

HELP WRITE OUR PNGVR HISTORY

With the history of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles now published, your Association is considering seeking a grant to document the history of the PNGVR.

Member Peter Grimshaw, OBE.OAM has kindly offered to assist with this project and is now seeking assistance from our members.

Peter writes:-

"It would seem to me that one of the most important facts I need to establish is the reasons why PNGVR was established in May 1951. Some may argue that the Unit's establishment was designed to discourage Indonesia from seeking to extend its borders of Irian Jaya into Papua New Guinea. However I want to consult the official files of the time and ascertain if Cabinet acceded to any such request that may have been forthcoming from the Department of the Army.

During 2002 former members of the PNGVR could provide useful background information of their service".

Members are invited in the coming months to send in information to assist Peter in his initial research, for example:-

- Date of enlistment and discharge from PNGVR
- Platoon/Company details of their service.

- Names of known Expatriate and PNG National members of PNGVR, incl last known rank
- Details of any Army courses undertaken whilst in PNGVR
- Any prior military, navy or airforce service, in particular service in NGVR, Korea, Viet Nam.
- Civilian occupation in PNG whilst serving with PNGVR.

Peter would be interest in any photos or other historic items. The Association will make available any information it has in its historic collection.

If you would like to contribute to writing the history of PNGVR please send your information, photos, etc in a secure envelope or postal package to:-

PNGVR
C/- Post Office Box 287
EVERTON PARK Q 4053.

Your contributions will be recorded and dispatched to Peter in Canberra.

Please feel free to include any historic or remarkable incidents that you may recall.

The end product will depend on the success of - securing a meaningful funding grant to complete the project.

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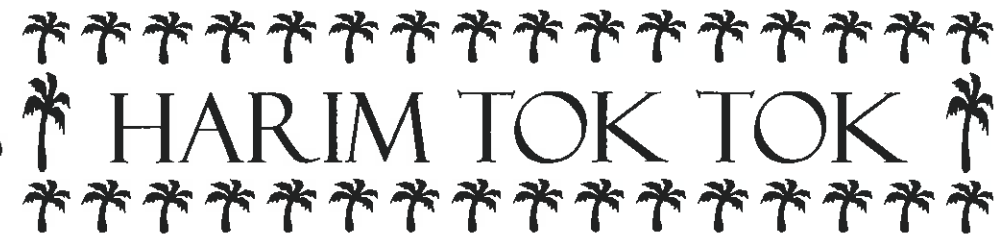
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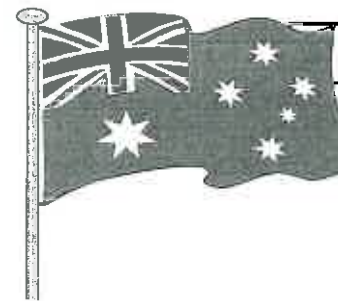
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ANZAC DAY—Brisbane

LEST WE FORGET

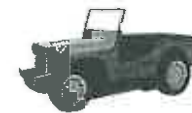
Assembly Point:- Left Side of George Street facing Elizabeth St

Assembly Time:- From 0945 Hours—Look for the Association's Banner

Parade Commences:- 1030 Hours.

Order of March:- NGVR / PNGVR Position number:- **31** (May have changed slightly by the 25th April.) A total of 180 Units will Parade in Brisbane on ANZAC Day

Jeep Transport:- Jeep transport has been requested and is available in Elizabeth Street near the Myer Centre. Members requiring jeep transport please look for John Holland at the jeep loading area.



NGVR Memorial Service:- Immediately the Unit finishes the march, all members are invited to attend a short NGVR Memorial Service in the Shrine of Memories, Anzac Square.

ANZAC DAY RECEPTION



All members and their guests are invited to attend the Association's reception which will be held at the **OLD STOCK EXCHANGE HOTEL—Corner Edward & Charlotte Streets, Brisbane.**

This year, our Reception will be held on the 1st Floor of the Hotel. Please enter via the Charlotte Street entrance. The stairs to the 1st Floor are located on your 'left' just inside the Charlotte Street entrance to the Hotel. There are toilets on the 1st floor.

- **Time:-** From 1130 Hours.
- **Cost:-** \$20-00 per person—payable at the door. (Includes limited complimentary beer, wine or soft drink , light finger food and lots of great cheer and fellowship.

Members will be able to pay their annual fees for 2002/3 during the reception and purchase or order stock items.

We are looking forward to meeting all our members on ANZAC Day.
Harry N Green. President.

NEW ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

Hearty congratulations to Tom Lega's son, Neal, who won our last Raffle and has elected to take the Air Niugini donated flight to Singapore. We are most grateful and thank AIR NIUGINI for their support.

Our new raffle is for 7 nights accommodation in a two bedroom self contained apartment at BEACH HAVEN RESORT, a four and a half star luxury resort on the beach at Broadbeach. A great prize to enable you and your family to enjoy 7 fabulous nights at the Gold Coast.

Tickets are \$5-00 and will be drawn on the 1st July 2002.

MONTEVIDEO MARU 60TH ANNIVERSARY 1942 TO 2002

THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD ON MONDAY MORNING THE 1ST JULY 2002 TO MARK THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE JAPANESE NAVAL PRISON SHIP "MONTEVIDEO MARU" WITH THE LOSS OF ALL 1035 ALLIED SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE NGVR PRISONERS OF WAR ON BOARD.

VENUE:- SHRINE OF MEMORIES, ANZAC SQUARE, BRISBANE.

THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE IS KNOWN ONLY TO GOD.

LEST WE FORGET

A group of PNG 'Before's' will travel to Kavieng on the 1st July with a double aim. The first, to pay homage to all who were lost on the 'Montevideo Maru' 60 years ago and, second, to affix a memorial plaque listing all known civilians from the region who were lost during the war years.

Niugini Holidays are organising the trip.

Details of the trip from:-
Geoff Melrose on 02 6585 6307

Thanks to Hank Cosgrove of the Australia—PNG Business & Cultural Society for the details.

ANZAC Day Dress (preferred)
Blue/Black Jacket; White shirt; Beret (or hat)
Black shoes; Grey or fawn trousers; Association tie or matching tie; Full medals; name badge; US Citation.

REGIMENTAL DINNER

The Association's Annual ANZAC Day Regimental Dinner will be held on Saturday the 27th April at the United Services Club, Brisbane

- 1830 Hours for 1900 Hours Dinner
- \$60 per person—3 course dinner & Port.
- Dress:- Mess Dress / Anzac Day Dress / Suit

THOSE YET TO PAY ARE ASKED TO PHONE JOE FISK ON 3208 5298 and forward payment to:-

Joe Fisk
110 Daisy Hill Road.
DAISY HILL Q 4127

If you missed out this year, make a potential note in your diary for the Saturday evening before and after ANZAC Day 2003.

Q—STORE

Association caps:-	\$ 16-00
Association Polo Shirts:-	\$ 27-00
Car Badges:-	\$ 25-00
Lapel Badges:-	\$ 10-00
PNGVR Beret Badges:-	\$ 8-00
Association Plaques:-	\$ 65-00
Blazer pocket badges:-	\$ 5-00
Name Badge:-	\$ 12-00
A4 Laminated PNGVR Badges	\$ 5-00



MADANG PLATOON— Approx 1961

Stand (L) Bob Loh, Eugen Lewin, unknown, Percy Neville, Bill Honisett, Bernard Arnold, Joe Berger
Seated; (L) Lionel Fox, Chicka Hutson, Joe Fisk
Photo:- Courtesy of Bernard Arnold



MADANG PLATOON— 1969

Rear (L) Bob Carmichael, Duncan Wanatabe, Elias Sakbua, unknown, William Todokta
Next row: unknown Eddie Matthies (far right)
Centre Row (L) Melea Eleadonna, Jes Hansford, Nev Harris, Daryl Smith, Col Gould
Next row:- Unknown Bernard Tomar far right
Front row (L) Gregory Aioaio, unknown