

## COMING EVENTS

- **Saturday 22 April:** Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunion—Long Tan Sgts Mess
- **Sunday 23 April:** Members & guests Open day at our Wacol Museum from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm BYO lunch/drinks—gas Bar-B-Q's available for use.
- **Tuesday 25 April:** ANZAC Day march and reunion function—Brisbane
- **Saturday May:** TBA Executive Committee Meeting
- **Friday 30 June:** Combined Reserve Forces Dinner Dance— Riverside Ballroom –New Farm (Army Reservists –contact Phil Jones 07 3390 1130)
- **Saturday 1 July:** 'Montevideo Maru' Memorial Service—ANZAC Square
- **Sunday 2 July:** Reserve Forces Day Brisbane March at 10.00 am
- **Saturday 15 July:** **Bush Dinner at Jimboomba—Ph Barry Wright NOW! 07 5546 9865**

### HAVE A LAUGH:-

After having dug to a depth of 1,000 meter last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1000 years and came to the conclusion that their Scottish ancestors already had developed a telephone network more than 1000 years ago,

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug to a depth of 2000 meters and shortly afterwards English newspapers announced that English archaeologists had found traces of 2000 year old fibre-optic cable and concluded that the English ancestors had an advanced high-tech digital communications a thousand years earlier than the Scots.

One week later and not to be outdone by the English and Scots, Irish newspapers reported—After digging to a depth of 5000 meters in a County Cork bog, Irish scientists found absolutely nothing. They therefore have concluded that 5000 years ago, Irelands ancestors were already using wireless technology.

A young lad and his mother and father from way way way out in the bush were making their first ever visit to the big city. They were amazed by almost everything they saw. Whilst Mum was shopping in the Mall, the young boy and his dad came across two shiny, silver

walls that could move apart and close back together again. The boy asked, "What's this Dad?" The father who had never seen an elevator before in his life said "Don't know son". While they were watching, an elderly lady walked up to the moving walls, and, after pushing a button, the wall open up and she disappeared inside as the walls closed. Spell bound, they watch as little lights above the walls moved from 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8, then after a pause, the lights went 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. Finally the walls opened up and a beautiful 24 year old blonde stepped out.

The father turned to his son and quietly said "Son, be quick and go and get your mother."

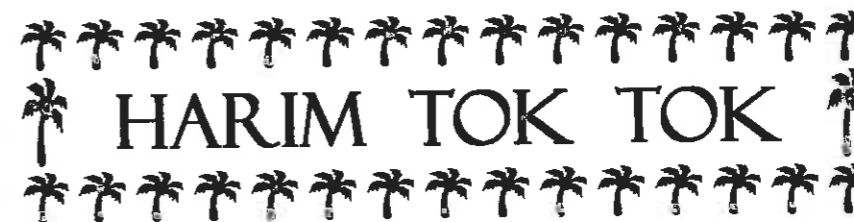
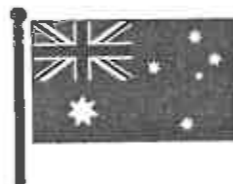
#### The Difference between men and women

**BATHROOM:** A man has 5 items in a bathroom— toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, deodorant and hair brush.

A woman has 337 items, most of which a man could never hope to identify in his lifetime.

**OFF SPRING:** A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments, homework due, childhood romances, favorite foods, allergies and friends.

A man is sometimes aware of some short people living in the house.



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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES  
AND  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES  
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### PRESIDENT'S UPDATE.....

ANZAC Day is almost upon us. This year we have a number of functions and ceremonies to attend including the Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunion at Gallipoli Barracks; the Open Day at our Museum at Wacol; ANZAC Day march followed by our NGVR Memorial Service and Reunion Reception.

Many of our out of town members who cannot visit Brisbane will be attending ANZAC Day functions in many cities and towns across Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Welfare Officer, Paul Brown was quick to react after cyclone 'Larry' hit the north Queensland, by making contact with 11 of our members whose addresses were in 'Larry's' path. Whilst most received various degrees of property damage, not to mention the stress of having no power & water for some time, no one was seriously injured compared to less fortunate folk we all watched on TV.

It was a relief to hear that our members came through the ordeal.

Our Museum project which is managed by John Holland is progressing well. We have received two special one off grants to assist with establishment and display costs (1) \$3,000 approved by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Bruce Billson, MP for display equipment and (2) \$18,381 from the Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund to completely air condition (reverse cycle) our entire museum.

We still need to do a lot more work such as cataloguing our collection, maintaining display and arranging regular showings to the public, particularly school children. This is ongoing work and John is organizing two working bees ( Saturday 29 April & Saturday 6 May ) starting at 0900 hours with a BYO Bar-B-Q lunch. Please help if you can. Phone John Holland on 07 3800 1554 for details.

Whilst much other work is being done by the Executive Committee Members, the most pressing issues involve arranging the public presentation of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with PNG Clasp, to our PNG PNGVR

comrades in Port Moresby, Mt Hagen and other locations in PNG on Remembrance Day on 23 July 2006. ( To be confirmed ) We are also working on establishing a working administrative structure to support PNGVR Ex Member Associations in Mt Hagen, Rabaul and other main centers or similar PNG bodies within PNG for our comrades.

This work requires additional funding or in kind travel and accommodation to and from Australia and inside Papua New Guinea to complete. Whoever has a contact or can help in any way, please contact our Secretary, Col Gould as soon as possible. Col's mobile is 042 456 2030 or email pngvr@optusnet.com.au

The Committee and I look forward to seeing you at the Brisbane ANZAC Day march and weekend functions. To all our members around Australia, Papua New Guinea and other overseas locations, the Committee wishes you a successful ANZAC Day.

Phil Ainsworth

Mail has been returned from the following members:- Mike Warren; Gordon Newton; John Page, BEM.; Bob Rasmussen.

Does any member have their current address ?

**In this issue:-** President's update; Editor's Mail Box; Functions; Presentation of the Colours Part 2; Photos of the Presentation of the Colours; Have a laugh.

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## EDITOR'S MAIL BOX



From Jes HANSFORD.....

**ANZAC Day Canberra**—PNGVR Members to form up from 0945 hours on Anzac Parade position in the Order of March , number 16—behind the Independent Commando Companies. Look for the NGVR/PNGVR Banner.

Step off is 1015—1030 hours.

From Rick Giddings.....

Rick is seeking any PNGVR members in the Tasmania area on ANZAC Day to march with him and wave the flag. If your down that way, please ring Rick on 03 6268 1665

Member Sir Peter Barter in Madang advises that James Sinclair has published a 450 page book titled "MADANG". This limited edition book tells the story of Madang and the Madang Province from pre-European times to the arrival of the first European settler in September 1871. It covers the German rule of New Guinea from the days of the Neuguinea Compagnie through to the outbreak of the Great War and the assumption of Australian control. It also covers the Pacific War, Independence in 1975 and post independence to the 2002 General Elections.

A \$ 120-00 plus postage to Australia of A\$50-00 For more information / order please contact Sir Peter Barter at MTS on email pbarter@mtspng.com or fax: 0011 675 852 3543 or ring 0011 675 852 2766

Our thanks to Sir Peter for forwarding details of James Sinclair's new book—'MADANG'

Former Rabaul resident, Gillian Nikakis has released a book titled " HE'S NOT COMING HOME". Gillian grew up in Rabaul with her parents in the late 30's. In 1941 Gillian, with her mother and brother, were evacuated to Australia. Gillian's father stayed behind, hiding on a plantation for 5 months and fighting with the Militia. After the Japanese invasion of Rabaul in January 1942, Gillian's father was captured, interned and never seen again.

The book tells the touching love story of Gillian's parents, and her mother's struggle as a single mother and widow to survive. Gillian plans to attend our Montevideo Maru Memorial Service on the 1 July 2006.

More information from: Georgie Way at Lothian Books— Tel: 03 9694 4932.

**THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL ( ADM)** The Australian Government will recognize the military service of more than one million current and former Defence Force personnel with the Australian Defence Medal. PNGVR Members who have 4 years or more military service are eligible to apply for the medal.

There is also an allowance for the Posthumous award of the medal.

For full information and an application form, visit [www.defence.gov.au/dpe](http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe) or call 1800 111 321

The medal should be available mid 2006.

Thanks to Charles Schuster for bringing this to out attention.

Member Denis Samin in north Queensland reports that after cyclone 'Larry's' visit, he lost all power but was able to crank up a small generator to keep his bar fridge operational and its contents in good condition. That was a close call Denis. Good work.

The official program provided the following notes for Spectators. It is customary for all to stand and for gentlemen to salute or uncover, as appropriate, on the following occasions:  
during the playing of the General Salute  
on the arrival and departure of His Honour  
when the Colours pass to the immediate front.

After the General Salute, the VIPs departed from the parade ground, led by the Administrator and followed by the Citizen Military Force Member and the Commander Papua and New Guinea Command, with the Honorary Colonel seeming to take his time; perhaps the significance of the occasion rested upon him, maybe reflecting on his part in the journey to obtain what he saw as the most suitable design for the Regimental Colours.

Lt Colonel Harrington's final statement:  
*Following the dismissal parade, all those who participated would have departed with a sense of pride and achievement in a task well done and a memory that would survive for many years to come.*

The Battalion march off with the PIP Pipes and Drums to *The Minstrel Boy* was indeed stirring; we had done a great job. However, it was said later, and I'm sure we felt it as we marched off, nothing we did that day was as exhilarating as that wonderful crashing halt at the end of the Advance in Review Order. Indeed, the practice leading tip to the ceremony and the ceremony proper, reflected our Regimental motto, *Through Trials to Triumph!*

Here is a list of other participants, so far not mentioned, as shown on the Ceremonial Parade program:

Senior Major - Major F G Hoeter MBE. ED.  
Junior Major - Major D J Hunter  
Ensigns for the Colours - Lieutenant G R Allman  
Regimental Colour - 2 Lieutenant J R Cattermole  
Escort to the Colours - Warrant Officer Class 2 H B Inch  
Staff Sergeant - A R Hendry EM.  
Staff Sergeant - E W Welsby  
Ground Holding Party - Lieutenant R J Smith  
Warrant Officer Class 2 - Paulas Harema  
Standard Bearer - Warrant Officer Class 2 D R Ferguson

What happened to the Colours after the Ceremonial Parade?

They were placed in the Igam Barracks Officers Mess and proudly stood at the head of the dining table that night during the formal dinner which followed that evening.

Colonel Nev Harris wrote to say he was Battalion Second in Command and Senior Major over the time of the presentation of the Colours and that he agreed to stand aside to allow Major Frank Hoeter to do the Battalion 2i/c's duties on the ceremonial parade. He also stated he organised the Officer Mess functions during the presentation period and that in arranging displays of the Flame of the Forest on the dining table, he had to use the jade flowers (no red being available) with a red tinted light behind to add the correct colour.

Colonel Harris' mention of Major Frank Hoeter reminded me of being in the Mess after breakfast, on the day of the ceremonial parade, when the latter was presented by the Batman with his juniper green shirt which had a large burn mark on the back. Controlled chaos was the order of the morning until a suitable shirt was found. The ironing of the new shirt was closely supervised.

The Colours remained in the Igam Barracks Officer's Mess for a short time after the Battalion was disbanded. I can clearly recall them in their glass case, a few paces from where they stood on that first night. Residing in Lae, I often visited the Mess on such occasions as Sunday BBQ followed by evening movies, official lunches and formal dining nights, when I was able to admire their beauty, the red of the Queen's Colour and the green background and wonderful detail of the Flame of the Forest of the Regimental Colour. Nostalgia dies hard!

## ACTIVITY DETAILS

### BRISBANE ANZAC DAY MARCH

**Position No:** 4

**Form up:** Left side of George Street between Elizabeth & Queen Streets, near the Park. Look for the NGVR / PNGVR Banner.

**Form up:** From 9.30 am

**March commences:** 10.01 am.

**Jeep transport:** Loading in Elizabeth Street—look for John Holland with the NGVR signs

**NGVR Memorial Service:** Immediately after the march in the Shrine of Memories.

**Reception:** Exchange Hotel—Corner of Edward and Charlotte Streets—ground floor. Enter via Charlotte Street door.

**Cost:** \$20 pp at the door—exact change if possible, please. Includes finger food and limited beer, wine and lollie water from approx 11.30 am.

### REGIMENTAL DINING NIGHT

Saturday 22 April

Long Tan Sergeants Mess—Gallipoli Barracks  
Enoggera, Brisbane.

50 Members and guests have booked to attend

\$40 pp includes Sherry, 3 course silver service dinner, Port and Tea/Coffee.

**Assemble in the Mess from:** 1815 hours

**Pre-Dinner Sherry:** 1900 Hours

**Dinner:** 1930 hours.

We welcome:- Phil & Joan Ainsworth; Bob & Dawn Harvey-Hall; Barry Wright; Col Gould; Bruce Johnson & Susan Breen; Norm Mundy; Bob & Jenny Collins; Tom Dowling; Mal & Marie Zimmermann; Doug & Fran Ng; Paul Brown & Rayleen Kerr; Jesse & Mary-Allen Chee; Bruce & Jenny Crawford; John Holland & Jessica; John Mudge; Ken MacGowan; Jack & Judy Hobbins; Trevor Connell & Chris Lawrey; Gerry & Joyce McGrade; Owen & Joy Barry; Kev & Judith Cheatham; Trevor & Kerris Cook; Percy Neville; Capt & Mrs Thoresen; Joe and Jo Hall; Paul & Susan Nerau; William Johns; Ralph & Lilly Seeto; Glen O'Brien & guest.

*for the good of others, following the example of Him who died upon a cross to serve men. Let your grace and love be given to all who follow these Colours about to be given to our trust. Let our courage be strong because we trust in You. Give us self control in time of trouble. May our honour be: To seek the honour and glory of Thy Great Name; through Jesus Christ Our Lord Amen.*

This was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

With the Battalion at attention, the Administrator, Colonel Hay, presented the Colours to the Commanding Officer, to the well known tune, at least among the Anglo-Saxon fraternity, *Scotland the Brave*. A smart Battalion salute to the Colours, now in the hands of the two Ensigns, under the protection of the Escorts, with the Pipes and Drums playing *Point of War*. Colonel Hay then addressed the Parade, in part commenting on an impressive ceremony and that it was our unbounded duty to ensure we lived up to the precepts of the Colours. The Commanding Officer formally thanked the Administrator and the Battalion reformed into line.

In his address, the Parade Commander and CO of PNGVR Lt Col Harrington thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the ceremonies and made a specific mention of the inspirational role of the NGVR, the founding fathers of the PNGVR.

*Lt Colonel Harrington said the presentation of the Colours by the Administrator TPNG, the Blessing of the Colours by the respective Chaplains, the conduct of the Colour Party and Escorts proceeded in a professional and solemn manner.*

The Colours now belonged to the Regiment, and all of us, I'm sure, from the CO down, sweat running down our faces, realised that the most testing part was yet to come. We marched past in slow time to the music *Cameron Highlanders of the Dominions* and then the Pipes and Drums rendered *Glendaruel Highlanders*, when the order was given to the Battalion to move to a march past in quick time. Photographs present appearances of soldiers in step, still looking very smart in their uniforms, (so very different from any other Citizen Military Force unit) and indicate a proud demeanor which seems to say this was a most important occasion. As indeed it was.

Lt Colonel Harrington again:

*The march past and the culmination of the parade with the advance in review order was carried out with creditable clockwork precision. The proceedings were enhanced by the excellent support of the drums and pipes of the 2 PIR band.*

During the seemingly endless practice we undertook for the Presentation of the Colours, I felt that the hardest and certainly the most crucial part was performing the Advance in Review Order. We had at least ten attempts during rehearsals to get this manoeuvre correct and twice, according to my recollection, we almost made it. RSM Col Lee and other Regular Army Warrant Officers toiled, with much loss of sweat and voice, encouraging all of us, not losing their control and Lt Colonel Harrington patiently looked on as we strived mightily. Finally it was agreed that we would do it once more, then call it a day. It wasn't perfect, far from it, however it was decided enough was enough and we would, on the day, do the right thing.

And on that day, we performed brilliantly with the Advance in Review Order to the tune of *All the Blue Bonnets* and the Battalion, with the Queen's and Regimental Colours in the centre, came to an impressive, in step, halt, followed by a General Salute.

*Lt Colonel Harrington went on to say the parade proceeded with a smooth ceremonial dignity that was a credit to all ranks. This in turn was reflected in the expressed admiration of the multitude of spectators, whose numbers included church and civil dignitaries, service personnel, families with many children and many of the local populace.*

Spectators also included NGVR members and Coastwatchers.

### OPEN DAY NGVR / PNGVR MUSEUM WACOL

Sunday 23 April 2006

**Time:** 11.00 am to 2.00 pm Casual attire.

**Format:** BYO picnic lunch, Ration packs OR Bar-B-Q kai kai and drinks

2 Gas Bar-B-Q's - NO WAITING

**Where:** UBD MAP 197 P 20 OR Map 217 P2

From the City via Centenary Highway (5) - Proceed down Centenary Highway from the City and cross directly over the Ipswich Motorway via a large roundabout. Proceed on the other side of the roundabout on Kelliher Road for about 150 m and take the 1st detour road on the right signed as 'Boundary Road West' (if you reach road and bridge works also on your right, you have gone too far. Proceed down the detour road bearing left then right and it will take you directly to the gate of the old Wacol Army Barracks and the National Servicemen's site and our Museum.

From the City via Ipswich Motorway, exit left at the overhead large roundabout (Centenary Highway is on your right) onto Kelliher Road. Road signs may also indicate 'Logan' or 'Springfield'

The Museum is right beside the old 1 Training Group Sergeants Mess where we used to hold our Annual General Meetings all those years ago.

**A STORY OF THE QUEEN'S AND REGIMENTAL COLOURS  
OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES**

**By Bob Harvey-Hall, RFD.ED**  
Part 2.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLOURS**

The presentation of the Colours occurred on the 17th of May, 1969 at Igam Barracks, outside Lae, during the PNGVR annual camp. The training of the Battalion to a level fit for the occasion was long and strenuous and the result certainly worth the effort. It was a significant military event with an impressive number of Citizen Military Force soldiers, including men of Anglo-Saxon, Chinese and Malay descent, all Australian citizens and residents of PNG, with the majority of volunteers being PNG Nationals, coming together as members of the PNGVR.

*Lt Colonel Bill Harrington MBE, (CO PNGVR and Parade Commander) said it was a fine day, in fact a great day. The Pipes skirted and the Drums beat as the PNGVR marched onto the parade ground at Igam Barracks and the facial expressions and smart bearing said it all. They were proud of what they were, this was their day and they were going to do their very best.*

The programme of music was played by the Pipes and Drums of the Second Battalion of the Pacific Islands Regiment: the Pipe Major was Warrant Officer Class 2 Tiua-moa Lewereka and the Drum Major, Sergeant Leana Tani. Assistance was provided from Igam Barracks with PIR soldiers lining the perimeter of the parade ground.

I received a note, written on a page from a Field Message and Note Book, from a PNGVR member who did not include his name and this is how he saw the commencement of the parade:

*Whilst in our forming up place, we tried to look relaxed as we quietly inspected each other, however, I don't recall anyone sky-larking in the sombre heavy atmosphere. Then the quietness became almost unbearable as we came to attention prior to moving. We marched onto the parade ground to the music of the FIR Pipes and Drums and the tune, whatever it was, (Within a Mile of O'Auld Edinburgh Toon) must have been the correct selection as it seemed the Battalion quickly got into a smooth flowing swing much sooner than most of us probably thought we would, given the earlier problems of moving off together and quickly getting the step during the seemingly endless rehearsals.*

After the parade, I was told by NGVR members that the Battalion did step off together and looked exceedingly smart marching onto the parade ground. The uniform of \_ Juniper Green shirt, shorts, black beret, black belt, black shining boots and neatly tied puttees around long green socks, melded into the tropical environment.

A significant number of events happened immediately after the Battalion arrived on the Inspection Line:

In the first instance, the Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer First Class, C Lee, aided by the Warrant Officers of each Guard, dressed the Battalion and then the former handed over the unit to the Adjutant, Captain John Rawson, who posted the Officers. The Adjutant then presented the Battalion "ready for inspection, Sir" to the Commanding Officer, Lt. Colonel W A (Bill) Harrington MBE.

How many participants, particularly the Officers, remember the posting of the Officers by the Battalion Adjutant? According to the official program, we were lined up in our Guard groups as follows:

No.1 Guard Officers, with the shortest distance to march after being posted, were Major W R Harvey-Hall ED (Guard Commander) Captain L B Kelly, Lieutenants G C Blanch, N S Kenna, K R Butler and W H Budin.

No. 2 Guard Officers were Captain L G Hudson (Guard Commander) Captain R W Furlonger ED, Lieutenants A L Kemish, D E Ng, W R Hendricks and W Bickerton. No. 3 Guard Officers were Major P N Harbeck (Guard Commander) Captain D S Lewis, Lieutenants R S Giddings, K A Glover, I A Thompson and A F Wadsworth.

*CO: To this service of God and to keep holy his name*

*To the honour of our Queen, to love of our country and to the good of all men*

*To the holding of honour and the sacredness of men's promises*

*To the protection of all those who travel on their lawful occupations*

*To the defence of law and good government*

*To the sacred memory of our comrades. Their courage and endurance gave eternal honour to our Colours*

*Thinking of our solemn oath, and remembering our promise to keep it always.*

After the parade, Father Pete O'Reilly, (he replaced Chaplain Ray Quirk) holding forth in the Officers Mess, said that by the third response, the parade was in full voice and seemed to be looking for more after the final exhortation from the Commanding Officer. Maybe that was so.

The next part of the ceremony showed each Colour spread wide over drums showing their beautiful details. The tops of the staffs were crossed, with the base of each staff about six feet apart on the parade ground and located in the centre of the hollow square. Some troops in the front ranks had a clear view of the outline of the impressive Queen's Colour, however we required eagle eyes to see the details with the Windsor Crown on top of double circles on a red background; within, in gold lettering, were the words PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES. Others were able to make out the outline, but not the details of the magnificent Regimental Colours, again with the Windsor Crown on top of double circles with the unit name above and around crossed rifles in the centre of a red background, surrounded by the elegant and colourful Flame of the Forest with NGVR Battle Honours on either side and below and the Regimental motto between the base of the D'Albertis Creeper and battle honour South West Pacific 1942-43: all this on a green background. Placed together on that exciting day, the Colours beckoned much more than a casual glance.

After ordering the Parade to attention, the CO then said to the Chaplains:  
*Reverend Sirs, on behalf of the Battalion, we ask you to bid God's Blessing on these Colours.*

Senior Chaplain Meridith, of the Church of England faith, moved to the Colours and laying his hand upon them said:

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do consecrate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and our Country, in the sight of God Amen.*

The Roman Catholic Chaplain Father P O'Reilly, sprinkled the Colours with Holy Water after saying:  
*Bless O Lord these Colours which we bless in Thy Name, that those who follow them may be ever mindful of Thy Presence, guided by Thy Will and guarded by Thy Providence*

Making the Sign of the Cross over the Colours, he continued:  
*In the name of the Father and of The Son, and of The Holy Ghost Amen.*

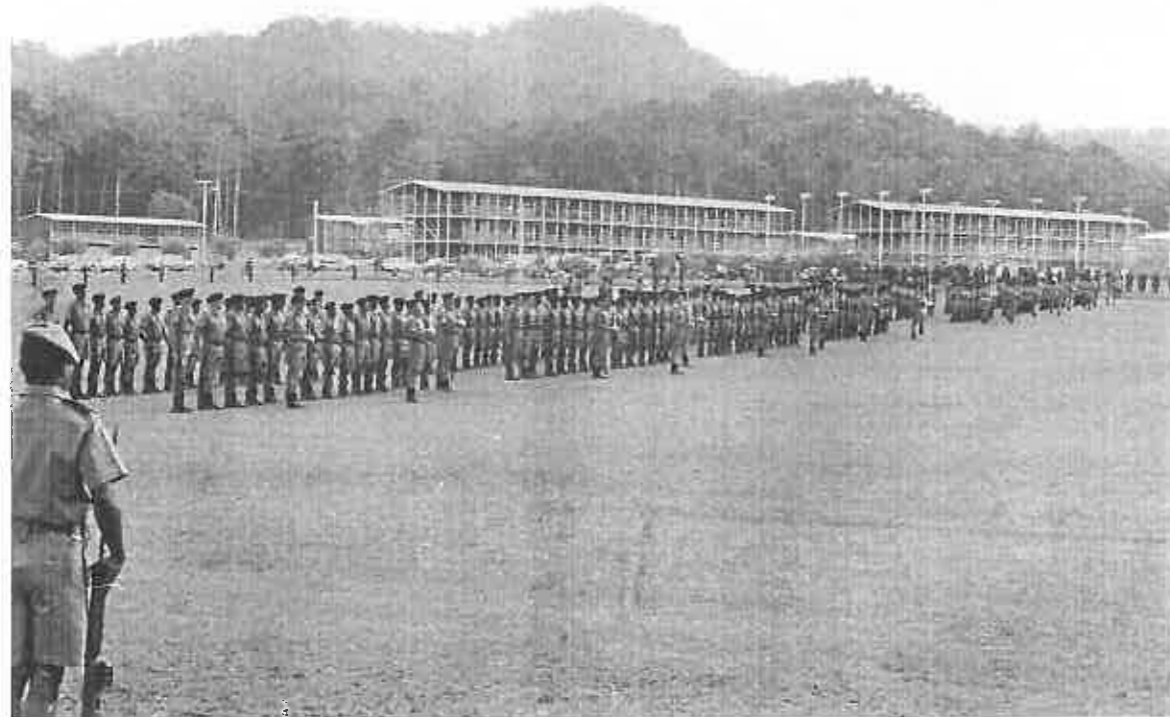
The final act in the trilogy by Senior Chaplain Peck was the dedication of the Colours in which he said:  
*In the name of The father and of The Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate and set apart these Colours, that may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and Country, in the sight of God. Amen.*

After the Commanding Officer gave the command *Stand at Ease*, we raised our cards and read:  
*O Lord our God  
Who sees all the countries of the world; bless our Land; that it may be a nation and a people, who will serve You to the end of time. May all who live beneath our flag remember its crosses; that they may work*



The Regiment—PNGVR—on Parade  
Presentation of the Queen's & Regimental Colours  
Igam Barracks, Lae

17 May 1969



No. 4 Guard Officers, with the longest distance to march to their positions, were Major N J Harris (Guard Commander) Captain W Kelly ED, Lieutenants D M Smith, J E Hansford, G A Roe and W J Moloney.

*Note: changes to the official program list did occur, however, the only person shown on the official list to state to me he was not on parade or had been moved to another position, was Colonel Nev Harris, RFD ED who wrote to say he agreed to run the Mess junctions planned after the presentation of the Colours. No 4 Guard was commanded by Captain Bill Kelly (later Captain W Kelly MBE ED).*

The order of Ceremony may be described as follows:

The Battalion was formed up on the Inspection Line, for the occasion of the presentation of Colours to the Papua and New Guinea Volunteer Rifles by His Honour, the Administrator, Colonel D O Hay, CBE, DSO.

To the tune of *All the Blue Bonnets* from the Pipes and Drums, the following VIPs were piped on to the parade ground:

Captain R R (Bob) Cole, OBE, MC, Honorary Colonel, Papua and New Guinea Rifles, was received with a General Salute, whilst Brigadier Ralph T Eldridge, OBE, Commander, Papua and New Guinea Command and Major General N A Vickery, CBE, MC, ED, Citizen Force Member, representing the Military Board were received by the parade.

His Honour, the Administrator, Colonel D O Hay, CBE, DSO arrived at the saluting base and was received with a General Salute, again to the tune of *All the Blue Bonnets*. The Administrator, escorted by the Commanding Officer of PNGVR, inspected the Battalion as the Pipes and Drums of 2 PIR played *Morag of Dunvegan*.

The Battalion formed a hollow square and the drill, previously practised a number of times, was quickly sorted out by the Regimental Sergeant Major and Warrant Officers of the Guards.

*Before being presented to a unit, the Colours are always consecrated at a religious ceremony on parade when God's blessing of them is asked. This tradition dates back to the Battle of the Standard in 1138 when Yeomen of Yorkshire fighting the Scots took with them consecrated banners from York Cathedral and fought so fiercely to save the banners that they defeated heavy odds.*

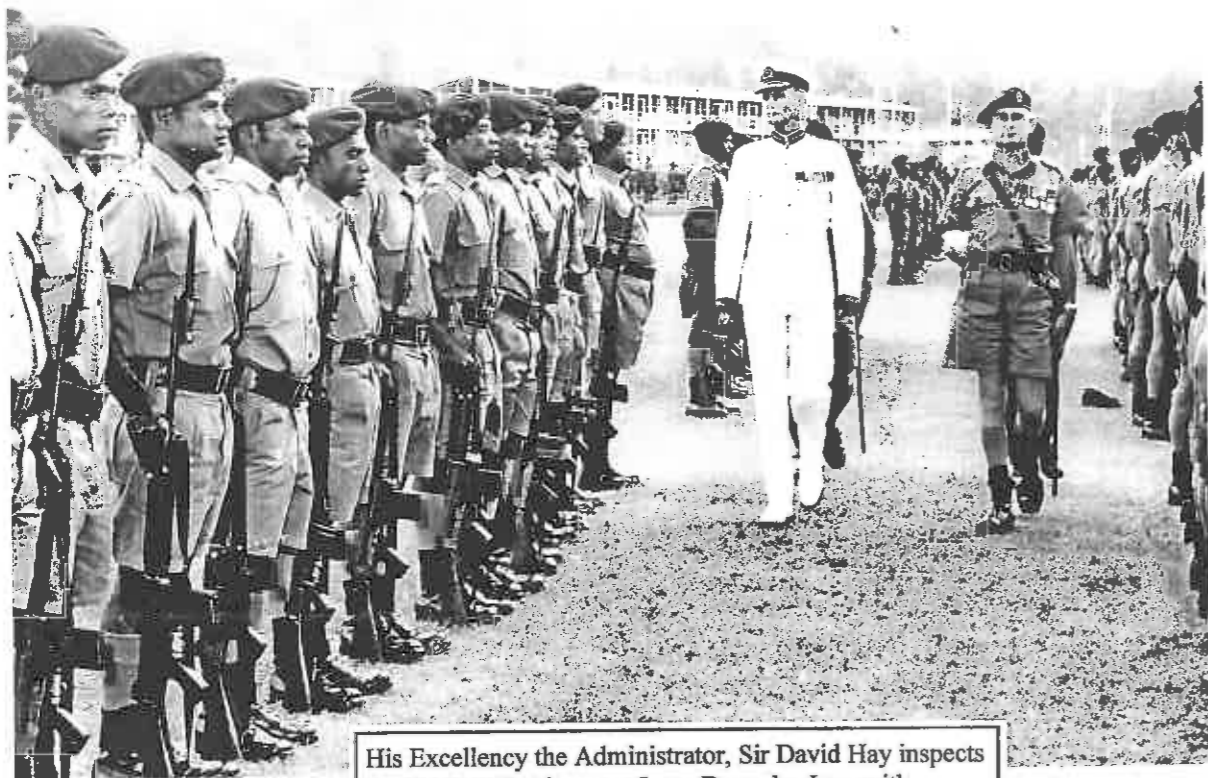
For PNGVR, this was a nondenominational event of significance, particularly for the three Chaplains responsible for the consecration, blessing and dedication of the Colours. However, the Commanding Officer had the first say in commencing the service, by intoning this prelude:

*Men have always made for themselves signs which are a mark of loyalty to their rulers and of their duty to obey and honour the laws of the community in which they are placed by God.*

*God himself led his people into Israel by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. So we too follow this custom. We come together before God to ask His blessing on these Colours. These Colours remind us of our duty towards our Queen and our Country.*

*We pray that they will be carried only in defence of a just cause. May they be a sign to all who follow them that God is with them always, in all dangers and difficulties. May they increase their faith and hope in Him, who is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*

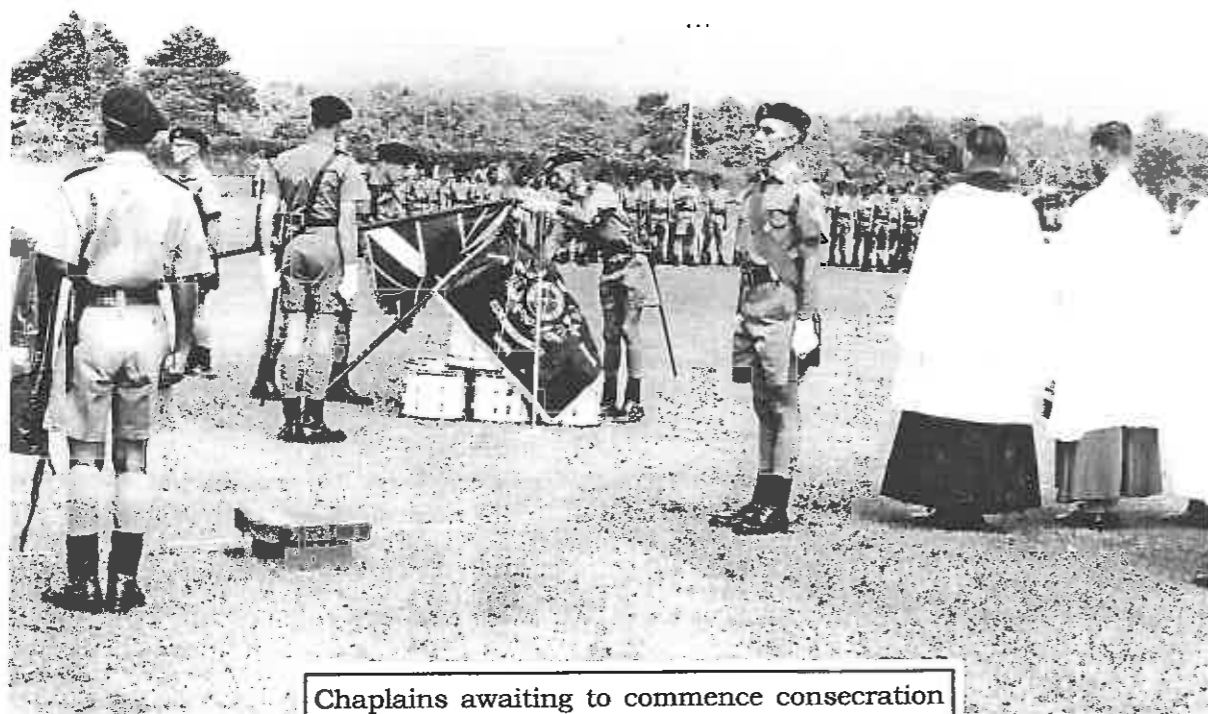
The service continued in the following vein which allowed the troops on parade to give full voice to "we dedicate ourselves again" in response to each of the Commanding Officer's exhortations. As an aide-memoire, each soldier was issued with an Order of Service Card which was held in the left hand.



His Excellency the Administrator, Sir David Hay inspects the PNGVR Regiment at Igam Barracks, Lae, with PNGVR CO Lt Colonel Bill Harrington.



Chaplain Meredith consecrates the Colours.



Chaplains awaiting to commence consecration of the Colours.  
Lt Colonel Harrington looks on whilst RSM Colin Lee arranged the Colours.  
In the centre is S/Sgt Welsby.



From left: Lt Colonel Bill Harrington; Major Frank Hoeter; His Excellency The Administrator Sir David Hay; Lt. Allman; Lt Cattermole.