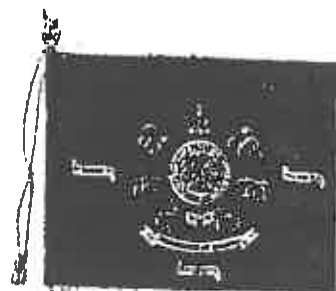
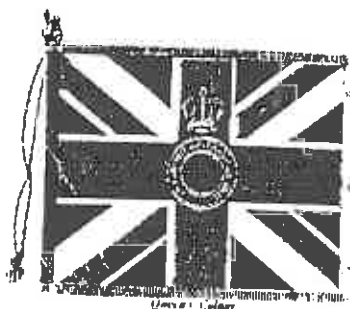


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VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC.



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NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY, 1993

Once again I have the pleasure of writing to you all and again express the good wishes of the President and Members of your executive to you via this the first Newsletter for 1993. I doubt whether I can surpass my previous literary gems but please bear with me as I can't get any worse, then on the other hand???

ANZAC DAY 1993

The march will be held on Sunday the 25th and will be led by Air Vice Marshall J C Jordan AO (RTD) it being the RAAF's turn.

The parade is due to commence at 1030 hours and all NGVR/PNGVR Members are required to report 0930 hours if possible. Beware and don't get caught in any traffic holdups.

Dress for the Parade if possible - Beret, Jacket, White Shirt & tie, grey slacks and black shoes. It doesn't matter if you have not already obtained all the dress, please just turn up and help make this parade a bigger and better one.

Anyone requiring a beret please contact Joe Fisk on 208 5298.

POSTAL ADDRESS: 18 Grounds Street, YERONGA, QLD, 4104

### ASSEMBLY AREA

All instructions are the same as last year, i.e. form up in George Street near Mary Street. Our number on the parade is 82 and we are directly behind the 61st Battalion. (Lets hope there is no mix up this year).

We march along George Street, turn right into Adelaide Street, passing the saluting base at City Square opposite Albert Street turn right into Creek Street, left into Queen Street and disperse.

### RE-UNION VENUE

Same as last year at the Majestic Hotel corner of Turbot and George Streets to the "Great Kahuna Room". Last year it was "Nollies Room". The festivities are due to start at 12 noon.

Cost once again \$10 to cover catering and booking. I have liaised with the Hotel staff and they assure me that this year they will not be side tracked until they serve those who are furthest away.

On arrival at the Hotel, just ask for NGVR/PNGVR or the "Great Kahuna Room". Ladies are welcome, admission free. Any problems please contact me on 848 8813.

Between the last Newsletter and this one I managed to visit several NGVR Members, who were Les Clout, John Murphy, Neville Swanson, Lionel Hartley, Jim Keenan and Bill Griffiths. I have also had contact (phone & letter) with Jack Good, John McGrath, Jim Birrell, Jim Cavanaugh, Ed Tscharke, Bob O'Neill and Tom Keenan, all purport to be well enough considering their age and experiences but perhaps in some cases they may not be as well as they let on. It is hoped to have quite a few attending this Anzac Day Re-union.

I also managed to do a quick trip with my wife, Aileen, to South Australia and Victoria, where we visited Noel and Bev Kenna at Warrnambool. All will remember Noel as Admin Coy O.C. Bev and Noel were kind enough to invite us to overnight at their residence and we were treated royally. Thank you kindly, Noel and Bev.

Whilst Aileen and Bev caught up on PNG experiences, Parents & Citizens activities, ballet lessons, pantomimes and other activities, Noel and I played 18 holes in the Saturday Competition at the wonderful Warrnambool Golf Course. We all burnt the midnight oil reminiscing.

We also intended to visit Colonel Harrington at Point Lonsdale but due to circumstances were unable to do so, however, we know he is in good health.

### VIETNAM LOGISTIC AND SUPPORT MEDAL

We were advised after contacting the Mil Secretary (and after Joe Fisk spotted the excerpt in an army newspaper) that any of our members who visited Vietnam during the conflict was entitled to the VLSM. I can advise that application forms were sent to all of our Members who were eligible.

### MEMORIAL PLAQUE

At our last A.G.M. it was proposed and passed to endeavour to provide a "Memorial Plaque" to honour the NGVR personnel killed or missing in action during the New Guinea campaign and which would be placed in the "Shrine of Memories" in the Crypt under the "Eternal Flame" in Anzac Square, Brisbane.

We have begun a feasibility study to determine and collate expenses and information required. So far we have written to and received permission from the Returned Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) for the position and placement of the plaque.

I will keep you posted on the progress and any helpful suggestions would be welcome.

Treasurer Douglas NG advised that although there are a few Members still unfinancial he is pleased with out financial position.

We are still holding stocks of ties, lapel badges, hat badges, pocket badges (embroidered) and plaques to order. The supplier of the car stickers have advised John Trewin (liaising for us in Melbourne) that they will accept responsibility for the defective stickers and have agreed to replace same, perhaps with inside ones soon.

Our thanks go to John Trewin for his assistance not only with ties and stickers but for providing a large quantity of hat badges from the original die.

We also thank Fran NG for her assistance to me with typing, her husband Douglas, our Treasurer, for the extra work that he does and of course, Allen Bell for his efforts. They are all appreciated.

I had a call from Peter Rogers who advised of an unusual circumstance. Peter being a helicopter pilot with "Care Flight" received an emergency call to pick up a seriously ill patient who had suffered a heart attack. The patient lived on Macleay Island, which is in the Bay near Russell Island, off the east coast of Brisbane.

On arrival Peter was surprised to find his emergency passenger was none other than Horst Goetz, who had, he thought had a lot to do with PNGVR in the early days, perhaps, anyway Peter is sure that most of A Coy Members would remember him. Small world isn't it, the sequel to the story is that Horst has recovered.

### VALE

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Ian Skinner, who was I think a Major with ANGAV and during the New Guinea campaign won a Military Cross. Ian passed away on 4 February 1993 and will be remembered as a Past District Commissioner and long time resident of PNG.

### NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure we welcome two new Members - (1) Captain John Teh, our last RMO enlisting in Rabaul when Wally Hendriks was OC B Coy, John is now a Lt Colonel and is Commanding Officer of 1st Field Hospital, Ingleburn. (2) Sgt John Bretag, John is an ex-member of A Coy and is now living in Bundaberg.

TRIVIA SECTION

It is a safe bet that those who use a safety razor will be surprised at the number of strokes used during a normal shave. I reckon a couple of hundred or more. Try counting them!

The most number of Members names in the Association begin with the letter 'H'. 13 per cent.

Request to register racehorses with the names of FAR TOWN, FAR CALL and HOOF HEARTED were refused.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD **BORED**

Why did the brass band player stores his instruments in the barn? So he would always be able to grab the horns by the bull! not funny!!! well try this one:

A computer buff operated his lawn mower by remote control, when away on holidays his wife asked - Did you remember to mow the lawn? I modem yesterday, her clever husband replied; OR, wait for it

At the Annual Zoo Picnic, all the animals were quick to find the punchbowl. The first to pass out were a young horse and his best friend, a monkey, proving a foal and his monkey are soon potted.

According to the "Save the Pun Foundation", these were the best for 1992.

Not to be outdone though, our own Bored Member, Tow Dowling, asks can a leopard change his spots? Yes, as often as he moves from one spot to another! Give In?

TOK PINIS - hope to see you all on Anzac Day