extras) didn't get much time with the main actors only told what to do when particular scenes were shot. In one of the episodes I wore an old football jumper and when show later on TV were able to pick myself out from the rest quite easily. The town (if I remember) was rather small and made from timber and painted but what a fun place to muck around in and enjoy with other mates. I am led to believe that it was later burnt down.

5.

As a very young lad in the UK way back in the 60's I got to see this somehow. It was my first contact with Australia and unknowingly, I saw where I was going to live and work of sort. The idea of a fort hidden away from all and living a life in my mind such as this was what intrigued me so much. As that was my life back then as a boy in a family that never understood me. I have been hunting this show and DVD of this and now can get the first episode. Now at 57 still travel the roads of the central west NSW and relive in my mind that time...Would love to know the locations that the show was made. I know some of the actors from other shows. The film industry was and is very progressive here but unfortunately the TV shows need a boost....I hope to get the DVD to jog my mind more on a great show .