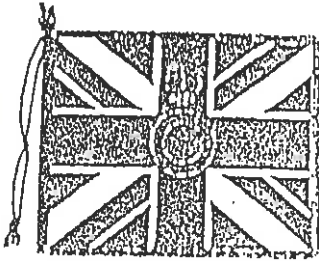
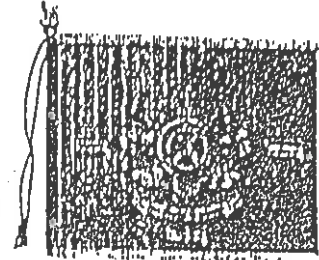


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VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC.



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Through Trials to Triumph

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RABAU  
WEWAK  
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RABAU WAU  
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Hello, once again for this, my third newsletter for 1992. We, the Association, hope you are all keeping as well as can be expected and looking forward to a bright and prosperous 1993.

We are halfway through our financial year which commences 1st of July each year, when subs are due for the following year.

Quite a lot has happened since last newsletter of which I will endeavour to relate.

To begin, our Annual General Meeting and reunion was held once again at 1 Trg Gp Sgts Mess Wacol with kind permission of the Mess President WO1 Perry.

Attendance figures totalled 30 which were down by approximately 10 per cent from the previous year, however, a good attendance nonetheless. There were 22 apologies with a blanket apology covering interstate and overseas members.

Business arising from the Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer Douglas NG presented to the meeting his excellent audited report of our finances which I may add are relatively sound. His report has been attached to this Newsletter. See attachment 'B'.

Douglas asks that any member writing cheques for payments of subs and any other matters to please address the cheques to the NGVR/PNGVR Ex Members Association. This does save a lot of duplication with banking.

Doug's efforts as Treasurer were recognized by acclamation.

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Election of Office Bearers

When the President mentioned that nominations for Office Bearers would be called from the floor, Peter Harbeck moved that the 'Status Quo' remain and that all the present holders of office remain, this was seconded by Graeme Blanch and passed unanimously. The office bearers for 1992-1993 are as follows:-

PRESIDENT: Harry Green

SECRETARY: Bill Kelly

TREASURER: Douglas NG

Members Representatives - Joe Fisk and Norm Mundy

HON. SOLICITOR: Utz Wellner

HON. MEMORABILIA CUSTODIAN: Allen Bell

HON. PHOTOGRAPHER: Tom Dowling

Full details and addresses of executive are shown on attachment 'A'.

Frangipani Ball - see Report.

Name Tags:

Proposal for the wearing of name tags at reunions was mooted and agreed to by the Meeting. It is expected that name tags will be available for the next reunion. Possibly with clear plastic and slide in white cardboard and clip.

President asked that the efforts of Members Reps, Joe Fisk and Norm Mundy in performance of their duties be recorded, so recorded and recognized by acclamation.

Remembrance Plaque:

Joe Fisk advised the meeting that a space existed in the Crypt under the Eternal Flame in Anzac Square for the positioning of a remembrance plaque to honour the NGVR personnel.

After discussion it was agreed that the executive be empowered to investigate the costs with a view to providing this memorial. I will keep you posted.

John Holland advised the meeting that Ken McGowan would be attending the 2/22nd 50th Anniversary Celebrations in PNG and that he was making a video of the festivities. Ken hopes to be able to present a copy to our association for our records.

Ken McGowan is now domiciled at Boreen Point just north of Brisbane.

The Mess President, WO1 Perry, graciously welcomed our members to his mess and showed his generosity with a round of drinks.

After an hour or so at the bar enjoying pleasantries we moved in to conduct the AGM.

The AGM formalities completed, we were treated to a very delightful supper which was provided by the Mess Caterers.

It must be reported that the food was excellent and plentiful, resulting in a pleasant and successful evening.

### Frangipani Ball

This was the next function and as mentioned in the previous newsletter (2/92) this ball which was held at the Gateway Hotel proved to be a huge success and the organizers are to be congratulated for their effort. The theme for the ball being Army and NGVR in particular.

The ball was excellently compared by well known Radio Personality Mr Russ Walkington, with official guests being the PNG Consul, Mr Tom Polume and Major General Cosgrove.

The drinks were free all night much to the delight of most guests who were entertained by an Elvis impersonator, a South Pacific Island dance group, and a band which played excellent music. According to our reporter, the food was delicious with a selection of 4 main courses, entrees and sweets also.

Our association was well represented with a total of 28 members, including their guests being present who by reports enjoyed themselves immensely with some remaining till all hours. Some of those present were President and Wife Margaret, Vice President Tom and Wife Barbara, Doug and Fran NG, Joyce and Allen Bell, Bruce Brearly and Nancy Reason, Joe and Val Fisk, Joan and Norm Mundy, Peter and Sue Rogers, Utz and Robyn Wellner, Graham and Rose Blanch, Ken McGowan and others.

The President of the Ball Committee presented our members to the guests and which was applauded by them.

Some of our members were lucky on the night with Ken McGowan winning a set of glasses and a packet of Goroka coffee, Allen Bell winning a carton of SP and 3 packets of coffee, the big winner though was Joe Fisk who won 2 cartons of SP, 4 packets of coffee, 3 bottles of wine, 1 of champagne and a cap and T Shirt.

The organizers appreciated our representation.

Still on the subject of enjoyment Bob and Dawn Harvey-Hall took off overseas last September, after their visit to the UK and Europe they made their way to Ireland and apart from lots of other interesting activities visited Blarney Castle. Bob sent me a card showing the castle, he mentioned that he just had to kiss the "Blarney Stone" (would have been a shame not to) for luck. Bob may wish to give us more details of his trip later.

After Ireland they then proceeded to the United States to finish their tour before returning home.

Bob and Dawn told us at the reunion 27 November, that they enjoyed every minute of their trip.

Joe Fisk and I had the pleasure of entertaining Peter Moses and son Phil (who is a Regular Army Captain) at my place for afternoon tea on 26 September this year, when he collected his plaque, min Independence Medal and other items before returning to Tasmania. He looks very healthy and wishes to be remembered to all.

The following Saturday was also a pleasant afternoon tea when Joe and I entertained Marie Gannon, wife of Steve, one of our members and good footballer, who sadly passed away last year after a long illness.

Marie was presented with Steve's medal which she said she would pass onto their son. Marie also thanked the association for their kindness and consideration.

I had the pleasure of visiting Dick Newman, one of our Commanding Officers at his home in Buderim on the Sunshine Coast, where he has a grand and wonderful view of the Pacific from his front patio.

He is recovering from his illness (reported Newsletter 2/92) albeit slowly. There was quite a lot of reminiscing over a nice cup of coffee.

On my way back to Brisbane I called into "Unit Plaques and Trophies" (the firm which manufacture's our plaques) to check on the progress of our order and I was very surprised at the extent of their business and how popular and busy they were. Our orders pale into insignificance compared to a lot of the orders they fill.

John K Dowling, ex 'B' Coy, has just had a bypass operation. John was seriously ill and in intensive care for a week after the operation, on last check his son Steve said he is now on the road to recovery.

Dudley Foley, ex 'D' Coy (Sp Coy) has had a "Larengectomy" operation and was also seriously ill for several weeks, he has now recovered.

Bill Griffiths (NGVR) was very ill in Greenslopes Repat Hospital for several months after a stroke and other serious illnesses. He has now been discharged and is at home but confined to a wheel chair.

We wish them all the best.

Peter Cole advises that Col Ken McKenzie's contact address (should anyone require same) is RSL HQ, 42 Oxlade Drive, New Farm, 4005, where he is an advocate for Returned Servicemen.

#### Vale

It is sadness that I report the passing of S/Sgt Bert Hendry EM. Bert served with PNGVR for 18 years and was well known to me, also for his work with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Bert had been ill with Cancer for quite a number of years and suffered uncomplainingly, he was a thorough gentleman and good soldier.

Condolences on behalf of the Association were sent to Bert's wife Shirley, as soon as I heard.

#### Anzac Day Combined Parade Committee

On the 15 November I attended this meeting for a debriefing of last Anzac Day and parade resolutions for 1993 march, which is due to be held on a Sunday.

The 1993 march is the RAAF's turn to lead and it is anticipated that the Parade Leader will be Air Vice Marshall Sam Jordan.

I won't go into the details of all the parade appointments, suffice to say all appointments have been filled.

Some discussion and criticism arose, reference to and mainly about bands and marshalls. Our unit suffered very little discomfort in this regard.

I spoke to the Band Master, Mr Bert Woosley, after the meeting and advised him in spite of criticism passed, our Association was well catered for in this regard and passed on our thanks.

Work on the proposed new casino in the old Treasury Building, Cnr of Elizabeth and George Streets, may tend to disrupt the FUP and assembly positions, depending on when the work commences.

The Committee is monitoring this situation and if it does interfere with previous arrangements they will possibly form up on the South Bank and march over the Victoria Bridge.

Following a request by the Brisbane City Council it is hoped that we will have Messrs Keith Payne VC (Aust) and J Hinton VC (NZ) to head the parade and to obtain, if possible, the services of a World Famous NZ Opera Singer to participate in the Memorial Service.

On the 27 November arrangements were made to have a reunion, this was attended by 37 members including wives and girlfriends.

It was held at the Yeronga Services Club on the southside of Brisbane and we welcomed all who attended, particularly those from long distances who were Bob and Dawn Harvey Hall, Bruce Inch and Carl Ashoff. Others who attended apart from Aileen, my wife, were Margaret Green (President's wife) Val Fisk, Peter Rogers, Ken McGowan, Allen and Joyce Bell, Douglas and Fran NG, Mal and Marie Zimmerman and son Darryl, Geoff Kenney, Kevin Cheatham and wife, Bruce and Jocelyn Johnson, Colin Hall, Mike Griffin and wife, Tom and Barbara Lega, Marty and Moira O'Sullivan, Barry and Pam Wright, Max Shadlow and Fay, Tom Dowling and Ken Weare and wife.

We all enjoyed a very nice supper consisting of mainly finger food (hot and cold) and a hot dish of Spaghetti Bolognese.

Bar facilities were available with a waitress also available to take drink orders.

On the whole a pleasant night was had by all but I think I made the mistake of planning it on the night they had a rock and roll contest. The music was good but because of our close proximity to the band it became very noisy which precluded any in depth conversations.

Possible good venue for future reunions, but will have to be organized without the band being present.

By the way did anyone present lose their glasses case which was found at the reunion, if so, please contact me to redeem same.

#### Plaques

Our excellent plaque is still available on request and can be ordered from the Secretary. Cost still \$55 plus postage. Refer to attachment newsletter 2/92.

#### Pocket Badges

These are still available at \$15 each in Navy Blue or Black. Refer also to attachment newsletter 2/92.

#### Lapel Badges

Still have plenty left at \$3 each, again refer to attachment newsletter 2/92.

#### Photographs

Please direct requirements for photos to our official photographer Tom Dowling, 11 Harding Street, Raceview, 4305.

#### Ties

Our contract firm Holly Green Pty Ltd have encountered some problems with the quality of the material and embroidery (hence the delay) and have returned material samples back to the manufacturer as unsatisfactory.

The problem has at last been resolved with a sample being sent to us by John Frewin who is acting as our Liaison Officer in Melbourne. The executive have approved the sample and have returned same to the manufacturer for them to proceed. It is anticipated that we will have the ties by January 1993.

Books

Copies of the History of New Guinea Volunteer Rifles (Dr Ian Downs) are available from Publisher Bile McGrath, Pacific Book House, 17 Park Avenue, Broadbeach Waters, 4218.

Copies of Volume 2, Defence Force Papua New Guinea are available from M B & J L Pears, P O Box 5849, Gold Coast Mail Centre, 4217.

As a matter of interest I attended a book launch at the Open Book House, Milton, a suburb of Brisbane, on the Biography of Dr Edwin Tscharke A.O.M.B.E. one of our original NGVR members and written by Journalist Ian Frazer.

The title of the book is "Gods Maverick" and is the compelling story of Ed Tscharke, Soldier, Pioneer Doctor and self taught Surgeon of Kar Kar Island P.N.G.

To conclude this literary masterpiece and before I break down with R.S.I., I was perusing our local newspaper when I came across some thought provoking puns from the "International Pun Foundation" which I thought I would pass on to you all.

Is a fisherman's income all net profit?

Is betting on a horse a stable investment?

Does an Evangelist have a soul means of support?

We wonder whether smoking decreases your Lungevity?

Oh Well! maybe I will improve by the time the next newsletter goes to print.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!

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