

ANZAC DAY 2005

REGIMENTAL DINNER: 23 April. 53 Members and guests attended our annual Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunion at the United Services Club. Dining President was Capt Phil Ainsworth with Consul General Mr Paul Nerau, LLB as Guest Speaker, and Mrs Pauline Nerau.

Guests included Colonel Bryan and Mrs Todd; from the top end, Sgt Trevor Connell; and from Victoria, Bob & Dawn Harvey-Hall and Percy Neville. Visiting from Port Moresby was former Sgt Marea Gaigo—Ex Mortar Platoon, PNGVR. Dining Vice, Sgt Col Gould presented the Consul General with a pen set engraved with the PNGVR Badge to mark 2005 as the 30th Anniversary of Papua New Guinea Independence.

Dinner was preceded by sherry in the Bar before the official party was piped into the dining room by Piper Capt Thorensen. The three course dinner was well enjoyed and accompanied by red and white table wine and Port. As the Bar shutters came down at a late hour, Col Gould, Bob Collins, Norm Mundy, Barry Wright and Percy Neville were still conducting a post-dinner “de-briefing” similar to the “de-briefings” conducted after night Parades in PNG all those years ago. True.

ANZAC DAY MARCH: The Brisbane weather was great for some 175 Associations and Units that marched this year. Capt Phil Ainsworth led the NGVR/PNGVR consisting of some 80 members and guests on parade in position number 27. The occasion was somewhat marred by the absence of our Founding President and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel Harry Green, who passed away earlier in the year.

The Exchange Hotel again provided us with their main downstairs function room solely for our use. John Holland set up an interesting display of Association memorabilia, which included the actual handkerchief a member of 2/22nd LARK Force threw to a young Rudy Buckley as they boarded the Montevideo Maru as POW's in Rabaul in June 1942. The Association is still trying to trace any decedents of that young 2/22nd Australian soldier.

My thanks to Paul Brown, Bruce Crawford, John Holland, Doug Ng, Tom Dowling and Pattie Gould and others who assisted with organising the Dinner and ANZAC Day function.

AGM 2005: Our 2005 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Long Tan Sergeants Mess on a Saturday evening in September. An actual date has yet to be confirmed. This year we plan to hold a great Bar-B-Q immediately after the AGM.

Member Ken Hitchcock has kindly made a donation to ensure that we have plenty of great Port in the old Port barrel at the Mess. Thanks Ken—if you can't make the AGM please delegate a Member to take care of your share of the Port.

As we will be having a postal ballot for the Executive Committee this year, nomination forms and other information will be mailed out to all members within the next 2 weeks. - Col Gould

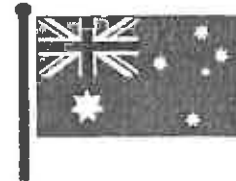
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Report from the Chair

I write as the Chair of the Executive Committee.

Besides the many highlights over the past year, it has been one of sadness, with the loss through death, of so many members, 12 to date, five ex-NGVR and seven ex-PNGVR. These are: James Keenan, Bruce Fraser, Fred Still; Jim Cavanaugh and Harry McCauley from NGVR and Jim Lewis, Michael Konecny, Peter Harbeck, Bill Kelly, Alan Booth and our inaugural and long serving President Harry Green and Joe Fisk from PNGVR.

The Executive Committee of the Association has decided all positions of the committee will be elected by a independently supervised postal ballot with the results available at our AGM and reunion. The date of the AGM will be August/September depending on when the Sergeants Mess at Enoggera is available to us.

The Association is strong financially and functionally. The current Committee comprises hard working and dedicated men, as the quality of recent events and activities attest. Additionally, our main activities programme for the year has been completed. The wonderful historic display at our Post-march reunion, which included the “handkerchief” from the Montevideo Maru passenger was presented by John Holland.

The death of our President and many others has highlighted what we have always known, that the Association is diminishing as members depart and they cannot be replaced. The Association under Colonel Harry Greens leadership grew from strength to strength in numbers, functions and activities.

The next President and Committee will take the Association into its next phase. The period between now and nomination for positions allows time for reflection to determine the next phase and decide who is best to be elected for its implementation. Do we want the Association to continue as it has in the past? Should the Association concentrate on a few of its objectives rather than spread too far? Or, as one member put it to me that the Association should be broadened in its membership and objectives? To assist, the objectives of the Association are set out below.



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- (a) To bring together the returned and Ex-Servicemen members of the Association as a Returned and Ex-Servicemen's Group or Organisation.
- (b) To promote and encourage through the Association a close relationship with the people of Papua New Guinea.
- (c) To offer scholarships, awards, annual prizes and bursaries to members of the Australian Army and the Papua New Guinea Defence Force.
- (d) To preserve the memory, records and artefacts of those who served in the Second World War theatre of Papua New Guinea and to arrange exhibitions of the same from time to time in Australian and Papua New Guinea.
- (e) To provide plaques and memorials to honour members of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles who served and died in action or as prisoners of war in Papua New Guinea.
- (f) To affiliate with any other organisation which possesses similar aims and objectives upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

You may be aware that Sanananda Barracks at Wacol is up for sale by tender, closing mid May. One of the tender conditions is that an area of land will be made permanently available to the National Service Association (NSA) with five buildings being relocated onto the site. The NSA is keen for our Association's participation, particularly to have our memorabilia permanently housed in one of the relocated building. Joe Fisk started these negotiations and if successful, we may see ourselves with accommodation in about 1 to 2 years time.

Thank you for making our Association such a vibrant and respected organisation.

Phil Ainsworth

Lt. Colonel Harry Neville Green, MBE.ED

30 October 1921 - 9 April 2005.

On the 22 April 2005, just three days short of ANZAC Day, over 120 Association members, family members and guests attended the Memorial Service for our Late President, Lt. Colonel Harry Neville Green, MBE.ED. The moving Service was held at the *All Saints* Chapel at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane.

Harry passed away in Cairns on the 9 April after a long and hard fought battle with cancer. Following a Funeral Service in North Queensland, Harry's ashes were brought back to Brisbane where his beloved daughter Nicky, and members of the Executive hosted a Memorial Service.

Amongst the guests present at Gallipoli Barracks were, Maj-General John Pearn, Brig. Ian Hunter, PNG Consul General Paul Nerau, NGVR members Tom Lega and Jack Goad, Bob Harvey-Hall and members of Harry's family including Harry's son Roger. Although seriously ill himself, WO1 Joe Fisk attended the Service. Rev. Allan McFarland conducted the Service in conjunction with our Welfare Officer, Paul Brown.

Major Bob-Harvey-Hall, RFD.ED delivered the PNGVR Eulogy, which was followed by an address by Brig. Ian Hunter, CVO.AM.MBE.ED (Rtd) and messages from Colonel Mal Bishop, MM., and the C Coy PNGVR Mt Hagen Ex Members Association.

Following the Service, members and guests adjourned to the Long Tan Sergeants Mess for refreshments and fellowship with the family.

The following pages contain Harry's history which has been compiled by Phil Ainsworth from records, Eulogies and interviews. Our thanks to Nicky Green, Paul Brown, Bob-Harvey-Hall, John Holland and all those who worked behind the scenes to help organise the service. Special thanks to the CO of Gallipoli Barracks for allowing us use of the Chapel, and to the Committee and staff of the Long Tan Sergeants Mess for catering. I would like to personally thank Bob Collins and Barry Wright for their support in enabling Joe Fisk to attend the Service.

Col Gould—Secretary



ANZAC DAY 2005—CANBERRA

Above:- Jes Hansford with Richard Hart, Ian Sayers, Byron Sullivan and Bill Molony and their new "Southern" Banner

Jes reports:- The day dawned clear and cool, 13 –22 cels, cloudy at times which kept the day reasonable. The parade formed up along ANZAC Avenue, both sides of the driveway, due to the large contingent of marching group.

During the forming up, we marched in position number 16 with the Independent Companies and Commandos. I met Jenny Sheahan whose father served with Colonel Mal Bishop. Jenny had the Independent Companies flag.

As we approached the saluting base, with Major General Jefferies (His Excellency the Governor General) taking the salute, the announcer gave our brief history to the crowd and the Governor-General commended us from the saluting base. Thank you Sir!

The following ceremony was brief with all the visiting delegations laying wreaths. PNGVR retired to the ADEFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) Senior NCO Mess where we were welcomed by the Academy Sgt Major, WO 1 Steve Griffiths, and partook of their hospitality, being invited to attend again. We thanked him on behalf of the Association.

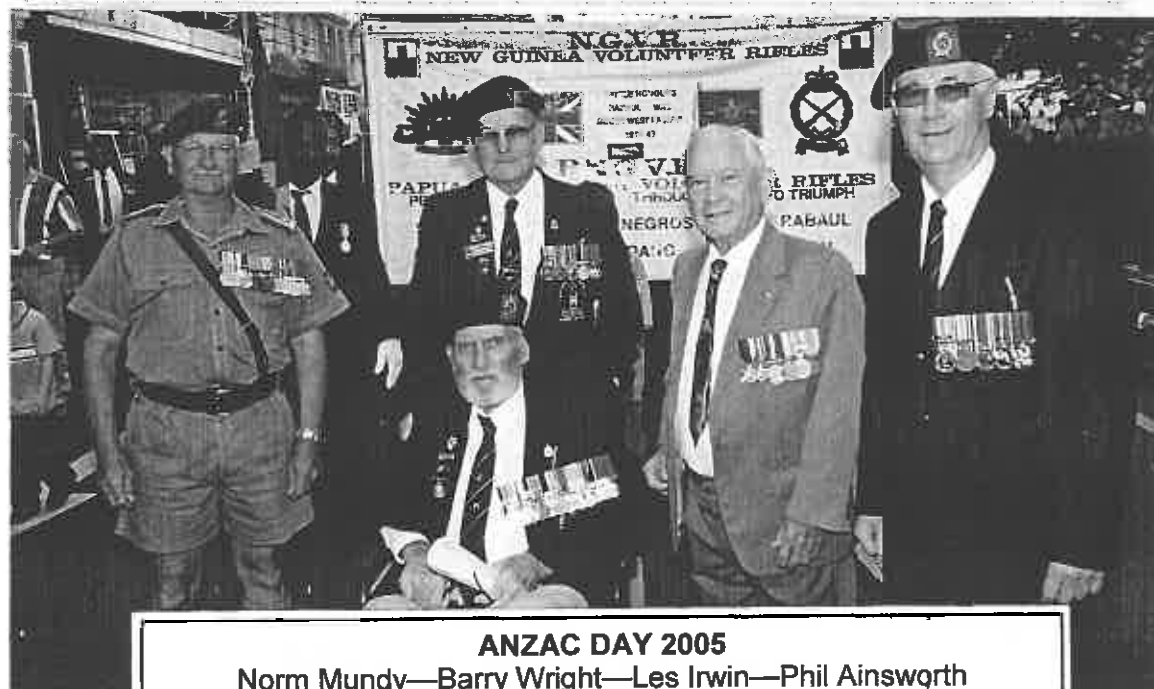
Our new banner looks great and will be our rallying point for future occasions.

On another issue, Members of 12 PL D Coy PNGVR Madang will recall the time we man handled out of the bush outside of Madang a Japanese 75mm AA gun in 1969. We cleaned the gun up and it featured outside the Madang PNGVR Drill Hall. Col Gould reported in "missing" in 2003 when he visited Madang. Well it has been found. I found it recently in the aircraft section of the AWM, complete with our camouflage paint job.



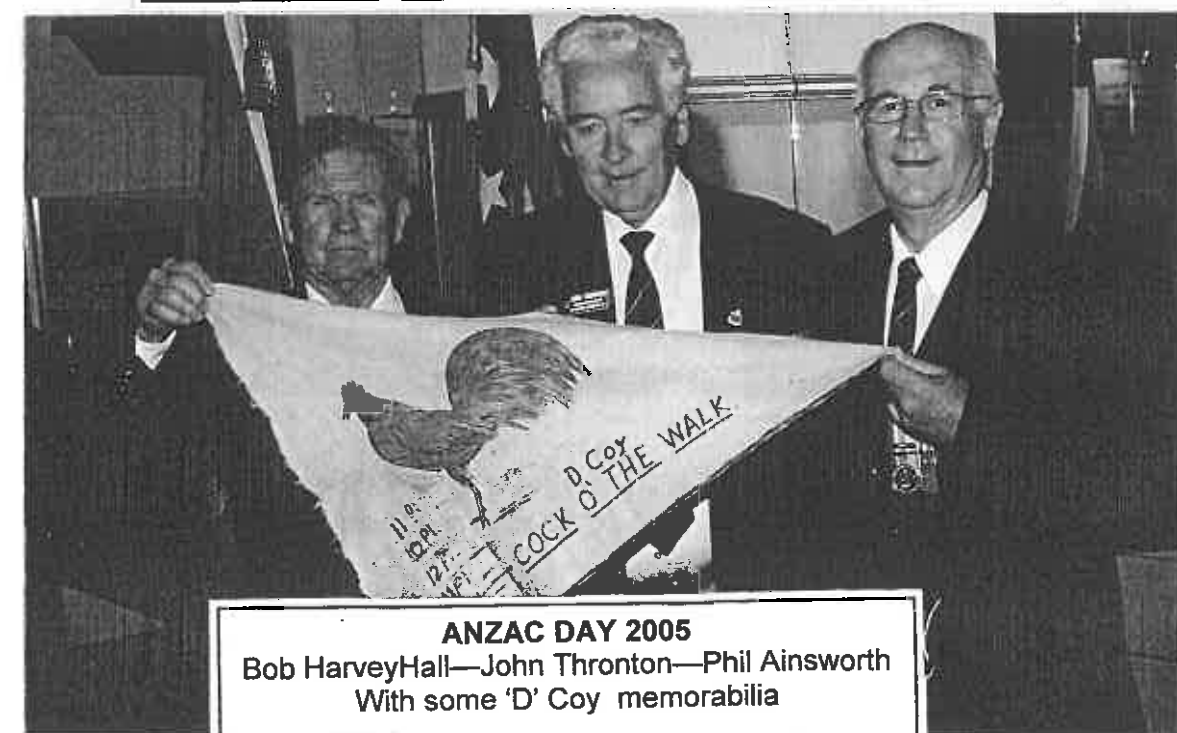
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Visiting from Port Moresby -Sgt Morea Gaigo—Mortar Pl. PNGVR with Peter Chow and Simon Hui. Wreath bearer is Joshua Gould—who is wearing his Great Grandad's (S/Sgt Stan Gould) Medals.



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Norm Mundy—Barry Wright—Les Irwin—Phil Ainsworth With Joe Fisk.



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Bob HarveyHall—John Thronton—Phil Ainsworth With some 'D' Coy memorabilia



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Obituary for Lieutenant Colonel Harold Neville Green, M.B.E (Mil), E.D 1921-2005

The death of Lieutenant Colonel Harry Green on 9 April 2005 heralded the end of a colourful and fruitful life and the passing of one of the last of the great Pacific Islands traders. Harry a man of vitality and charm had an unquenchable thirst of life. He was an inveterate networker, initiator and doer. The military played a large part in his existence, not just on the parade-ground but in his other activities as entrepreneur, businessman, planter, boat builder, trader, aviation owner, husband and father.

Harold Neville Green was born on 30 October, 1921 in the New South Wales town of Mullumbimby near Byron Bay. Harry's father was a bank manager who was transferred regularly around the State. During the depression Harry lived with his father at Canowindra, west of Orange, while his mother lived with his sisters in Sydney. In 1936, his father and Harry returned to Sydney where Harry attended secondary school.

He began 40 years of voluntary military service when he enlisted in the 17th Infantry Battalion, North Sydney at the age of 15 years. He enlisted in the AIF on 13 May 1940 at 18 years of age and served with the 2/1 and 2/4 Light Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiments. After a years training at Ingleburn, NSW, the Regiments served in the Middle East including Syria, Egypt and Palestine, returning to Australia prior to the battle of El Alamein in 1942. After undergoing further training on the Atherton Tablelands, the unit saw action at Lae and Finschhafen. Returning to the Tablelands late 1943, Harry served out his time until his discharge, as a Corporal on 7 November 1945, having served 2005 days including 704 days outside Australia.

After further schooling and a stint at University, Harry was employed by Vesteys, and from 1947 travelled regularly to Port Moresby, Lae, Madang and Rabaul for the company. In 1950, Harry re-enlisted in the CMF with the 17th Light Anti-aircraft Regiment at Middle Head, Sydney as a gunner. He was promoted sergeant in 1951, then WO2, and was commissioned as a Lieutenant on 26 February 1952. Harry lost his right arm near his shoulder in a motor accident in Sydney in 1952. He never wore a prosthetic arm.



In 1954, Harry accepted Gillespie's offered company directorship in Papua New Guinea and moved with his family to Rabaul. Harry's military status at this time was Captain, unattached to PNGVR. He took up his PNGVR, B Company Commanders position in 1958 after completing his DA 21A majority course at Canungra in 1957.

He left Gillespie to work with Alex Hopper and Co in 1958, where he learnt about trading skins, shell and other tropical produce. In 1959, he left and set up Green and Company Limited in Rabaul, exporting cocoa beans, various shells and crocodile skins. He became a consummate trader. Harry also went into plantations and was involved with, either as an owner or a director, Bali (Witu Islands), Londolovit (New Ireland), Iwi (Bougainville), Marau and Kolai (south coast of New Britain) and Paluat (Gazelle Penninsular) plantations.



Another successful venture was Plantation Charters. Harry arranged recruitment of labour from the PNG Highlands through his friend Denis Buchanan. Denis set up Talair, for this purpose, recruited and equipped the labourers, and with Harry's three DC3 aircraft flew them direct to New Guinea Island plantations. Instead of waiting 6 months to get a line of labour, they arrived within weeks.

Harry was active in the community. Civic roles included Boy Scout Commissioner for 15 years; Chairman, NG Islands, Winston Churchill Trust for six years; Executive Member, Papua New Guinea Planters Association for 16 years; President, PNG Native Ex-servicemens Association for 16 years; Chairman, Anglican Plantation Trust for New Ireland and New Britain for six years; Trustee for New Guinea Islands RSL for ten years; Executive Director, Bougainville Trading and Shipping Company for eight years and Director, BRW Plantations Limited for 16 years.

In 1965, Green & Co established operations in Bougainville and on Munda Island and at Honiara in the Solomon Islands. He brought his boats from Kieta and started a shipyard at Honiara. He set up a trading company at Kieta Bougainville and was involved in the sale of Kip McKillop's plantation Arawa to Bougainville Copper, after which he was appointed the company's purchasing agent, a major coup.

Financial problems arose in 1970 when his company sold forward a large shipment of cocoa beans just prior to a massive price rise. Under the contract, the purchaser could call forward exported balances and if the seller could not supply, the buyer could buy in the market and debit the variation of cost to the sellers account. Sufficient supply could not be bought and Green & Co eventually went into liquidation in 1972. Harry managed to retain his home in Rabaul, Paluat Plantation and his boats. Paluat was later compulsorily acquired by the Government.

The early 1970s saw Denis Buchanan, with Harry's assistance purchase the Solomon Islands' Airline and Vanuatu's Air Melanesia. Unable to buy Fiji's Air Pacific, they became agents for Air Nauru and Air Pacific and purchased an aircraft which flew daily between Rabaul, Kieta, Honiara and Port Vila, right through to 1980.

Harry married twice. His first marriage was to Patricia Jean Brittain in Sydney in September 1940. They had three children, Penelope Carol, Nicola Jane and Roger Brittain, all born in Sydney. The Greens returned to Australia in early 1970's when Harry bought a hotel at Theebine and a cattle run on the north coast. While these provided an Australian base for the family, the lure of the Islands proved too strong. Patricia and Harry divorced in 1980. Patricia died in 1991 in Gympie. The three surviving children live in north Queensland, Brisbane and Sydney respectively.

After PNG attained its Independence in 1975, Harry took stock of his situation and moved to Honiara in the late 1970's. He married Margaret Louise McIntosh in 1983. They had no children. They lived in Honiara and Port Vila spending two weeks at a time in each. Harry ran a successful insurance office in each town for Cigna, Insurance of USA. When there offices were closed in 1986/7, they decided to live in Brisbane. However, Harry's PNG Island activities kept him travelling backwards and forwards. Harry brought his son Joshua Luke, who was born at Paluat Plantation in 1993, to Australia in 1995 to be treated for virulent malaria. Margaret and Harry divorced in 1999. Joshua lives in north Queensland.

In the later half of 1958, Major Harry Green became the Company Commander of B Company, PNGVR in Rabaul. This was the start of his 16 years association with the Regiment. PNGVR and its WW2 counterpart, NGVR were the only volunteer Citizen Military Force units which were formed, served and disbanded overseas. They were also in the Australian Army Order of Battle, that is, they were front line units.

ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS

MONTEVIDEO MARU— MEMORIAL SERVICE

DATE: Friday 1st July 2005 **VENUE:-** ANZAC Square Brisbane
TIME:- 9.45 am for 10.00 Memorial Service Private & Family Wreaths welcome
DRESS: ANZAC Day Dress / Civilian with full medals
INVITATION: Stay after the Service for tea/coffee and refreshments on site. ALL WELCOME

RESERVE FORCES DAY MARCH BRISBANE

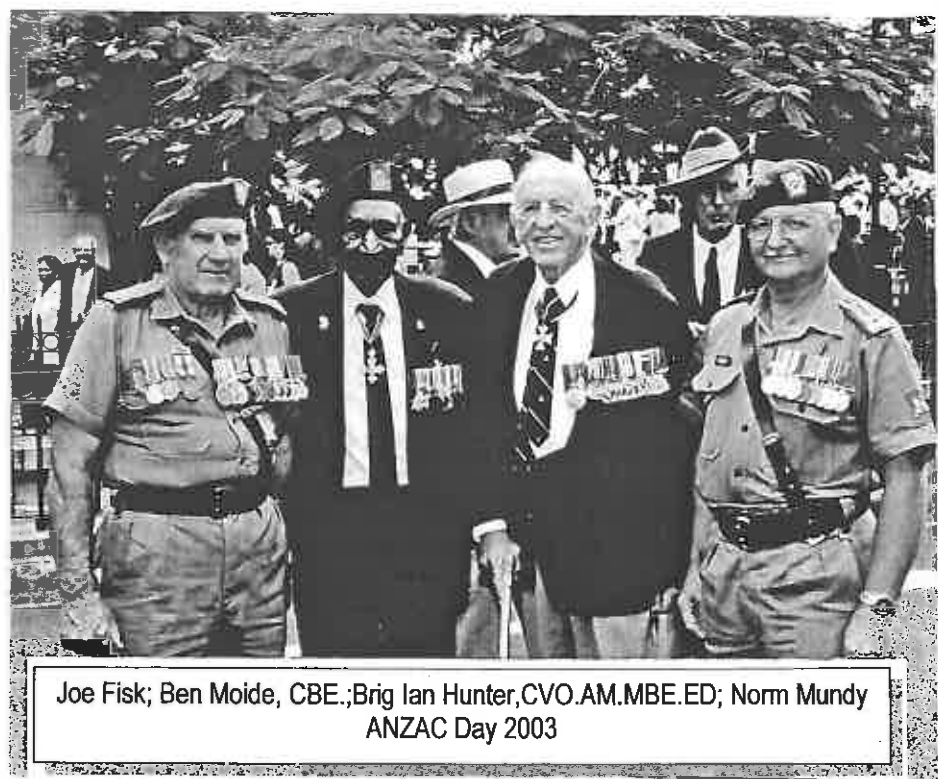
DATE: Sunday 3 July 2005. **TIME:** 0930 Hours for 10.00 Hours
FORM UP: In Creek Street between Adelaide and Elizabeth Streets
MARCH: The Parade marches up Adelaide Street from Creek Street.
EYES RIGHT: At King George Square.
 Look for the NGVR / PNGVR Banner— All members are invited to attend.

MIXED FIELD DINING NIGHT

DATE: Saturday 16th July 2005 **TIME:** Pre-dinner sherry 1730 hours
 Dinner 1830 hours
VENUE: Barry & Pam Wright's property 176 Kurrajong Rd Jimboomba
DRESS: Formal—Mess Dress/ANZAC Day Dress with miniatures.
COST: \$30 pp Sherry / Table wine/ Dinner / Port
PHONE: Barry 5546 9865 Bob 5526 8396
CHEQUES: Payable to Bob Collins—mail to Barry at Jimboomba or Bob at "Capricornia" 45 / 121 Surf Parade Broadbeach Q 4218



Joe & Harry
ANZAC Day 1995



Joe Fisk; Ben Moide, CBE.; Brig Ian Hunter, CVO, AM, MBE, ED; Norm Mundy
ANZAC Day 2003



Joe Fisk (Center)

At his favorite bush setting at Jimboomba in 2000 where the Bush Dinners are held. With Joe are Barry Wright, Col Gould, Bob Collins and Kel Williams. Photo by Tom Dowling



SES, NGVR/PNGVR, NASHO'S, RSL, SCOUTS
form a guard of Honour in a final farewell to Joe.

Harry became 2i/c of the Battalion in 1963. Upon reaching the mandatory age of 47 years in October 1968, he retired from PNGVR with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1970 he was appointed Honorary Colonel of PNGVR, the fifth and last of those who served in this prestigious position, until PNGVR's disbandment on 1st December 1973.

Highlights of his PNGVR activities were assisting the Administration during the trouble in the Gazelle Peninsula which boiled over due to the alienation of so much arable land from the local people for plantations. This had been occurring since early German times. Arguably the greatest achievement of PNGVR was its integration as a multi racial unit in 1964. The idea of integration came from PNG, particularly officers like Harry, who in defiance of regular directives of discouragement from Canberra, made it happen. Harry Green as 2i/c of the Regiment, with the support of the company commanders and good will of all participants made it work.

The culmination of the units many achievements was the presentation of the Queen's and Regimental Colours by the Administrator at PNGVR's 1969 annual camp at Igam Barracks, Lae. PNGVR was a great CMF unit. Indeed, there is an aptness in the unit's motto "Per Angusta Ad Augusta" - Through Trials to Triumph.

Harry was part of PNGVR for 16 years, from the time of small weekly parades of Europeans and through its growth into a multi racial force to its disbandment and laying up of its Colours on 25 April 1974 in Canberra. Harry's leadership, flair, experience and knowledge assured PNGVR's high standing and regard were maintained.

Harry was President of the NGVR and PNGVR Ex-members Association for 16 years from its official start in 1989 until his death. The Association was alive and vital from its outset. Under Harry's leadership, the Association was arguably the best "turned out" in Brisbane Anzac Day march. Harry was the easily recognised, white haired, moustached, one armed, much medalled, florid faced man of soldierly bearing marching proudly in front of his men. Harry's long and inspired leadership allowed the Association to achieve so much.

In recognition of his many years of voluntary military and civilian service in Australia and New Guinea, Lieutenant Colonel Harry Green MBE (Mil), E.D received many awards and decorations. Little known to most, Harry was also an avid reader and lover of classical music and animals. Earlier pursuits were snorkelling and collecting shells.

Harry died on 9 April 2005, aged 83 at Gordonvale Memorial Hospital. His funeral and cremation was held on 13 April 2005 in Malanda and a memorial service was arranged at the All Saints Chapel, Enoggera Barracks, Brisbane by the Association on 22 April 2005.

Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands have lost a friend who helped develop their potential from his first visit in the 1940's, until his death. Australia has lost a man who was outstanding in his many and varied achievements.

Phil Ainsworth
May 2005

This is a shorter version of Lieutenant Colonel Greens story extracted from a 14 page paper titled "Lieutenant Colonel Harold Neville Green MBE (Mil), ED 1921- 2005" which displays the footnotes indicating the sources of the information.



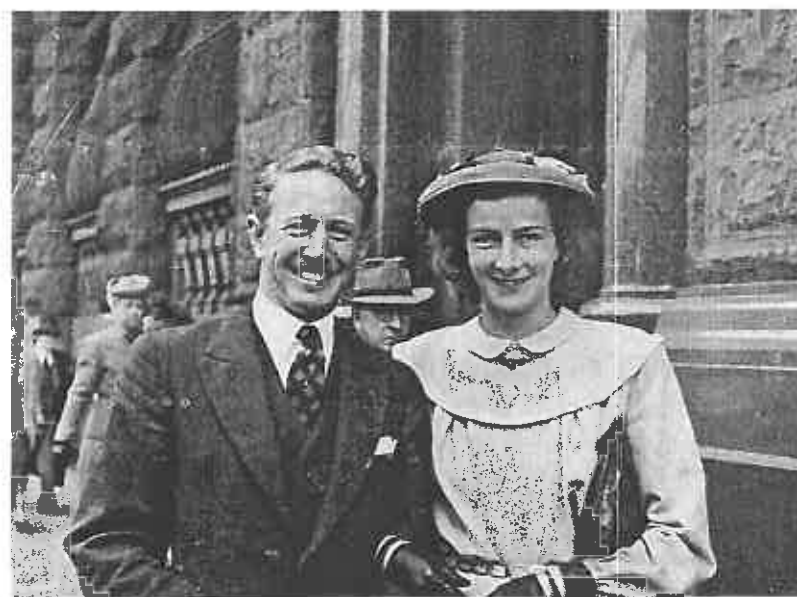
Private Harry Green and his wife Patricia Jean nee Brittain on their Wedding day - September 1940, Sydney, NSW



Harry Green in the early 1960s



Corporal Harry Green, Sydney, 13 September, 1940



Harry and Patricia Green, Sydney, July, 1948

- WITH OTHERS)
- vi) CHROMING OF .303 RIFLE AND BAYONET - IT WAS HIS OWN RIFLE AND BAYONET - WHICH HE DONATED TO THE ASSN.
 - vii) INTRODUCTION OF ANNUAL AWARDS TO CURRENT RESERVE UNITS - 9 RQR AND 31 RQR
 - viii) INTRODUCTION (TOGETHER WITH OTHERS) OF BOTH FORMAL AND BUSH DINNERS WHICH ARE HELD REGULARLY.

IN ADDITION THERE ARE MANY OTHER INITIATIVES - TOO MANY TO MENTION INDIVIDUALLY - BUT ALL FOR THE BETTERMENT OF AN ASSOCIATION, IN WHICH JOE WAS INVOLVED.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

JOE WAS A VERY PUBLIC SPIRITED PERSON AND HE HAD QUITE A BIG INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS :

- i) THE NATIONAL SERVICEMENS ASSOCIATION
- ii) STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES
- iii) SCOUTING MOVEMENT
- iv) RSL

HOWEVER THERE ARE OTHERS TO SPEAK ABOUT THAT.

IN CONCLUSION, JOE LOVED HIS MEDALS AND PROUDLY WORE THEM AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

HIS MEDALS AWARDED ARE:

- i) AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75 WITH PNG CLASP
- ii) QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL.
- iii) EFFICIENCY MEDAL
- iv) RESERVE FORCES MEDAL
- v) NATIONAL MEDAL (SERVICE WITH SES)
- vi) NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL
- vii) PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE MEDAL
- viii) PNG LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
- ix) TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF PNG MEDAL
- x) PNG DEFENCE FORCE 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEDAL
- xi) 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF PNG MEDAL

GOODBYE OLD FRIEND - A LIFE WELL LIVED - A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TODAY WILL MISS YOU.



KEN HAD EVER COME ACROSS - QUITE A WRAP - BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY KEN WOULD SAY THAT AS JOE WOULD HAVE DISPLAYED THE SAME QUALITIES AS CSM THAT HE DISPLAYED AS PL SGT.

JOE WAS THEN TRANSFERRED IN HIS WORK TO PORT MORESBY WHERE HE HELD THE POSITION OF CSM ADMIN COY, AGAIN AS A SGT. JOE WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO MT HAGEN, IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS OF N.G., AND WHILE THERE HELD THE POSITION OF CSM OF C COY, PNGVR. IT WAS WHILE HE WAS IN MT HAGEN THAT HE MARRIED VAL. JOE WAS PROMOTED TO W011 IN MT HAGEN AND VAL TELLS THE STORY THAT, WHILE HE WAS STUDYING FOR HIS EXAMS, HE USED TO PLAY TAPES EACH DAY TO HELP HIM LEARN. VAL RECKONS THAT, BY THE TIME THE EXAMS CAME ABOUT, SHE COULD HAVE PASSED IT TO - BECAUSE OF ALL THAT LISTENING TO THE TAPES. THEY THEN MOVED TO WEWAK WHERE D COY, PNGVR, HAD NOT LONG BEEN ESTABLISHED AND AGAIN JOE BECAME A CSM - THIS TIME OF D COY. JOE WAS IN WEWAK WHEN PNGVR WAS DISBANDED IN 1973 AND WENT TO THE RETIRED LIST. IT WAS IN WEWAK THAT CHARLIE AND JUDY WERE BORN.

I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER PERSON IN PNGVR WHO SERVED IN MORE LOCATIONS THAN JOE - MADANG, RABAU, PORT MORESBY, MT HAGEN AND WEWAK. JOE SERVED WITH EVERY COMPANY IN PNGVR EXCEPT, A COY, LOW, AND SUPPORT COY, PORT MORESBY.

AFTER VAL AND JOE MOVED TO BRISBANE IN 1973 HE MET NORM MUNDY, A FRIEND FROM PORT MORESBY, AND WAS OFFERED A POSITION AS AN INSTRUCTOR WITHI TRAINING GROUP, WACOL, IN 1976 - HE RETIRED FROM THERE IN 1985 AND WAS AWARDED THE HONORARY RANK OF WO1 THIS IN ITSELF WAS QUITE UNIQUE AS, IN THOSE DAYS, SOLDIERS OF THE RANK OF MAJOR AND BELOW HAD TO RETIRE AT AGE 47. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO JOE'S KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO RELATE TO PEOPLE THAT HE WAS KEPT ON UNTIL AGE 55 - BUT THAT WAS JOE - AN EXCELLENT INSTRUCTOR WHO RELATED WELL TO SOLDIERS.

SOME WORDS NOW ABOUT THE NGVR/PNGVR EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION.

I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED THAT JOE AND NORM MET IN BRISBANE AFTER THEY MOVED SOUTH - BOTH LIVED AT DAISY HILL. BOTH HAD SHOWN THE FORESIGHT TO GET NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EX MEMBERS OF PNGVR BEFORE THEY LEFT NEW GUINEA AND IN 1981 THEY, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PETER ROGERS, WHO WAS STILL SERVING, COMMENCED TO HOLD MEETINGS OF EX MEMBERS OF PNGVR, AND THAT WAS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE STRONG ASSOCIATION THAT EXISTS TODAY. JOE SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS BUT, OF RECENT TIMES, VERY APPROPRIATELY AS 'MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE' UNTIL LAST YEAR.

JOE DISPLAYED A THOUGHTFULNESS AFTER THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED THAT I HAD NEVER QUITE SEEN IN THE EARLIER DAYS. SOME OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE THE ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED ARE:

- i) THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF A POCKET BADGE, TEE SHIRT, TIES AND CAPS.
- ii) DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF UNIT PLAQUES, CAR BADGES AND LAPEL BADGES.
- iii) DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF THE HONOUR BOARD (I CAN STILL HEAR HIM SAYING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO - "I KNEW MY NAME WOULD BE ON IT BUT DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE SO SOON"
- iv) DESIGN OF 2 PLAQUES FOR THE HALL OF MEMORIES IN ANZAC SQUARE - NGVR AND 'MONTEVIDEO MARU' PLAQUES.
- v) DESIGN AND FORMAT OF FUNERAL PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS (TOGETHER



Lt. Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED
Medals, sword & Ashes
22 April 2005
Gallipoli Barracks.



Lt. Colonel Harry Green, MBE.ED
ANZAC Day 1994
Brisbane



Brig. Ian Hunter, CVO.AM.MBE.ED
Former Commanding Officer
Papua New Guinea Command.



Major Bob Harvey-Hall, RFD.ED

WO 1 Joseph (Joe) Henry Fisk
14 November 1933 - 4 May 2005

A Requiem Mass was held on the 6th May 2005 at the St Edward The Confessor Church, Daisy Hill to farewell one of our founding members, WO 1 Joseph Henry Fisk— Joe .

Members of the NGVR / PNGVR and Joe's colleagues and friends from the State Emergency Services, Scouts, RSL and National Servicemen's Association attended the Mass to farewell a comrade and to support Joe's wife Val and daughter Cathy and son Charlie and other family members at this difficult and sad occasion. The celebrant was Father Paul Murphy and the PNGVR Service was hosted by Paul Brown.

Major Bob Collins read the PNGVR Eulogy. Additional Eulogies were read by the Family, RSL, NASHO's, SES and Scouts. Members of our Association acted as Pallbearers before and after the Service, and joined with the NASHO's, SES and others to form a guard of honour as the Hearse left the Church.

Refreshments were provided behind the Church, and a special thanks to the many ladies who provided sandwiches, tea and cake. Again our thanks to all those behind the scenes—Paul Brown, John Holland, Bob Collins, Barry Wright, Norm Mundy, et al.

Col Gould—Secretary

EULOGY GIVEN BY BOB COLLINS 6TH MAY 2005

JOSEPH HENRY FISK

I FIRST MET JOE IN MADANG, NEW GUINEA, IN 1959. WE BOTH WENT TO NEW GUINEA IN 1959 AND WE SERVED IN THE PNGVR TOGETHER, WE PLAYED RUGBY LEAGUE TOGETHER AND WE KNOCKED ABOUT TOGETHER

A WORD FIRST ABOUT JOE AND HIS RUGBY LEAGUE. JOE LOVED HIS FOOTBALL AND PLAYED IT THE SAME WAY HE LED HIS LIFE IN THOSE DAYS - SIMPLE AND UNCOMPLICATED. HIS ATTITUDE WAS - IF HE HAD THE BALL AND YOU GOT IN HIS WAY - HE JUST RAN RIGHT OVER YOU. IF YOU HAD THE BALL AND JOE WAS ANYWHERE WITHIN REACH HE HIT YOU AS HARD AS HE COULD - HARD BUT FAIR (MOST OF THE TIME ANYWAY).

WE PLAYED TOGETHER IN 1959 AND 1960 THEN JOE WAS TRANSFERRED TO RABAU where HE CONTINUED PLAYING ARMY AND WARATAHS. HE THEN CONTINUED PLAYING WHEN HE WENT TO PORT MORESBY WHERE HE PLAYED WITH MAGANIS.

IN THOSE DAYS WE HAD WHAT COULD NOW BE DESCRIBED AS A STATE OF ORIGIN - PAPUA Vs NEW GUINEA - PLAYED TWICE ANNUALLY AND THE GAMES, LIKE STATE OF ORIGIN TODAY, WERE HARD AND TOUGH. JOE HAD THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF REPRESENTING BOTH PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA AND HE GAVE OF HIS BEST NO MATTER WHO HE WAS REPRESENTING.

AFTER HE WAS MARRIED IN MT HAGEN HE GAVE UP PLAYING RUGBY LEAGUE, BUT TOOK UP THE WHISTLE AND BECAME A REFEREE - HE REFFED IN BOTH MT HAGEN AND WEWAK. JOE WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD REF AS HE HAD PLAYED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN NEW GUINEA. IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH IMAGINATION TO VISUALISE A PLAYER SAYING TO JOE " DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM HIT ME SIR?" JOE'S REPLY WOULD HAVE BEEN "OF COURSE! BUT HE WAS ONLY GETTING SQUARE FOR WHAT YOU DH) 5 MINUTES AGO. SHUT UP AND GET ON WITH THE GAME". THAT'S HOW GOOD REFS DID IT IN THOSE DAYS.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS MILITARY SERVICE . JOE COMMENCED HIS MILITARY SERVICE WHEN HE WAS CALLED UP FOR NATIONAL SERVICE WHICH HE COMPLETED AT INGLEBURN, SYDNEY.

SERVICE LIFE OBVIOUSLY SUITED HIM AND HE CONTINUED TO FULFIL HIS NATIONAL SERVICE OBLIGATION IN THE 45TH BATTALION, THE ST GEORGE REGIMENT, NOW THE 4/3RD BATTALION, ROYAL NSW REGIMENT. DURING HIS SERVICE WITH THE 45' BN HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF SGT.

WHEN HE WENT TO MADANG, NEW GUINEA, HE TRANSFERRED TO THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES AND, WHEN I MET HIM IN 1959, HE WAS THE PLATOON SERGEANT, 7PL COY. IT WAS IN MADANG THAT I FIRST JOINED THE CMF AND I FEEL VERY PRIVILEGED TO HAVE HAD JOE AS MY PLATOON SGT.

JOE WAS A GOOD PL SGT. HE HAD THE SAME ATTITUDE TO THE MILITARY THAT HE HAD TO EVERYTHING ELSE - KEEP IT SIMPLE AND UNCOMPLICATED. HE WAS EVERYTHING A PL SGT SHOULD BE - KNOWLEDGEABLE, HELPFUL, ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WELL, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND GET ON WITH PEOPLE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. JOE TRANSFERRED TO PNGVR, RABAU, AFTER MADANG. HE BECAME THE CSM OF B COY, WHILE STILL A SGT. KEN MACGOWAN REFERRED TO JOE ON THE PHONE YESTERDAY AS THE BEST CSM



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