

when attempting to place some flowers on the memorial, she tripped and fell.

Five veterans were on their way home after a night out at an Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen Club 'smoko' and had wandered up along Martin Place. They saw her fall and moved across to help her up and retrieve her scattered flowers. The lady refused to get up, preferring to kneel in prayer instead, and one by one the five men joined her. One year later, the first official dawn service was held at the cenotaph and a wreath to the fallen was laid by George Patterson, one of those five men from the previous year. The crowd was some 130 strong. From here, the dawn service spread to all capital cities and many country towns.

The Cenotaph statues were modelled by LS John Varcoe from Dubbo, NSW, who had served in HMAS Parramatta and Pioneer; and Pte William Darley (15 Inf Bn and 4 Fd Amb.) The 'official' side of the memorial is that facing the post office, with the pre-

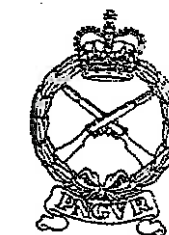
eminent flag position being the George Street end.

There are numerous stories as to the origin of the 'gunfire breakfast'. However, the following snippet from the Great War appears to be the most logical. Following standdown after a long, cold night in the trenches, the soldiers returned to their breakfast and an important part of that meal was the ubiquitous cup of tea which, when possible, was laced with a 'little something extra' to give it added warmth and taste.

An unofficial truce was conducted at this time of day by both sides. However, at times the lull would be broken by gunfire, with someone, cheerful from his breakfast, popping off his machine-gun at the other side. It has been said that "...if any one drink won the war it was the gun-fire tea; there should have been a banner inscribed with the honour 'Tea: 1914-1918'..."; or so the story goes.



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The  
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 Brisbane  
 and the  
**NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES**  
 AND  
**PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES**  
 Ex Members Association Inc  
 Anzac Day 1999 - Historic Display



<p><b>ANZAC DAY SYDNEY MARCH</b></p> <p>Assn: NGVR-ANGAU Assn</p> <p>Assem: 70 Hunter Street (near Castlereagh St) at 0845 Hrs</p> <p>Re-union: Luncheon Kensington War Memorial Club, Goodwood St Kensington at 1200 noon.</p> <p>Contact: Adrian Leyden - President Ph; 02 9477 3795</p>	<p><b>MESS DRESS</b></p> <p>Members who wish to purchase Mess Dress from the official manufacturers, Fletcher Jones Menswear, are able to obtain a Department of Defence written approval from the Association's Secretary, Col Gould.</p> <p>The approval will also assist members when sourcing embellishments for their Mess Dress. Badges of rank are those of your last substantive rank with PNGVR unless you are still serving in uniform.</p> <p>NB Mess Dress must be worn in accordance with current Australian Army regulations.</p>
<p><b>CLUB BALUS</b></p> <p>A Club Balus function will be held as follows:-</p> <p>DATE: Saturday 24 July 1999</p> <p>VENUE: Irish Club, Brisbane</p> <p>Ph: Nola 33971764 (ah) for details / bookings</p> 	<p>New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles Ex Members Association Inc.</p> <p>PO Box 287              Everton Park, Brisbane Qld 4053              Ph/Fax: 07 3355 3382              E-Mail: pngvr@one.net.au</p> <p>Membership Nomination: \$25 Fees: \$20 pa              Associate Nomination: \$25 Fees: \$10 pa</p>

**A**s we approach the year 2000 only the older people of Papua New Guinea and Australia can remember the dark days of 1942 when their country was invaded by the Japanese. It took the combined efforts of the peoples of Papua New Guinea, together with the armed forces of Australia and her allies, to drive out the aggressors. Each year on Anzac Day we honour the men and women who died in those battles and gratefully remember the soldiers, carriers and village people, without whom we could not have achieved victory.

This display is dedicated to the memory of those Australians and Papua New Guineans who ensured freedom for their two countries.

**PUBLIC DISPLAY**

**DATES:**  
**Monday**  
**19 April**  
 12.00 Noon to 4.00 pm

and

**Tuesday to Friday**  
**20 April to 23 April 1999**  
 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

**VENUE:**  
 Papua New Guinea Consulate-General  
 Crn Creek and Adelaide Street, Brisbane  
 Ground Floor - Adelaide Street

\* PNG pre 1942 \* The War Years \* N.G.V.R.  
 P.N.G.V.R.

*In memory of those soldiers, sailors, airmen and servicewomen and PNG soldiers and carriers in PNG 1942-1945*

**REGIMENTAL MIXED DINNER REUNION  
FRIDAY 23 APRIL 1999**

**DATE:** Friday 23 April 1999      **VENUE:** Victoria Barracks Officers Mess  
**TIME:** 1900 Hours for 1930 Hours      **DRESS:** Mess Dress/ Anzac Day Dress/ Suit/Miniatures  
**COST:** \$46-00 pp      Incl Sherry, 3 course dinner, table wine, Port.

STILL A FEW SEATS LEFT - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - MAXIMUM SEATS 70

**Members who have booked are requested to send their final payment to the Secretary no later than the 14 APRIL 1999.**

**BRISBANE  
ANZAC DAY MARCH  
SUNDAY 25 APRIL 1999**

**ASSEMBLE:** From 1000 Hours George Street facing Elizabeth Street - Left side  
Look for the Association's Banner.

**MARCH COMMENCES:** 1030 Hours

**ORDER OF MARCH:** Position 48 - PNG Infantry Battalions' Assn  
Position 49 - N.G.V.R. / P.N.G.V.R.  
Position 50 - New Guinea Air Warning Group

**SERVICE:** There will be an NGVR wreath laying service in the Shrine of Memories Anzac Square immediately the march is completed. All members are requested to attend before proceeding to the reception.

**JEEPS:** Members requiring transport to meet in Elizabeth Street near the Myer Centre. Vehicle requested in the name of NGVR. Look for Tom Lega.

**DRESS:** Anzac Day Dress / Civilian Dress with Jacket / full medals/ name tags

**RECEPTION:** Old Stock Exchange Hotel      Crn Edward & Charlotte Streets  
From 1200 noon.      Association Display  
\$15 pp payable at the door - **exact change would be appreciated**  
includes refreshments and limited beer / wine / lollie water.  
**NB Table reserved for NGVR personnel.**

**FLIGHT WEST AIRLINES**  
Proudly supports the NGVR / PNGVR Assoc.

**From the President.....**

1999 marks a special time in our history and that of the Association and Regiment. 1999 is our last ANZAC DAY for the 1900's - it marks also the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the **NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES** (19th September 1939-Rabaul).

This year the Papua New Guinea Consulate General in Brisbane and this Association will host, for the first time, a public display to remember those Australians and Papua New Guineans who served in the PNG theatre of the Second World War.



Colonel H N Green, MBE, ED, EM

I encourage all members of the Association, their families, friends and business Associates to visit the display in the week before Anzac Day. Mr Pitil, Consul (Education) will be encouraging our schools to organise visits to the display so they too, our youth of the new millennium, can learn and appreciate the sacrifice of so many in the defence of Australia and Papua New Guinea.

H N Green - PRESIDENT

**HELP**

Your Association has secured a complete set of equipment used for its Funeral Support Service, such as chrome bayonet, Medal cushion, flags and taped bugle calls. We are seeking an Infantry Sword to complete our funeral Q-Store. Any donations or suggestions??

Please contact Joe Fisk on 07 3208 5298.

**ANZAC DAY - CHARTERS TOWERS**

Member Brian Jones has again organised for a wreath to be laid on the grave of **NGVR Cpl. R H. Sutton**, in Charters Towers. The wreath will be laid by a distinguished local soldier, R W (Spike) Jones, MM, with the Queenton RSL Sub-Branch kindly meeting all costs involved. Our sincere thanks to Brian and the RSL Sub Branch for their support.

**ANZAC DAY**

(WO1 C J Jobson, RSM - Army Newspaper)

ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps)- there are many stories about the origins of many of the Anzac Day customs and traditions that have evolved over the years.

A good number of the stories behind these traditions have become blurred by time and others lost; however, here are some of the stories behind but a few of these Anzac Day legends.

The Ode, which is read across the Australian dawn and well into the morning, is from the third verse of Laurence Binyon's

poem *For the Fallen*. This work has suffered somewhat over time, with people changing the words. The first line begins "**They shall grow not old...**", NOT "**...not grow old...**", and the last word of the second line is "**contemn**" (meaning: to feel contempt for or to scornfully disregard) NOT "**condemn**".

While it is said that an Anzac Day dawn service was conducted at Albany, Western Australia, in 1923, the service as we know it today had its beginnings at Sydney's Martin Place Cenotaph. A frail, grey-haired woman was at the cenotaph in the pre-dawn hours of 25 April, 1927, and