

Having trouble with all this modern computer jargon?
Do you remember when.....

Memory was something you lost with age.

Program was a show on TV

Keyboard was a piano

Web was a spiders home.

Virus was the flu

Hard drive was a very long road trip

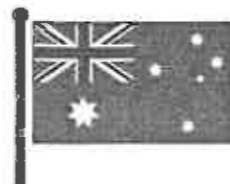
Mouse pad was where a mouse lives

Next Issue.....

The History of the Queen's and
Regimental Colours of the

Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles

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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES
AND
PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES
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President's Update.....

Since our AGM in October, various Association activities have been maintained by our busy Executive Committee.

The Wacol museum project is proceeding well under the guidance of our Museum Sub-Committee of John Holland, Paul Brown and Bruce Crawford. A meeting with the National Servicemen's Association and a working bee was held on Saturday 26 November which was attended by the Committee and several other members. It is intended that the site and Museum be completed by early February for the official opening on **Sunday 12 February 2006** by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon. De-Anne Kelly, MP. (*Further information on the Museum project is in this issue.*)

A lease agreement document is being drawn up between the Association and the National Servicemen's Association and two working bees have been organized for:-

Saturday 14 January and Saturday 21 January from 0900 hours on.

If you can paint, garden, rake, clean, or love swinging a hammer, and can spare a couple of hours, please contact John Holland on 07 3800 1554. BYO lunch, cold drinks, hat, tools and a folding chair.

An enjoyable mixed field dining night was held at Barry & Pam Wright's Jimboomba property on the 19 November and attended by some 50 guests. The good food and great company makes this a must attend occasion. Thank you Barry & Pam and all those who have contributed so much to the success of these evenings. The next Field Dining night is on **Saturday 15 July 2006.**

After much frustration, time and effort, the Association has received the first batch of 29 **Australian Service Medals 1945-1975 with clasp 'PNG'** for our former PNG National comrades of PNGVR who meet the entitlement requirements. Recipients to date are from Mt Hagen, Banz, Madang, Wewak and Port Moresby. A further 27 applications are still under consideration in Canberra.

Arrangements will be made in 2006 to present our Comrades with their medals in Papua New Guinea. This long term project was initiated and coordinated by our Secretary, Col Gould, and it is pleasing to see some results after all the effort involved. Congratulations Col.

PNG Members who have been notified by the Association of their award have responded very positively to our Secretary by phone, letter and email, with much appreciation to the Association for making this long overdue recognition of their PNGVR service possible.

After more than 30 years, some PNG members cannot recall their service number. Whilst the Association has copies of Routine Orders Part 2 from 1951 to 1965, we cannot help those members who enlisted and served after 1965. Can any member help with copies of RO's between 1965 and 1973? Please contact Secretary Col ASAP.

Ties! Ties! Ties!

A new batch of Association ties has arrived.

\$ 30-00 plus \$5 for post pak and postage if required.

We only have 100 ties available.

Make cheques payable to:-
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Col Gould—Editor

Our annual presentation of Military Excellence Awards to 9 RQR following the completion of their intense end of year "STEEL TUFF" exercise was made on 6 November at Gallipoli Barracks.

The exercise was held at Greenbank and Enoggera where 9 RQR sections underwent intense activities to test stamina, military knowledge, tactics, team work and weapons. For example, imagine that you are leading a section of 8 / 9 diggers and come across an army land rover with all four tyres flat. It is raining and the ground muddy. You must change all four tyres (4 spares available) with only one long wooden pole, a block of wood and a wheel nut wrench available. There is no jack and time is critical. You have a minute to consider the problem. The winning section achieved this task in under 8 minutes.

The winning section of the Association's Military Excellence Award was a Section from C Coy from Loganlea. We congratulate Cpl D L Harper and his men—LCpl L M Hart, Pte R A Wintzloff, Pte J B Keen, Pte P J English, Pte M L Williams, Pte K T Selby, Pte W R Montgomery, and Pte S F Dawson.

9 RQR is commanded by Lt. Colonel Chris Austin and the RSM is WO1 Peter March.

The Executive Committee recently awarded Honorary Membership of the Association to Papua New Guinea Consul General to Queensland, **Mr Paul E Nerau, LLB.** in recognition of his support of our Association and its aims and aspirations, as well as his dedication to developing closer social and economic ties between Queensland and Papua New Guinea. Honorary membership was also awarded to PNGVR Cpl, **Patrick Ambelye—"C" Company, Mt Hagen,** in recognition of his efforts to locate former PNGVR members and form the 'C' Company PNGVR Ex Members Association in Mt Hagen.

On a sadder note, we mourn the passing of two of our Association members—Colonel Bill Harrington, PNGVR's second last CO (1969-1971) and Colonel Dr Bryan Todd who was the Regimental Medical Officer for a number of years and did many good medical works for Papua New Guinea. Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of these two Officers.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Executive Committee I wish all our Life Members, Honorary Members, Members, Associates and friends, a prosperous and successful 2006.

Phil Ainsworth
PRESIDENT

Letters in the mail box.....

From PNGVR Richard Giddings, MBE., Pontville, Tasmania (03) 6268 1665..... "SOS from Tasmania, should any member find himself in Tasmania around ANZAC Day, please contact me ASAP, I urgently need NGVR or PNGVR reinforcements to march with me on ANZAC Day. " (and for a few ales after the march as well I presume. Ed.)

From Member Owen Barry—"Col, many moons ago you asked about the annual Madang Re-union. It is usually held on the 2nd Sunday in November eg 12 November 2006. This year will be the 25th anniversary of the 1st reunion and organizers are hoping to make it special. It is held in the Apex Park, Toorbul Street, Bongaree, Bribie Island. Usually BYO everything from 9.00 am. (Thanks Owen—Madangites may wish to mark this in their diary. More details later in the year. Ed.)

From Michael Ninji 'C' Coy Mt Hagen:...'The award of the Australian Service Medal is a great honour to me. My family and I thank you and your Association for your effort to make this possible. I thank the Australian Government for awarding me the service medal."

From Kulie Mond 8 PI Banz....' I am very pleased and thank you very much for information that I have received the ASM. I thank you and the Association for your great assistance to me.'



VALE

Lt. Colonel William (Bill) Abraham Harrington, MBE. (Retd)

1927—2005

A Professional Soldier

It is with sadness that I report the death on the 31 October, 2005 of
Lt. Colonel Bill Harrington

Bill Harrington was the penultimate Commanding Officer of PNGVR. He was CO on the occasion of the presentation of the Queen's and Regimental Colours to the Battalion at Igam Barracks at Lae, Territory of Papua New Guinea on the 17th May 1969, having arrived about six weeks before the event occurred. Bill was also Commander of Lae area.

He was born in East St Kilda, Victoria in 1927. After matriculation, Bill studied accountancy, enlisted in the AIF in 1945 and was posted to New Guinea as a Sergeant with the 3rd New Guinea Infantry Battalion (3 NGIB), served on New Britain and was discharged in February 1947. In January, 1950, aged 23, Bill was appointed a Lieutenant in the 5th Infantry Battalion and in October 1951, appointed a Lieutenant in the Australian Staff Corps, then posted to 2 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (RAR)

In July 1952 he joined 3 Battalion RAR in Korea, north of the Imjin River and was posted as Platoon Commander 8 Platoon, C Coy. Lt Harrington was recommended for a Military Cross for his outstanding service with 3 RAR. It was not awarded, however he received the MBE in 1953.

From 1953 to 1959 Bill twice served as a Staff Officer with the Australian Army Component, British Commonwealth Force, Korea, and at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. In 1959 he was posted to 3 RAR as Adjutant and then Company Commander, before being promoted to Major and serving at the Infantry Centre during 1962. Other appointments were as follows:-

- General Staff Officer at the Directorate of Military Training Exchange Officer, School of Infantry, United Kingdom
- General Staff Officer, Inspectorate of Administration, AHO
- Assistant Quartermaster General, Directorate of Quartering, AHO
- Appointed Commanding Officer PNGVR, April 1969

Bill Harrington was known as a loyal, intelligent, courageous and experienced Regular Army Officer. He retired from the Army in 1975.

As second in command (of PNGVR) to Lt Colonel Bill Harrington during his tenure in Papua New Guinea, I enjoyed my service and later friendship with him; we kept in touch until just before his untimely death. He took an avid interest in Harim Tok Tok and sometimes raised what he saw as contentious matters relating to NGVR / PNGVR Ex Members Association. He was particularly proud of his association with PNGVR and his involvement with the presentation of the Colours.

Bill Harrington's wife Joan preceded him. He is survived by his son, Michael, daughters, Jane, Helen and Sara and seven grandchildren.

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Contributed by Major Bob Harvey-Hall RFD.ED (Rtd)



VALE

Dr. Colonel Bryan Todd, AM, RFD, ED. (Rtd)

3 September 1932 to 2 November 2005.

A Man for all Seasons

Dr Bryan Edmund Todd, MB.BS., FAFPHM, RACP, FAMA., passed away on the 2 November, 2005. A service of celebration and thanksgiving was held on the 8th November in the Canon James Memorial Chapel of the Anglican Grammar School, East Brisbane. Bryan Todd was described as a compassionate and supportive man: a remarkable leader who was approachable to all and always a dedicated professional and family man.

Bryan was born in 1932 and after attending the East Brisbane Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie), he attended the University of Queensland where he graduated in medicine. Whilst at University he took out a blue in shooting; he was also an excellent swimmer, a keen fisherman, a follower of cricket, a rugby man, orchid grower and gardener.

He had a successful career as a General Practitioner in Lae, where he delivered over 300 babies and provided a medical service for TAA and Ansett Airlines. During his 11 years in Lae he was president of Apex—being a foundation member. He was a member of Rotary and Deputy Mayor. He was for some time the Regimental Medical Officer (RMO) of PNGVR, attending annual camps, and was involved with the PNG Cadet Corp as a senior level.

The Todd family departed PNG in 1970, settling in Brisbane.

Bryan served as the Australian Medical Association Queensland State President, worked as Queensland Director of Medical Services for the Department of Veteran's Affairs, was Chairman of the Commonwealth Games medical division and of the Asthma Foundation and Director of the Queensland Crippled Children's Society. He also became involved in many community projects.

As a CMF Major, Bryan Todd served for 9 months in Vietnam where he carried out various duties such as RMO of 2 RAR and medical advisor to the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV). As a RAAMC senior officer, he held various significant appointments.

As a Regimental Medical Officer of the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and a member of our Association, I salute a dinkidi Australian and a dedicated citizen soldier. This fellow was indeed a man for all seasons.

Bryan is survived by wife Rhondda, five children and sixteen grandchildren.

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NGVR RECOLLECTIONS

MY NGVR / ANGAU DAYS ©

By Cpl Henry J McCauley

NG 2366 / NGX 313

(Continued from Issue No. 38)

Madang & Kar Kar Island.....

On one trip around the area the local Tul Tul told me how worried he was that ANGAU was pulling his people away to work, and he was not happy about them working near the front lines.

Another time we were visiting villages and carrying on some low level trade with the villagers. When we got to the Gum River to return, the tide was too high for the jeep to cross. We waited for a while but, when we tried to cross, a wave carried the jeep into deep water. We had to leave it there and come back later with a truck and pull it out.

Whilst working 45 natives at the 3rd Australian Farm Coy I had some trouble when a Sepik threatened a Bogia boi with an axe. I had to straighten out the trouble. The Sepiks were a hot headed mob, loved a fight, and stick together as well. There was always a large number of deserters from the labour lines. Every now and then we would have a roll call and the names of the villages of the deserters would be given to the Police who would go out and bring them back in.

In October 1944, a few Police bois went into a village and the natives put up a fight with the result that one Police boi was badly cut up. He was carried back to Madang for treatment but died a couple of days later. A patrol was sent out immediately to arrest those responsible.

At ANGAU Bilio there were a number of natives waiting for trial for murder. These had found allied airmen who had been shot down and handed them over to the Japs. Most of those handed over were beheaded, as exhumation of their graves later proved.

Movement back to Lae...

ON 10 November 1944 a wire came for my movement back to Lae. My first job was to go out and sell a case of Yank cigarettes which I had earlier bought for 20 pounds. I sold them for 25 pounds.

There were about 20 of us, including a Japanese prisoner on the flight to Lae and we flew over the Ramu, which I had wanted to see for a long time. From the air the kunai looked like large wheat fields. When we flew over Nabzab there were hundreds of planes on the ground. At ANGAU Lae I met many old NGVR and other mates.

It was here that I was again given a series of injections. Some of them never took. I was given several small pox injections over the years and none of them ever took. While in Lae I visited the Australian War Cemetery near the 32nd US Hospital, and it was well kept. I recognized some of the names of the New Guinea men who had lost their lives, among them was Major McKenna, Jack Goodwin, Harry Lumb and Dick Vernon's name was on the Honour Roll.

I waited in Lae for movement forward to Torokina. I had been told on the 12 December that I was going to Torokina so spent the time looking up old friends and having a good time around Lae. Spent Christmas Day out at Malahang ANGAU compound where there was good food and a "sing sing". I saw my first "Duk Duk" dancer from New Britain there. Every day I would go over to ANGAU HQ to collect mail and meet others I knew would be passing through on posting.

Posting to Torokina...

On 4th January 1945, I boarded the "George Peat" which used to be a ferry on the Hawkesbury River near Sydney before the war. It was not a bad boat and gave us a good ride. We covered the 500 miles in 3 days. There were about 20 ships in Port at Torokina when we arrived. The ANGAU compound was about 6 miles from Empress Augusta Bay and situated on the Numa Numa trail on the Laramio River.

The US marines had landed at Torokina and gave the Japs a belting but left behind some 1200 of their own dead. When I landed the Australians had taken over from the Yanks but the perimeter was only about 12 miles away.

There were plenty of refugee natives in the compound, Bukas, Tolai, Kaviengs, Finchafens and others from the mainland as well as many Chinese. I met Lt. Arrowsmith, Fred Lloyd, Buster Mills, Jack Tinnian and Norm Affleck as they came through to carry cargo up to the front line.

On the 9 January I went to hill 60, the timber camp about 26 miles out to take over from Brian McGrath, who was born in Rabaul and spoke marvelous Pidgin.

Movement to Emirau Island...

On the 20th January 1945, Jack Tinnian, Ossie Bell, Harry Brenam & I boarded a Douglas aircraft for a 3 & 1/2 hour flight to Emirau Island, about 50 miles north of Kavieng. It was a mixed bunch on the plane, with US airmen, sailors and marines making up the balance. When we came near Kavieng we flew out to see in case the Japs fired on us. sea

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S WACOL SITE AND HISTORIC MILITARY MUSEUM

Lt Bill Searle picked us up and drove (us) to the compound, and what a beautiful site it was. There were plenty of fish, lobsters and crabs caught right by the camp.

My first job was at White Beach with 50 bois loading LCM's (Landing Craft Medium) barges for the Marine Air Corps, who were leaving for the Philippines. They were a swell bunch of fellows. The beach was all coral and it was very hot. The line of bois worked well and are a mixed bunch from all over New Guinea. The 12th Marine Air Corps left on 27 January but I stayed on unloading 500 lbs. bombs and generally cleaning up the place. I made friends with some "Seebees"(US Combat Engineers) during this time, On 2 February I started at the American bulk stores with over 130 natives and 3 Kong-kongs. Major Lewis, the American in charge, thought I was "just it", so I did not try to disillusion him.

Had a dispute between one of the Chinese, Mei Wong and a native. It ended up with Mei punching the boi in the face. Both had to front the Kiap, Capt Millar, and Mei Wong was sent back to his town and fined for striking a native.

My 'boss boi', Noen, was a peculiar type, always wanting to 'make court' over nothing and itching to bash a few of the line bois, although I warned him about this. I thought at the time that his wan-toks from Manus would do him over if he didn't change, as they hated him. He was previously the number one boss boi for the Japs in Kavieng, and I think he was scared of what we might hear about him when we got to Kavieng.

I also had a hard time trying to stop the natives trading carvings etc to the yanks. I have to admit that, even though we were in charge of the native labourers, we frequently asked them to get food and gear off the yanks for us. All such supplies had a number, and for clarity we used to tell the natives just which numbers we wanted. We lived like kings in our small mess.

At one stage the American CO, Colonel Smith from Utah, called me in to help give an address to the natives. I had to tell them that the clothing etc that the US soldiers were swapping for carvings did not actually belong to the soldier, but to the US government.

Well you can imagine my address....."Nau ol yupela listen. Number one bilong American Army he tok. Ol dispela clos nau kai kai dispela American soldier I givim long yupela—emino bilong soldier—emi nilong American Govmem. Sapos yupela kisim samting bilong American governn oright igat bigpela trouble bilong yu."

All the time I was giving this address, I was thinking what if one of these natives gets upset and comes out with something like 'want about all the gear and food we have got off you for the Australians?' "Then I would be in big trouble.

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At some stage, beer was shipped in. There was enormous security with guards everywhere, but down in the ship's hold the natives were opening the cases and drinking some the canned beer, and putting the empties back in the case. This did not come to light until CO Colonel Smith hosted a party at his quarters and all of the cases of beer opened had 6—8 empty cans in it.

The order was given for both the unloading of the ship and in the PX that "if anybody was caught trying to steal beer than they were to be shot dead." I have no doubt that most of the guards would have carried out such an order.

It was not only the native labour lines that were stealing beer. The Americans themselves used to do it. One big Negro, we used to nickname "Lothar" after the Mandrake cartoon, used to regularly come up to me obviously under the influence. I used to say to him "Why do you do this? You know you will be shot if you get caught stealing beer". However he didn't seem to be worried about the consequences. He often offered me a few beers but I stayed away from that, although I did get food and clothing. At this time I still carried my Owen gun but had no use for it.

On the 27th February, two Mitchell bombers (B25's) collided while getting into formation to bomb Kavieng and 11 of the crew were missing after they crashed into the sea.

On the 1st March, the Americans commenced to transfer their dead to Guadalcanal. I had to supply the labour line for this, and what a terrible job it was. The bodies had to be dug up and placed into coffins.

On the 10 March, Maj-Gen Morris, CO, ANGAU visited from Lae. We held a big parade where he expressed his appreciation and this was followed by a sing sing. There was only one mess on the island so all visiting officers had to eat there. I never spoke to the General that day but we had a good chat when I bumped into him in the showers next morning.

One big civilian event on the island was on the 26 March 1945, when Norm Harris opened a Trade Store.

On 2 April, I ended up with the biggest hangover of my life. Capt John Millar had been transferred to Moresby and we had a few drinks with him. We drank gin and whiskey, and, after the event, I promised myself 'never again'.

We had some severe storms about this time and one house under construction was blown down when we were trying to tie down the sac sac roof,

I was due for leave on the 26 April, however the prospects were not good as there was a great backload of people all waiting to go on leave and a shortage of suitable transport. My duties never varied much.

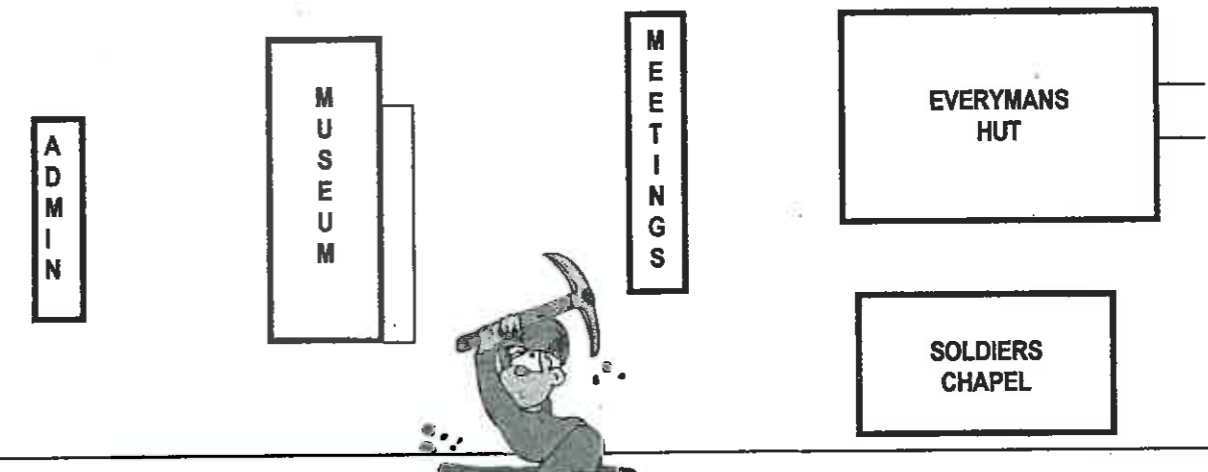
Located off Boundary Road, Wacol, (right next to the old 1 Training Group Sergeants Mess where we used to hold our AGM's) the National Servicemen's Association has established a two and a half acre site which is fully fenced and secured.

A number of old Wacol Army Base buildings have been relocated to this new site and restumped and connected to power and water. To date the following buildings have been relocated and currently are being restored:-

- Everyman's Hut:-** A large igloo shaped open plan building suitable for large functions and meetings etc as well as National Servicemen's displays.
- Lecture Hut:** The main room to be used for meetings and lectures. It is proposed that part of this building will be used as a kitchen for catering and/or storage.
- 101 Head Quarters Building:** This is currently being restored by PNGVR working bees to be the MUSEUM for NGVR / PNGVR / NSA. The building is open plan with a room for secured storage and a small display work room. One side of the building has a covered verandah. If grant applications are successful, the building will be carpet tiled, air conditioned and fully secured and fitted with display lighting and video displays. The building is being re-painted inside and out and is to be landscaped.
- To date, a variety of goods and services and paint have kindly been donated. The Australia-Papua New Guinea Association Inc recently donated us \$400 to assist with renovation costs. We are grateful for all this wonderful help and will acknowledge all donations in due course.
- D Company Guard Hut:** To be used for site Administration and accommodation. A kitchenette , toilet and bathroom have been installed.
- Soldiers Chapel:** Renovations almost complete. To be used for weddings and services, and may incorporate Ensigns, flags and plaques from Units that served in the Wacol Army Base.

The site will also incorporate a shower and toilet block, Memorial Gardens, Members Gardens and plaque area, and Parade Ground. Additional buildings may be relocated onto the site as funds become available.

John Holland and his "labour line" (Paul, Ralph, Mal, Col, Bob, Barry, Doug, Bruce, Tom et al.,) are working hard to complete renovations and set up the internal display in time for the official opening on 12 February. If you wish to help, please phone John Holland at home on 07 3800 1554.



2006 FUNCTIONS

DATE	FUNCTION DETAILS
14 January	Saturday Working Bee at Museum site- from 0900 (Ph John Holland 38001554)
14 January	Saturday Executive Committee Meeting—Wacol.
21 January	Saturday Working Bee at Museum site- from 0900 (Ph John Holland 3800 1554)
12 February	Sunday Proposed Official Opening of the Wacol NSA site and Museum.
TBA March	Saturday Executive Committee meeting Wacol or Greenbank
22 April	Saturday Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunion—Long Tan Sergeants Mess.
25 April	Tuesday ANZAC Day Brisbane March and Members Reunion function
TBA May	Saturday Executive Committee Meeting Wacol or Greenbank
1 July	Saturday "Montevideo Maru" Memorial Service—ANZAC Square Brisbane
TBA June/Jul	Saturday Reserve Forces Day March—Brisbane.
TBA July	Saturday Executive Committee Meeting Wacol or Greenbank
15 July	Saturday Bush Dinner—Jimboomba (Ph Barry Wright 07 3397 9247)
TBA Aug/Sept	Saturday Annual General Meeting—Long Tan Sergeants Mess
16 September	Saturday PNG Independence Celebrations & functions in September
TBA Sept	Saturday Executive Committee Meeting Wacol or Greenbank
TBA Nov	Saturday Executive Committee Meeting Wacol or Greenbank
18 Nov	Saturday Bush Dinner—Jimboomba (Ph: Barry Wright 07 3397 9247)
TBA Dec	Saturday Association Christmas Happy Hour

Joe Fisk's Memorial Tree— Jimboomba

On the 30 April 2005, a memorial tree—a Western Australian Red Gum—was planted at the site of the Bush Dinners at Jimboomba in memory of PNGVR WO 1 Joe Fisk.

The mesh guard around the tree bears the motto "*She'll be right mate!*"

Property owner Barry Wright said that the tree bloomed for the first time with bright pinkish red flowers on the morning of the **1 January 2006**.

Joe spent considerable time at the site helping organise the bush dinners and carrying out ground and structure maintenance.

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much—used to line up 90 boys each morning and detail their work duties.

Early in May came the news that the 9th Australian Division had landed in Borneo, followed by the news a few days later that Germany had surrendered. This great news was followed on the 10 May by *Tokyo Rose* announcing that the Japanese are coming over to Manus and Emirau Islands to do us over.

On the 19th May, *Tokyo Rose* came on the radio again and apologised for not coming over on the 10 May but promised that the Japs would be over that night.

On the 18th May I was called to see Major Fowler who advised me that my father was dangerously ill in hospital in Adelaide. Unfortunately there was no scheduled planes going to the mainland until 28 May.

On the 20th May a Douglas aircraft bound for Torokina called at the island and I hurriedly boarded it. At Toeokina I caught up with a lot of NGVR blokes. The next day I received an issue of beer and got a bottle of West End and one Nathan. This was the first West End I had tasted since I left Adelaide and I sure enjoyed it.

On 22nd I emplaned on a very new Douglas aircraft for Townsville, 6 and 1/2 hours away. The plane was refueled and we left for Mackay where we had to overnight at McGarry's Hotel. Next morning I got to the airfield early and got a lift on a B25 to Brisbane. The same plane went onto Sydney where we arrived at about 3.00 pm. As we flew to Sydney, I could see

the British aircraft carrier HMS *Illustrious*, HMAS *Australia* and numerous other warships.

Whilst still in Sydney I received a telegram to the effect that my father passed away at 5.00pm 23 May 1945. After a lot of mucking about with travel papers I boarded the 6.00 pm troop train for Melbourne that night. The following night I caught the *Adelaide Express*. My wife Jess met me at the Adelaide station where we caught a taxi to the church, where I was just in time to see my father looking very peaceful in his coffin, as the Minister commenced the service.

Discharge from the Army....

I spent some time in the 105 Australian General Hospital with a duodenal ulcer, and also had another attack of malaria.

On the 10 September 1945 I was discharged from the Army. Just after discharge I had another malaria attack. On discharge I received a 10/- a week pension and my wife Jess, 4/5d pension. It wasn't much but better than nothing at all.

On 9 October I commenced my first civilian job with the Mines Dept boring for water at Findon. My commencement pay was 5 pounds 6 shillings a week.

I retired in 1983.

Our thanks to Henry for sharing his NGVR experiences and to Bob Collins for his editorial work.

CHINESE MEMORIAL BELL

Fortitude Valley—Brisbane.

The Chinese memorial bell has been ordered by the organizers and the project well underway. The bell measures some 1.5 m high, and almost 1 meter in width, with a thickness of 60 mm.

The bell will be dedicated to *Australian service personnel, past and present especially those of Chinese heritage. These men and women served with loyalty, courage, sacrifice and honour in the Army, Airforce, Navy and Merchant Navy during World War 1, 11 and in other times of conflict.*

The bell will feature the Coat of Arms of Australia; Australian Tri-Service Emblem (Army Navy Airforce.) and with the words Loyalty; Courage; Sacrifice; Honour; Service to the Nation; and LEST WE FORGET in English and Chinese.

The memorial project is an initiative of the Queensland Chinese Forum; Cathay Community Association Inc; NGVR/PNGVR Ex Members Association Inc and the supportive Multicultural community.

The project is sponsored by the Commonwealth Government; Queensland Government & Brisbane City Council.



9 RQR STEEL TUFF 2005.
Winning Section from Charlie Coy Loganlea with Phil Ainsworth, Doug Ng and Col Gould—Nov. 2005
Gallipoli Barracks

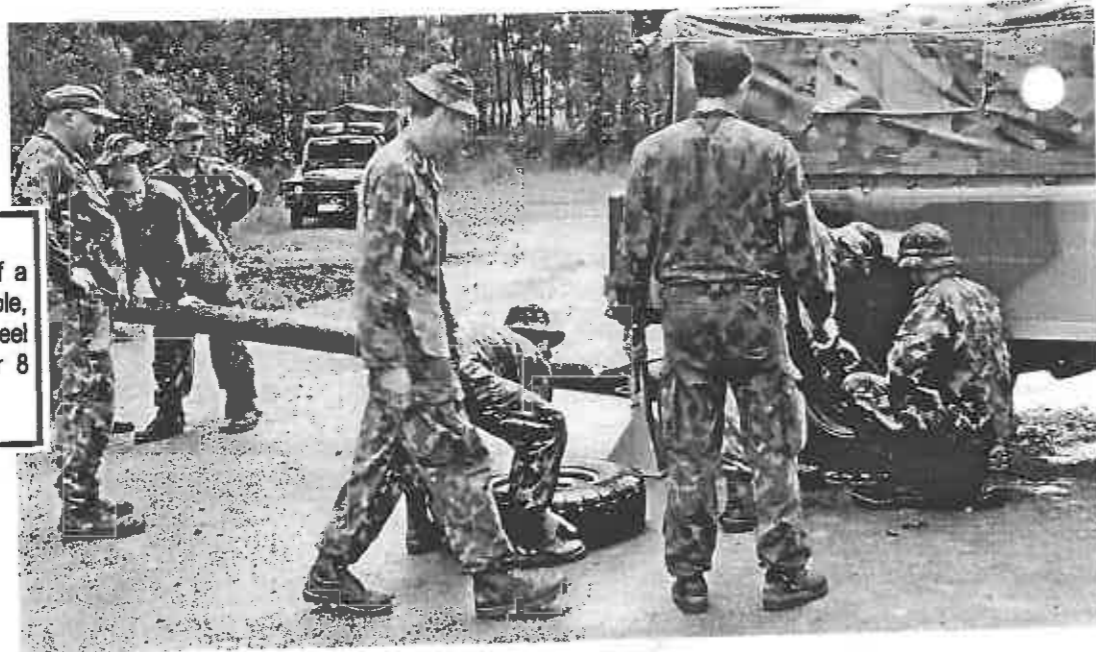


MUSEUM WORKING BEE
Paul Brown measures up some iron for the roof of the museum verandah.



COMMODORE PETER ILAU, CBE
Commander of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force and Honourary Member of the Association at the recent Aust/PNG Government meeting on the Gold Coast.

9 RQR STEEL TUFF 2005
How to change all 4 flat tyres of a Land Rover with only a wooded pole, a small block of wood and a wheel spanner but NO JACK, in under 8 minutes.



PAUL E NERAU, LLB.
Papua New Guinea Consul General to Queensland and Honourary Member of the Association at the recent Aust/PNG Government meeting on the Gold Coast.



MUSEUM WORKING BEE
Mal Zimmermann has just taken his waist measurements with a tape , and states that this tape measure must be broken as it gives false readings.



BUSH DINNER VENUE
Typical table layout in the new and improved facilities at Jimboomba