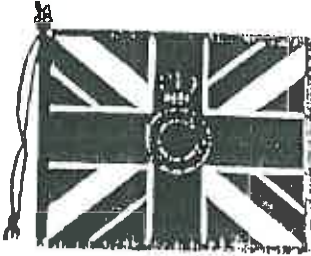
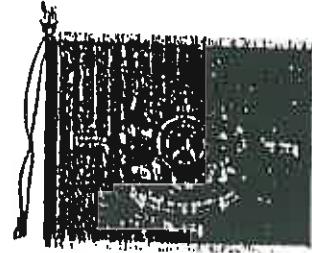


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To all our members spread far and wide, who are domiciled in Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa, Fiji, Honiara, Vanuatu, Tasmania and all other States of Australia, the President and members of your executive send their greetings and best wishes.

As you are all aware it is only through the Newsletters that the progress and internal matters relative to the Association be conveyed so I will do my best to ensure everyone is kept up to date. I had intended to have an issue printed prior to this one but due to several unforeseen circumstances and delays in replies to correspondence I was unable to complete the issue as planned. A special thanks go to Allen Bell for his assistance in the printing of this and other issues. *Thank you, Allen.*

Corrections to Newsletter 1/92

Please note! our Treasurer, Douglas NG has a new telephone number, so please amend your records to the new number (07) 349 2525. I also mentioned (from outdated records) that Lt Frank Holland MBE was 21C B Coy from 1951-1953, this should be altered to read Officer Commanding for this period.

For the benefit of some members the Secretary's address remains the same, i.e. 18 Grounds Street, Yeronga, 4104. Phone (07) 848 8813. I am experiencing some difficulties with correspondence not arriving at the destinations and being returned to sender, (RTS) so would you please ^{advise} me (Secretary) of any change of address also any queries you may have.

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

Annual General Meeting and Reunion

Once again (with the kind permission of the Mess President, W.O. Perry) the AGM and reunion has been arranged to be held at the Sergeants Mess, Training Group Wacol on Friday 18 September 1992.

We expect to commence the AGM at between 1930 hours and 2000 hrs, so it is suggested that you arrive earlier and join in the happy hour. I expect to be there approx. 1800 hours.

A buffet has been arranged and sleeping accommodation previously enjoyed will be provided if possible, so bring your sleeping gear those who require same.

Treasurer's Report

Douglas NG, our intrepid Treasurer advises that he is managing to keep our bank balance healthy considering our expenses which (for your benefit) this year have included the purchase of the following:-

An Australian Flag (for Anzac Day March), flag poles, pole holders (Leather) and pole tops and tassels for the Battalion Flag, Australian flag, PNG flag and banners.

Prepayment for Lapel Badges and Ties, the printing of newsletters, postage and associated administrative costs. A fully audited financial statement will be presented at the AGM and along with the report of the AGM will be printed in the next newsletter.

Any member wishing to peruse our Members Register, AGM and Executive Minutes, Financial Statements and other documents are very welcome.

It is advised that due to the increase of property items a custodian would be required to handle this increase. I am pleased to announce that Allen Bell has accepted our request and now becomes our official memorabilia and property custodian. Anyone with any memorabilia extra or not required please forward to me.

Plaques

Our excellent plaque is still available on request and can be ordered from the Secretary. Cost still \$55 plus \$6 postage.

Pocket Badges

These are still available at a cost of \$15 each either in Navy Blue or Black. I have included in the attachments (attachment No 1) a photocopy of the plaque, pocket badge and lapel badge (to size). I am sorry they could not be produced in colour.

Lapel Badges

These are now available at \$3 each. The badge looks very neat and shows the NGVR Colour Patch in White and Green.

Ties

After lengthy discussions by the Executive Committee and suggestions from Members on Anzac Day, the design for the tie was eventually decided.

John Frewin, who lives in Melbourne and who was instrumental in organising the lapel badge, acted as our Liaison Officer for the manufacture of the ties and placed our order with the Melbourne firm of "Holly Green Pty Ltd". It is estimated that the cost of the tie would be between \$12 and \$15 and should be available in August. *Our thanks to John for his assistance.*

Special thanks go to Major Bob Harvey-Hall for coming to our rescue as a slight contractural hitch was encountered in negotiations with "Holly Green". In the true regimental tradition one phone call to Bob was sufficient and the matter was quickly and successfully finalized. *Thank you, Bob.*

Items of Interest

We now have a comprehensive address list of NGVR Members which include those from NGVR/Angqu Association in Sydney. Anyone requiring a contact address please let me know. This also applies to PNGVR Member's addresses.

Lt. Col. David Parkinson (our last RMO) who resides in Apia Western Samoa and works with the World Health Organization advises that he was married in June 1992. He sends his regards to all and hopes to be able to attend Anzac Day 1993. We send our congratulations to him and his wife and wish him a long and happy marriage.

Jack Goad (NGVR original) advises he had a great time when he attended the 50th Anniversary of the "Battle of the Coral Sea" celebrations which were held in Townsville. He made the trip on the Russian Cruise Ship and highly recommends travelling on it. Tom Dowling (our official photographer) decided to get away from it all and took off for a trip to Europe should be back soon. On the sick list are our President who has been quite ill for several months and is now on the road to recovery.

Dick Newman at the time of writing is very ill in Buderim Hospital. He will be remembered as one of our Commanding Officers and features in the book "Green Shadows". John Holland is now recovering at home after a serious operation and Ian Hutson is also recovering after a severe illness. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Since Newsletter 1/92 I received a letter from Don Lawrie one of our PNGVR stalwarts and an apothecary of some renown who since ^{leaving} PNG took up residence in a town called Babinda in North Queensland. Since residing in Babinda, Don joined the pipe band which along with other duties leads the Anzac Parade each year. Don says the years have taken their toll and he is the only piper left, and as the "Lone Piper" still leads the Anzac Day Parades.

To quote from Don's letter "We field about a dozen old diggers for both the Dawn and Morning Parades and though our numbers are low, our spirits are high.

We have fond memories of Don during his service with us, particularly his humorous act of playing his bagpipes whilst hanging upside down from the rafters in the drill hall at Murray barracks. Don sends his best wishes to all.

I would appreciate from Members any anecdotes or items of interest for inclusion in our Newsletters.

New Members

Since newsletter 1/92 we welcome to the association the following new members. Lt Frank Howard (Victoria), Major Peter Moses (Tasmania), Patrick Searle (WA), Henry Sims (WA), Micheal Raasch (Brisbane), Patrick Leong (Brisbane) and Clive NG (Brisbane).

Rick Gidding is now residing at "The Barracks", Midlands Highway, Pontville, 7030, Tasmania.

Anzac Day

This year's attendance numbered, seventy slightly down on last year but very good considering all contingencies.

Those who made special trips to attend were Bob Harvey-Hall, Tony Milan and Gil Harvey-Hall from Victoria, from New South Wales were Bouce Inch, Jes Hansford, Brian Price, Noel Serafini and Author Ian Downs. Harvey Booth (Bundaberg) Carl Ashoff (Charleville, John Murray (Moranbah, Central Queensland) Garry Boulter (Gulliver NQ) Peter Harbeck (Cooroy) and Stewart Lewis (Toowoomba). From overseas it was good to see Simon Hui (Rabaul), Alastair Martin (Honiara) and Joe Ning (Port Moresby).

Your efforts in attending were appreciated and I hope I did not miss anyone.

Apologies were advised from all over which included Colonel Mal Bishop, Colonel Bob Cole, Colonel Peter Cole, our President Colonel Green (absent in PNG), Lt Col Laurie Kelly, Major Frank Hoeter, Brian Jones, Noel Kenna, Henry Sims, Col Lee, Wally Suretta and many others. Sorry you could not attend, maybe 1993 and we thank you for your kind thoughts. The march itself commenced 1045 hours from the assembly area, George and Mary Streets. The march was led by Lt Tom Lega (our Vice President and one of our original NGVR members). It moved along George Street down Adelaide Street past the Saluting Dais (City Square) with the Governor, Sir Walter Campbell taking the salute, it proceeded along Adelaide Street to Creek then Queen Streets for dispersal when all made a beeline for the reunion venue at the Majestic Hotel.

Congratulations to all who marched as they looked resplendent in their Berets, Reefer Jackets and Grey Trousers (the adopted uniform), anyone viewing the march on television would agree.

The contingent directly in front of ours (numbering 15) and marching for the first time consisted of members of PIB, NGIB, and a couple from ANGAU. Prominent among them was Mick Byrne the author of Green Shadows. These veterans joined us later at the Majestic Hotel.

This year we managed to book "Nollies Room" (an area in the Majestic Hotel set aside for the disco) for the reunion. This area afforded us much more room than we enjoyed on previous occasions and had it's own bar, some seating and good toilet facilities.

The catering was of good standard consisting mainly of finger food with some exotic savouries included.

Although the food was enjoyable and tasty, we (the executive) still feel that improvements can be made and hope to be able to succeed in this situation by next Anzac Day 1993.

Everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves reliving memories and renewing old acquaintances, all present agreed that it was a great day.

During the day and in the absence of the President, Tom Lega welcomed the guests and proposed the Loyal Toast and a toast to the Regiment.

A minute's silence was called upon in memory of members who are no longer with us, they were Alf Clarke, Ken Newton, John Adams, John Smith and Stave Gannon.

Colin Newton, on behalf of his Mother, again represented his father Ken at the reunion, Judy Adams was presented with her husband John's Medals and Lapel Badge. She was delighted and conveyed her thanks to the Members.

We were pleased to be joined for the day by Colonel Ken McKenzie who was well known and highly regarded from PIR days to his days as Area Commander. He had a wonderful day meeting up with all the members he knew and enjoyed himself immensely, unfortunately, he departed before I could obtain his contact address.

The day was spoilt however, for one of our members (Name Withheld) who had an unlucky accident close to home resulting in a broken arm in three places and three fractures of the face. He certainly is a tough character as he did not have a day off work. He has recovered well.

Books

Bill McGrath has advised that after a year of research and writing, Dr Ian Downs OBE has completed the manuscript on "The History of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles 1939-1943". Included are scores of photographs, area and locality maps, battle maps and diagrams.

A special and sincere tribute is expressed by the publisher to NGVR Members, Allied Servicemen and Civilians (including Widows) who contributed so much information and photographs to enable this book to be produced.

Special thanks go to the Author, Dr Ian Downs.

The manuscript is now in the hands of the printer and should be available at the end of 1992.

If you wish to order a copy please order direct from the Publisher, Mr Bill McGrath, Pacific Book House, 17 Park Avenue, Broadbeach Waters, 4218. Estimated retail price \$45 (Hard copy edition).

Volume 2. "Defence Force Papua New Guinea" which contains a comprehensive section on PNGVR is also in the hands of the printers and it is estimated that it will be available approximately December, 1992. Anyone wishing to order a copy please order direct to M B & J L Pears and Associates, P O Box 5849, Gold Coast Mail Centre, 4217.

Watches

The Director of "Uniform Time" Brigadier Brian Wade AM has sent to us a brochure and sample photographs of watches which have been made with faces conveying different designs of Regimental Colours, Unit Insignias and others.

I would appreciate your thoughts on whether or not it would be worthwhile considering the idea of a PNGVR watch? See attachment re watches.

Frangipani Ball

The Australia Papua New Guinea Society inc is organizing the Ball of the Year and would like a good attendance from us if possible. I have attached a brochure which covers the details.

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