

BEATLES

It is hard to pinpoint just one incident with The Beatles. It was more like a combination of things that just happened. They would always arrive with a change of clothes, report to the Make-up Department to have their hair washed and set. Usually, jokes would be flying while this was taking place.

The make-up department had to do a double check on more than one occasion and phone security when teenage girl fans were found in the wig storage cupboard or in the most amazing places.

One fun time my nickname was "Champas" in the make-up department because a well known actor gave every girl a name, once given that was that. Mine was given partly because he always caught me opening a bottle of Champagne for the end of a series, a drama, someone's birthday etc. This day I had my 8mm movie camera in the make-up department as it was one of the girl's farewell. The Beatles arrived in the middle of this. Ringo took the camera from me, said: "you must get some more exciting shots, like this and this" and proceeded to shoot until my film ran out with the champagne. Later, when I had to return to Australia, The Beatles Christmas Special was the last show I supervised. It was a nice present to have them, plus the whole cast, signing my worksheet as a memento of my happy time with the company.