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9 RQR
"Best Soldier Award" - 2002

**9 ROYAL QUEENSLAND REGIMENT
"STEEL TUFF"
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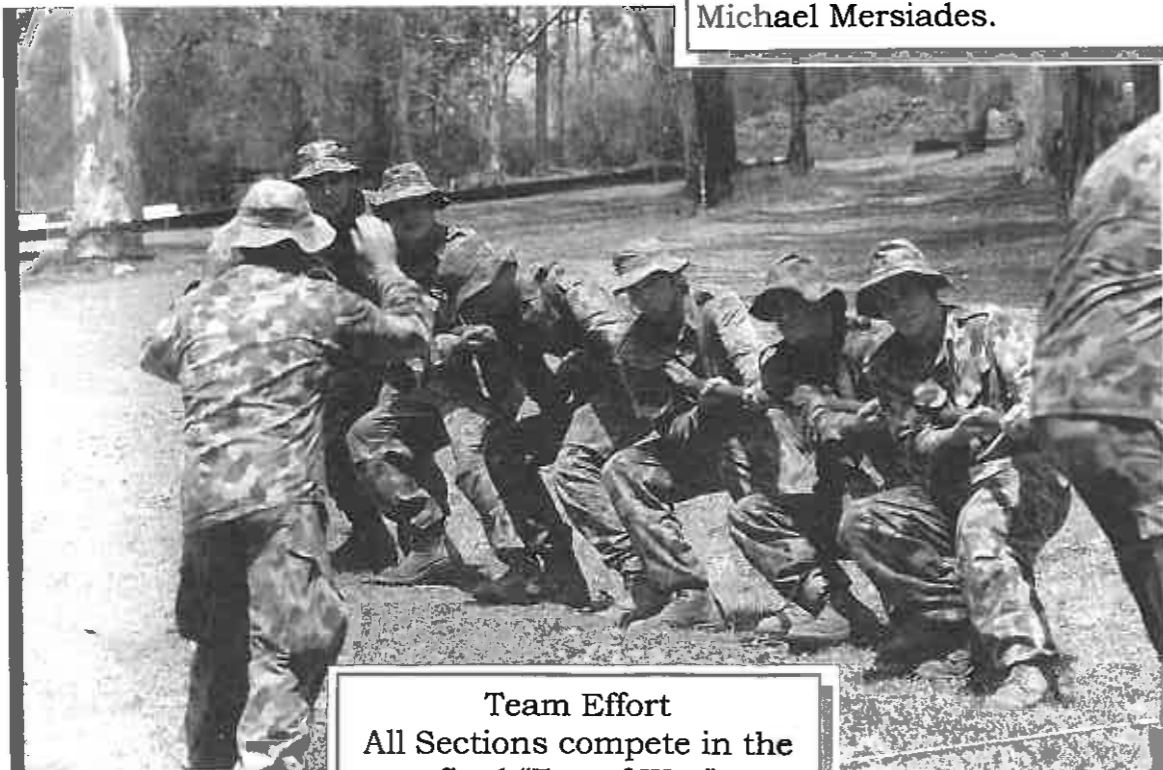
Commanding Officer Lt.Col Mark Plath
presents the Regimental "STEEL
TUFF" Award to 6 Sect Leader LCpl
Michael Mersiades.



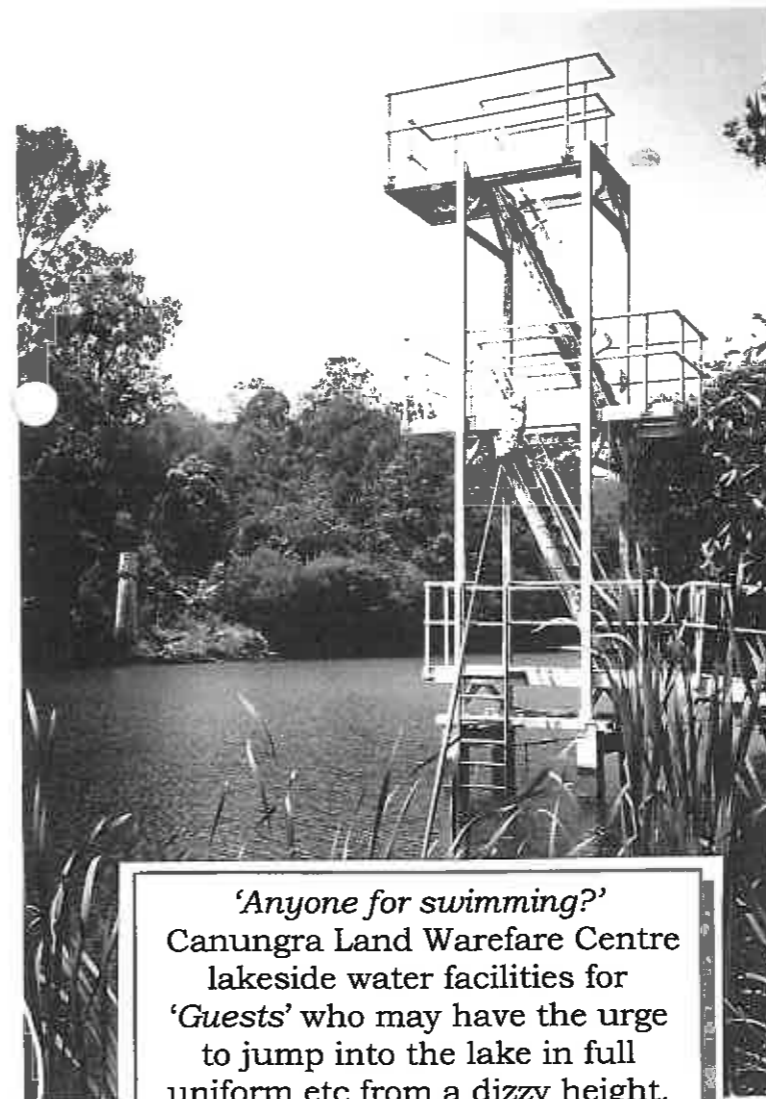
6 Section BRAVO Coy
"STEEL TUFF" Winners 2002 with (L)
Joe Fisk, Tom Dowling, Bob Collins,
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'Paperwork in the field'
RSM WO1 Heron tallies up
the STEEL TUFF points.



Team Effort
All Sections compete in the
final "Tug of War"



'Anyone for swimming?'
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lakeside water facilities for
'Guests' who may have the urge
to jump into the lake in full
uniform etc from a dizzy height.



Members' Representative,
Joe Fisk congratulates Pte
Daniel Lapham.



Soldier of Australian
Tropical Islands

The Full (Active Service) Uniform that has been issued to the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. The N.G.V.R. has been organised and equipped for defence since the outbreak of war.

—Photo by C.H.M.

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DURING a recent tour of Wewak, Papua New Guinea, I was compelled to visit Cape Wom Memorial Park.

Here, at 10:15am on September 1945, Lt Gen Hatazo Adchi the commanding officer of the Japanese Army in Papua New Guinea surrendered unconditionally in the presence of over 3000 troops to Major General C.W. Robertson CBE DSO Australian Army.

At the time of my visit, the park was somewhat unkept, but without a doubt it still stirs the emotions. With little effort you can visualise the parade and feel the presence of all who were there on that Memorial Day.

I don't have any first-hand knowledge about the years 1941 to 1945, but during my tour, I became very interested and have researched that time period, giving me an insight into the horrors which all parties had to endure - a time that brought out the best and worst in mankind. Now I appreciate the memorials, which not only honour our fallen, but also help to remind us not to let this happen again.

Perhaps present day Australians are not fully aware of the importance of the Papua New Guinea conflict. That land mass, and the fighting that took place there is what protected Australia from Japanese invasion. Can any of us really appreciate the suffering and sacrifice made by those who protected us?

In 1939, men from all walks of life - gold-miners, clerks, bank tellers, solicitors and labourers formed the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. They trained in

by MEHENDRA BLACKMAN

backyards and on the streets on weekends and on holidays.

Their headquarters was in Rabaul, and there were only 300 of them. Between December 1941 and June 1942 they were the ONLY troops facing the Japanese on the New Guinea mainland north of the Owen Stanley Range.

When the Japanese made their first aerial raid with 70 planes on the 21 January 1942 the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles had the pathetically weak defences of one Lewis Gun at Salamaua, one at Lae and three at Bulolo.

Two days later, Australian Army headquarters sent a radio message instructing the force to call up every man between 18 and 45 years for compulsory service. This was what the far-sighted NGVR men had been pressing for since 1939. This brought 200 new trainees who were attested after four days of intensive training at Bulolo, thus bringing the little force from 300 to 500.

That was the beginning of just one of thousands of events that have affected our country. Our libraries are packed with books about such events. Do our youth read any of them? The cost of war in Papua New Guinea in lives and suffering defies measurement, but some figures convey at least an impression of the scale.

It is believed that about 300,000 Japanese served in the area and fewer than half survived. About 60,000 were killed in battle

and about 110,000 died of sickness and hunger.

The Australian Army lost about 14,500 men - killed in battle, died from wounds, or missing. It is estimated that approximately 55,000 PNG males were conscripted as carriers and labourers for the Australian and the Americans.

Between 1940 and 1946, 3852 enlisted in the Pacific Islands Regiment.

A further 1040 enlisted in the 'M' Special Force.

It must also be remembered that the men of the Royal Papuan Constabulary and New Guinea Police Force fought valiantly - 42 were killed and many decorations were won.

It is hoped that at least on one day per year, 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'.

Article courtesy of Max Hayes

P. N. G. V. R.
Annual Camp 1962 Taurama Barracks

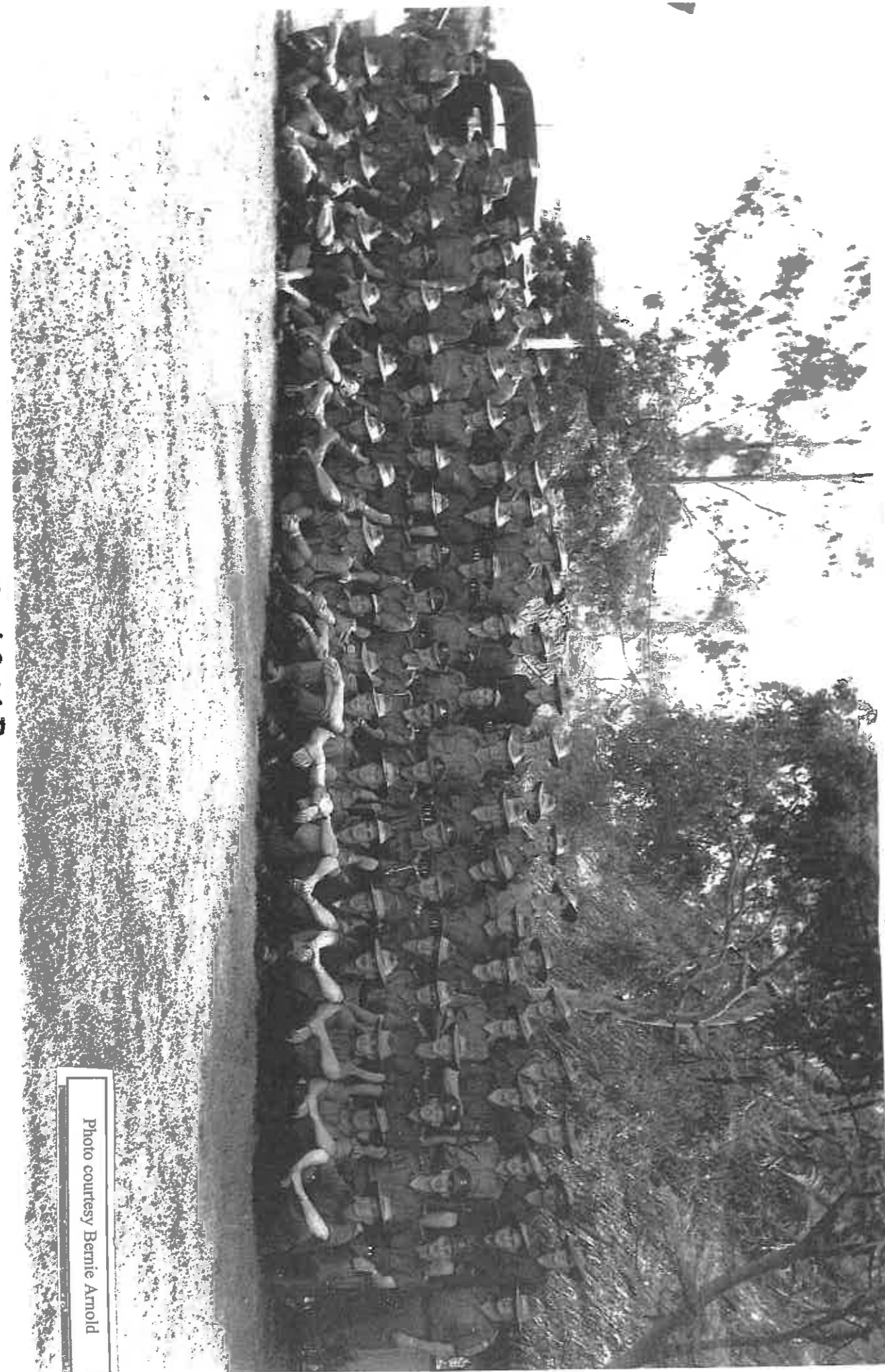


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**"STEEL TUFF"
2002
9 ROYAL QUEENSLAND REGIMENT**

In October 2002, members of BRAVO Company, 9 RQR based at Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane, competed in their annual military competition and training weekend, code named "Steel Tuff".

Since 1976 our Association has sponsored an annual 'Military Excellence Award' to the winning section of 'Steel Tuff'. The award consists of a green and gold medallion (see photos this newsletter) featuring the Regimental badges of the PNGVR and 9 RQR. Engraved on the reverse side is the soldier's name, rank and serial number, plus a Certificate of achievement.

The exercise, which was held at the Canungra Land Warfare Centre, included navigation, weapons, obstacles, check points, first aid and tactics. The bush area was bone dry and hot, and I countered no less than 7 water bottles on one young digger's webbing—4 on his waist webbing and 3 mounted on his back pack, not to mention the 'camel pak' - a water bladder which is packed into the back pack and accessed by way of a long plastic tube to the mouth. These camel paks can contain 2- 4 litres or more. No wonder I couldn't lift a typical back pack, let alone actually walk or rather stagger with one more than 10 meters.

The overall winners were the young soldiers of 6 section Recon Platoon BRAVO Company, led by LCpl Michael Mersiades. Top soldier award for 9 RQR for 2002 went to Pte Jarrod Brook

from Recon Platoon.

CO, Lt Colonel Mark Plath and RSM WO1 J Heron made Association representatives—Bob Collins, Joe Fisk, Col Gould, Tom Dowling and Barry Wright welcome and thanked the Association for its ongoing commitment in supporting military excellence in 9 RQR.

After the official proceedings, a great field 'steak and snag' lunch was delivered out in the field. How things have changed.

One thing that has not changed was the commanding voices of senior NCO's as diggers prepared to leave the base.....*It is an offence, both military and civilian to remove from a training area or live firing range any ammunition.....etc etc.* Barry Wright had his eye on some new, but now empty metal ammo boxes (would make great tool boxes says Barry) but, these days everything is counted, re-countered and six copies of all paperwork completed.

Our congratulations to all members of BRAVO Company who took part. To quote from Winston Churchill on Reservists ***" They are twice the citizen. They serve their country in peace, and are prepared to die for it in war"***.

Col Gould—Editor



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PNGVR HISTORY

**ENLISTMENT OF NON-EUROPEANS IN
PNGVR.**

By Bob Harvey-Hall, RFD.ED



Enlistment of males of non European descent was a vexatious matter not only for NGVR, it was also a problem for PNGVR.

Some, like myself at Lae, had been taken to task by members of the Chinese community in the early 50's. Those of us who have read Dr Ian Down's, *"The New Guinea Volunteer Rifles"* and Douglas Alpin's, *"Rabaul 1942"*, would be aware of the Chinese involvement in the NGVR, prior to the commencement of hostilities with Japan and particularly during the invasion of Rabaul.

When the Chinese at Rabaul were denied enlistment in the NGVR because they were non European, they banded together as an Ambulance detachment, including providing their own uniforms and equipment, and some served with 'LARK FORCE' in medical sections during the fighting.

In 1955, as a Lieutenant, I was administering command of A Coy when I was presented with a paper, titled *'A Submission Representing the Case for Enlistment of Non Europeans in the PNGVR'*. This document was researched and compiled by 2nd Lt. Terry McCullagh, a platoon commander with A Coy and a medical Doctor based at Malahang hospital who was on a scholarship to research *noitre*.

Dr McCullagh was a graduate of Sydney University and had been commissioned with the Sydney University Regiment. In the covering memorandum to myself he said *"enclosed for your consideration is a submission representing the wisdom of extending to members of the Chinese and Malay communities the privilege of enlistment in the PNGVR."* He went on to say, *"it is requested that, if you see fit, submit it to the Commanding Officer of PNGVR."* I saw fit to do so.

Here are some extracts from Lt McCullagh's submission:-

- Not only is the number of European members regrettably few but the structure of society within the Territory is such that even fewer are likely to be able to form the nucleus of any Territorial unit.
- These members, though excellent soldiers, must, for the greater part, be regarded as

temporary residents.

- Members of the Chinese and Malay communities form a body of people whose home is in and whose primary allegiance is to the Territory and some are British subjects.

- Given that these people fought with us in the last war, it is desirable that their allegiance to the Crown be strengthened in time of peace, rather than waiting for war to occur.

- The District Commissioner, Morobe District, Mr HLR Niall, expressed the view that the move was both desirable and practical.
- Members of A Coy have been acquainted with the intention of this submission and no one has objected to serving with such members.
- Terms of enlistment should be identical to those for Europeans.
- A survey of both communities shows that 19 are prepared to enlist.

My diary tells me shortly afterwards, I was verbally informed by CO PNGVR, also Area Commander, that the matter was extremely delicate, that I was not to pursue the subject and to ensure that the press was not involved. The diary also records that in August 1958 the Area Commander advised me that there was a considerable amount of correspondence between HQ Northern Command and Army HQ on enlistment of Asians and Natives in PNGVR and the latest being, no change in policy.

I was, (no doubt with other company commanders) to do my best to keep the people concerned, happy about the delay. At the time, I had recorded that the later part of this order had the markings of a paradox. In July, 1959, a formal answer arrived which was predictable for the decade and for the political climate in Canberra.

The formal response, from the Area Commander, with copies to Majors Bryant and Green, Captains Harvey-Hall and Hoeter and Lt Hutson, subject "Enlistment of Asians and Natives in PNGVR" said that the matter was still under active consideration, that no statement on the subject is possible as certain aspects of the proposals were not fully agreed by the several government departments involved and that no publicity was to be given to the proposals, nor would any statement be made.

During the four years between the submission by Terry McCullagh and the 1959 response from Area Command, the Doctor had completed his thesis and

returned to Australia and I had become a Captain. Whilst the media gag applied to company commanders was not undone, or that's how it seemed to me, there was an undercurrent of frustration amongst those members of PNGVR who were involved and who understood the positive potential that seemed to be just around the corner. My diary notes say that, whilst the matter of non European and Native enlistment was essential to the extended life of a CMF unit in the Territory, the administration and training of A Coy had to be ongoing and so, for the time being, the matter was put in the too hard basket. In short, we got on with the mundane things or running sub-units. And rightly so.

In Pidgin English the words, *tanim bel*, means to change someone's mind and one can extrapolate this by saying, that although the term of mindset has not been coined, what was then needed was a change, indeed, a drastic change, in the mindset of politicians, bureaucrats and maybe to a lesser degree in the Army hierarchy, particularly in Australia, although the later aspect always troubled me and I believe other company commanders felt the same way. By way of explanation, there were a number of significant matters relating to the ongoing management and future planning of PNGVR which some Regular Army cadre in PNG never saw fit to discuss with PNGVR Company Commanders.

Anyway, getting back on track, although I wanted more members in A Coy, it seemed that European enlistment had reached its peak. It was frustrating to go to Tuesday night parade, or a weekend bivouac and accept the parade from the CSM, with a total of six blokes standing in front of you.

During that period of stagnation, those of us who were looking for the elusive change of policy, did

not realise, as far as A Coy was concerned, a catalyst was just around the corner. One was not so naive to think that this occurrence was the straw that broke the camel's back, however, it certainly made life more interesting in and around A Coy for some time.

On the 14th November, 1961, Jesse Chee, after receiving his Certificate of Naturalisation, came to my office at A Coy Training Depot and completed a form AAF A203, Application to enlist in the Citizen Military Forces, which I forwarded to HQ the next day.

On the 23rd November, I received a response signed by Bill Walsh, for CO PNGVR, (Bill was a chap I considered as a friend and a mentor and was then Adjutant) saying that it is appreciated the interest that is taken by these applicants but it is regretted that at this stage enlistment in PNGVR is restricted to persons of European descent, and that, should the policy change, I would be advised and I was to advise the applicant that his applicant was not approved.

I regretfully did so, however Jesse continued to attend parades and it was not long before I received a verbal reprimand on the matter. We were on a weekend bivouac which included tactics and field craft and Jesse and maybe it was Michael Ahmat, were observing the training, when a Major Worley arrived to do an inspection. He ordered me to remove both persons from the field training area, which I did by quietly asking Bill Guest, the A Coy WO instructor, to give them some form of training, away from the main body of troops, and, more importantly, out of sight of the Major.

To be continued next issue.....

**ADDRESS BY JOHN MUDGE, MBE.,
President—Port Moresby RSL Sub-Branch
(and Junior Vice-President—NGVR/PNGVR Ex
Members Association Inc.)
On the occasion of the visit of the Minister
for Veterans Affairs and Australian War
Veterans of the Kokoda and Milne Bay
campaigns—RSL Annual Dinner—2 Nov 2002
Gateway Hotel—Port Moresby**



John Mudge, MBE

Madam Minister, distinguished guests and friends.

The RSL must not be thought of as a group of old fossils who want to make war-like noises or to glorify war, and send our youngsters into conflict. Nor are we just a social club. As well as the many philanthropic activities of the RSL, and as well as serving as a support group for

members, this organisation speaks out on issues of concern—especially on issues which members have fought and died to defend—the right to choose in our own democratic institutions, equality under the law, freedom to go about our day to day lives without being told what, how and when we are to do these things by some fanatic who wants us to toe a social, political or religious party line.

The fanatics which our fathers fought in Normanby, Europe and North Africa wore a swastika. The fanatics who fought in Korea, Malaya and Vietnam wore a red star. But the task is never over, for in the words of one of the greatest Englishmen of all time, Winston Churchill, *"the price of liberty is eternal vigilance"* and the freedoms for which Australians and English speaking peoples sacrificed so much in the 20th Century, are in danger in the 21st Century. We may not realise it, but we are, right now, at war.

But this is not the sort of war we were used to in the 20th Century—with uniformed forces fighting in organised formations using all the traditional military weapons and hardware and, generally, observing the rules of engagement and conduct laid down by the Geneva Convention.

This war is a nasty war which knows no international boundaries, wears no uniforms, observes no Geneva

Convention and preys above all, on non-combatants, i.e. women and children.

It is a war conducted world-wide by extremist fanatics—Muslims, Jews, Christians, Atheists and Hindus—all are busy at it. In Spain, Kashmir, the Middle East, Sri Lanka, South America, Ireland, Russia and various parts of Africa, they blow up, gas, burn and shoot those who cannot defend themselves.

Sometimes we who live in the Pacific—we Papua New Guineans, Australians and New Zealanders, become a little relaxed about such things.

Basque bombs, IRA explosions, Tamil terror—its "all over there" to us. But the events in Kuta Beach, Bali, were a wake up call on our doorstep and we must combat this sort of thing by cooperating with people all over the world who refuse to be cowed or bullied by a small number of evil thinking fanatics. We must cooperate in effective and positive ways—not just sit and squabble about wording in the United Nations.

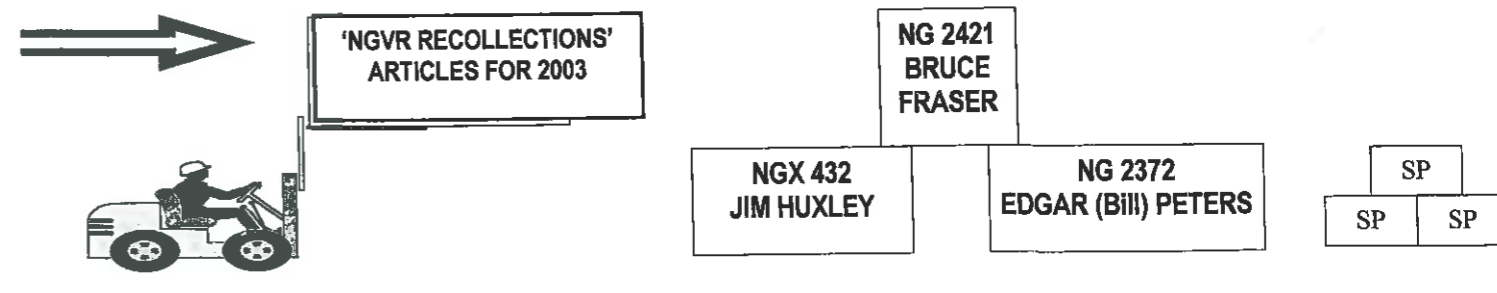
So I close by commending to you another quote from Winston Churchill at the conclusion of his 'History of the English Speaking Peoples'.

"Another phase looms before us, in which alliance will once more be tested and in which its formidable virtues may be to preserve Peace and Freedom. The future is unknowable, but the past should give us hope."

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(Editors footnote:- The Port Moresby RSL Sub-Branch is extremely active. It has sponsored and funded, for example, the placing of books in the libraries of Barracks schools throughout PNG; funding support for the CIS Pipe and Drum band; renewing the air conditioning of the National Library; Scholarships to PNG children of ex-servicemen to further their education at tertiary institutions in PNG, Aust and NZ; Operation Heartbeat which saved 46 young PNG lives; Braille computer and software for a man blinded in action on Bougainville; scholarships to provide advance tertiary training in management or related fields for any promising young officer of Inspector rank or equivalent in one of the 3 disciplined services within PNG and sponsorship support for the NGVR/PNGVR Ex Members Assoc.

Our congratulations to John Mudge and his dedicated RSL Sub-Branch Executive team in Port Moresby.—Col Gould)



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replicated, and can only be removed to specific places on Vice-Regal approval. A banner depicting the Colours can be displayed, and this of course is the current situation with our Banner that we carry on ANZAC Day and use at other occasions.

Your Committee on the 3 November 2002, resolved to leave the Colours in storage at the AWM in Canberra. A suggestion that has merit is that with the approval of the AWM, a plaque showing our Colours and a brief history of NGVR and PNGVR be made and put on permanent display at the AWM.

I also plan to travel to Canberra before the end of the year, and, accompanied by member Peter Grimshaw, OBE., OAM., will once and for all settle all matters & legalities relating to our PNG Awards. Members will then be able to have these awards included on their Australian Army Service records.

To make certain of every facet of our endeavours, I have suggested to Peter Grimshaw a tentative request for appointments not only with the relevant Ministers, but also with His Excellency the Governor-General.

Another issue to be clarified is the US Presidential Citation. The Citation was presented as a result of the 'Los Negros' campaign which included 'Brewer Force' including NGVR members.

The US Citation was presented to PNGVR in

Rabaul in 1952 by the US Military Attaché to Australia. The Association has historic documented proof and photographs of this ceremony. This information will be taken to Canberra should bureaucrats wish to challenge such documents and the wording of the citation to PNGVR.

To you, my loyal and well remembered comrades of many years of service in NGVR, PNGVR and PNG and now the Association of Ex-Members, I wish you and your families a very memorable Christmas, and a safe and healthy start to 2003.

Harry N Green
PRESIDENT

Merry Xmas



Invitation

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER:- Christmas in the Field Dinner Party for Members & Guests.

If you haven't experienced and enjoyed one of our bush dining nights then don't miss this final opportunity for 2002. RSVP to Barry AS SOON AS POSSIBLE—phone (07) 5546 9865—and come out to 176 Kurradjong Road, Jimboomba and be ready to have a great pre-Christmas weekend. Overnight campers welcome. Ring Barry now for details and bookings. \$30 per person includes dinner.

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Hi Barry, I need 2 seats for the Christmas Dining night. I hope I am not too late to book?



Merry Christmas

SNIPPETS FROM THE PNG 'POST-COURIER'

October 2002

The European Union has pledged a total of K1 billion to the PNG agriculture sector. EU delegate Anthony Crasner said the EU will give K 1.5 billion in grants from 2002 through to 2007. K1 billion will be to support the agriculture sector. The EU had confidence in the (PNG) agriculture sector because it was one sector that could help reduce poverty in PNG.

More than 100,000 people have been affected by frost in the Highlands. Inter-Government Relations Minister Sir Peter Barter said areas affected by the frost have about two weeks of food supply left. Sir Peter said that it was not known how many people have been affected by the drought experienced throughout the country. Sir Peter said that food gardens he has inspected in both frost and drought-stricken areas showed extensive damage to food crops and could result in a shortage of food for up to nine months until the gardens could be replanted.

PNG cannot be complacent about the threat of international terrorism anymore, Foreign Affairs & Immigration Minister Sir Rabbie Namaliu said. "We must review urgently, our own preparedness to deal with a terrorist attack, and our internal security and intelligence gathering resource," he said. "If terrorists can strike in Indonesia, then they can strike in PNG. We have always focused on our domestic security problems but the reality is that the evil face of international terrorism today knows no boundaries. I will be discussing with the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers the steps we need to take to upgrade our preparedness to deal with terrorism, and, above all else, to detect possible terrorist cells or activities in PNG."

The Kieta Port is now officially re-opened for direct overseas export thanks to a stevedoring licence granted by the National Government. PNG Harbours Board Executives announced in Kieta that the Island was once again free to export copra and coco direct to international destinations. The Kieta wharf was closed more than 10 years ago at the heights of the Bougainville crisis. The officials said that Customs and Quarantine services will have to be re-established in Kieta.

Former Air Niugini boss Joseph Tauvasa is back at the helm of the National Airline as its Chairman, according to official documents. Mr Tauvasa who was at one time Air Niugini's General Manager and later, its Chairman, signed an official memo on the 16 October, as the appointment of financial controller Steve Wilk's as the acting CEO following the pending departure of the acting CEO Capt Dave Wiltshire. He said that Mr. Wilks accepted the decision to act in the position until the new CEO took up the position. It is not known if a person has been appointed to head the airline.

The PNG Defence Force is on alert and will do all it can to protect national security, Commander Peter Ilau says. Brig-General Ilau said terrorism had shaken many countries in the world and the PNGDF was mindful of the recent attacks in neighbouring Indonesian island of Bali.

"Whether it is the Bali terrorist attacks, the lawlessness in the Southern Highlands or an armed robbery in Port Moresby the need for the country to have its own defence force to counter threats is more than justified." Brig-General Ilau said that the Defence Force had been downsizing its manpower to ensure a young, professional and affordable force. The Nation also needs a good professional Police Force he said.

The Government is to go into damage control mode to save the Kina from further slide. The local currency had plunged to a low of US \$ 0.238 by Tuesday 22 October. Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare said that the Government is concerned. We have asked the Minister for Finance to give us an information paper on what is going on. On that basis—and after being briefed by Treasury and the Bank of PNG—we will have to start looking at ways and come up with certain decisions we have in mind.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members.

- Patricia Cook (Associate M'ship)
- Heather McAllan (Friends of the Assoc.)
- Edward McAllan (Friends of the Association)

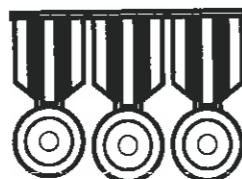
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT...

The recent Bali terrorist bombing where a large number of fellow Australians were killed or seriously injured clarifies the fact that Australia is not longer insulated from these terrible world events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who lost their lives or were injured and to their families and friends.

PNG is also looking into their security after the Bali tragedy (see extracts from the 'Post Courier' in this newsletter.)



On a different note, we all have fond memories of PNG and many members still work in or visit PNG on a regular basis. One of our Association's constitutional goals is to foster a closer relationship and support to PNG and her people. The 'Post Courier' on the 1/3 November contained the following "Viewpoint":-

The prices of goods in shops are expected to rocket as the Kina continues to plunge. The PNG Chamber of Commerce yesterday expressed serious concern at the substantial decline of the Kina as it dipped to **US \$ 0.198** at one stage during trade yesterday (31/10./02). The downward spiral of the Kina was likely to trigger a sharp rise in the cost of food prices and living expenses. Chamber President Michael Mayberry said a number of business houses were shutting down because bank drafts have become useless and their ordered stock (imports) may have to go back on return shipments. He said expatriates have left already and companies are closing, meaning loss of jobs which PNG can ill afford. He said that shipping difficulties from the OKTEDI mine due to navigational difficulties (lack of

water in the river due to drought)- none of the 15,582 tonnes of copper concentrate mined in September was shipped out as water levels in the river had reached their lowest level—the decline of coffee exports and the general downturn in other exports all contributed to the weak Kina.

Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare said that his government was concerned over the slide of the Kina and had directed Treasurer Bart Philemon to come up with an information paper with views from Treasury and the Central Bank.

Cabinet will then decide on measures to take from those they already have in mind.

The "Chief" and his government have a major task ahead, not only to halt the slide of the Kina, and to address other issues such as security from terrorism, but to improve the living standards of the grass roots population in the villages and restore law and order in the Southern Highlands. I am sure we all extend to Sir Michael and his government, our sincere best wishes in the difficult tasks that lay ahead.

At the AGM extensive debate took place regarding the possibility of relocating our Colours to Brisbane for display and/or the production of replica Colours. Our Queen's & Regimental Colours were laid up in the Australian War Memorial by myself as Honorary Colonel, accompanied by former CO's and Regimental members, on ANZAC Day 1974. Although no longer on public display, the Colours are in excellent storage facilities at the AWM.

After extensive research, the ceremonial authority advice from Canberra is that Colours cannot be

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Col Gould—Editor.