

HAVE A LAUGH:-

- "Aim towards the enemy" - Instructions printed on a United States Rocket launcher.
- If the enemy is in range, so are you"- US Infantry journal
- If hit by ground fire, it is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you have just bombed - US Air Force manual
- Whoever said that the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.— General MacArthur
- Never tell a Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.
- Don't draw enemy fire; it irritates the people around you.
- If you see a bomb clearance technician running—follow him as fast as you can.
- The only time to have too much fuel aboard your aircraft is when you are on fire.
- The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are "why is it doing that?", "where the hell are we?", and "Oh sh—".
- Mankind has a perfect record in aviation, we have never left anyone up there.
- Torches are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries.
- Advice given to RAF pilots during WW2 When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavour to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as possible.
- Basic flying rules.....Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of the air. The edges of the air can be recognized by the sudden appearance of ground, buildings, sea and trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.
- As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having just torn off the wings and tail in a crash landing, the crash truck arrives, the rescuer sees a bloodied pilot and asks, "What happened?". The pilot's reply, "I don't know, I just got here myself." - Lockheed test pilot.
- A slipping gear could let your M203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make quite unpopular in what's left of your unit.—US Army magazine of preventive maintenance.
- You, you and you, PANIC. The rest of you come with me.—US Marine Corp Gunnery Sgt.
- Any ship can be a mine sweeper—once.

ONE LINERS

- FOR SALE: Parachute. Only used once. Never opened. Small stain.
- I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- I intend to live forever—so far so good.
- When everything seems to be coming your way—move over, you're in the wrong traffic lane.
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- Your shin bone is something for finding furniture in the dark.
- I must be getting old, my back goes 'out 'more than I do.
- You know you are getting old when you need glasses to find your reading glasses.
- You know you are getting old when you sit in a rocking chair and can't make it work.
- You know you are getting old when your special little black book only contains the phone numbers for medical specialists and local pharmacies.
- RETIRED?24 hours in a day.....24 beers in a carton.....coincidence?

- HAVE YOU**
- Renewed your membership fees???
 - Booked and paid for your Jimboomba Bush Dinner at Barry & Pam Wright's ???
 - Submitted your application for the new Australian Defence Medal ???
 - Any old PNGVR photos or memorabilia to loan or donate to our museum ????
 - Any copies of PNGVR Routine Orders Part 2 after mid 1965 or names of PNG Nationals who served in your platoon or company????

New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles Ex Members Association Inc.

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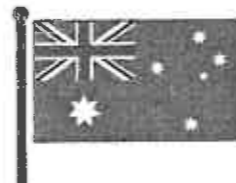
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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE.....

The main activities since the last issue of Harim Tok Tok were the ceremonies and reunions held over the ANZAC weekend in Brisbane. These included the Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunion at the Long Tan Sergeants Mess, Gallipoli Barracks. The guest speaker was Paul E Nerau—PNG Consul General—who spoke eloquently about the Bougainville & Solomon Islands situation. There was positive feedback from attendees with the venue and dinner catering given top marks.

Several members over nighted in Sgts Mess accommodation, but the only drawback to our new Dinner venue is the lack of nearby mixed accommodation. Our sincere thanks to Long Tan Mess Supervisor, Sgt S Lynch and the bar and catering staff for an excellent evening, and to the Mess Committee for allowing us use of their facilities once again.

A Bar-B-Q picnic open day was held the next day at our Wacol Museum. About 30 of our members and guests as well as 25 members from the Australia-Papua New Guinea Association attended and inspected the exhibits in the Museum. Overall a very successful weekend.

We were in position number 4 in the overall order of march for the Brisbane ANZAC Day march, with some 181 units and organizations making up the 2 hour long parade. The Unit was led by myself with some 80 NGVR and PNGVR members marching.

The response from well wishes who viewed the march on TV was very good and complementary about our turn out, presentation and marching prowess. This year we had the PNG Consul General, Mr Paul E Nerau, LLB, on the official saluting dais. Several NGVR and PNGVR members accompanied us in jeeps.

Immediately following the parade, members attended a brief NGVR Remembrance Ceremony in the Shrine of Memories, ANZAC Square. This annual solemn service was conducted by Paul Brown and Mal Zimmermann.

The after-march reunion was held at the Exchange Hotel and attended by some 120 members and guests. Many remarked that this was the best ever, as the facility was spacious, the quality and quantity of food plentiful with an overall ambiance perfect for the purpose. I would like to thank your committee members who put in a great effort to plan and organise these functions.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those members who traveled from afar—from the top end to the Southern Ocean and from overseas—to join their comrades on the ANZAC Day week.

Coming ceremonies include the 'Montevideo Maru' Memorial Service to be held on Saturday 1 July in the Shrine of Memories, ANZAC Square, Brisbane at 10.00 am. This will be followed by a complementary morning tea in an adjoining room.

We are also committed to participate in the Brisbane Reserve Forces Day March to be held in Brisbane on Sunday 2 July at 10.00 am assembling on the corner of Creek and Adelaide Street from 9.30 am. His Excellency Major-General Michael Jeffery, AC.CVO.MC—Governor General of Australia—will be taking the Salute. I ask that all members in the SE of the State support the Association on this day.

Our 2006 AGM will be held again at the Long Tan Sgts Mess in August or September. Members will be advised as soon as a date is confirmed with the Mess.

In July, I will be flying to Papua New Guinea with Secretary Col Gould and Hon. Solicitor Bruce Crawford. Once in

In this issue:- President's update; Function details; Letters to the Editor; 2006 Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunion; Function photos (courtesy of Tom Dowling); Laying up of the Colours; Have a laugh;

NEW ASSOCIATION MAILING ADDRESS

Due to the residential relocation of the Secretary, the Association's new mailing address is:-

NEW POSTAL ADDRESS → NGVR / PNGVR Association Inc
PO Box 885
PARK RIDGE, Queensland 4125

Colin Gould: Ph: 042 456 2030 email: pngvr@optusnet.com.au

Port Moresby, we will be joined by Vice President John Mudge and will fly to Mt Hagen to meet members of the C Coy PNGVR Ex Members Association and will present some 17 **Australian Service Medals 1945-1975** to former members of C Coy PNGVR.

A further 5 ASM'S will be presented in Port Moresby on Sunday 23 July during the Papua New Guinea Remembrance Day celebrations and march.

Ex PNGVR members in Rabaul and Port Moresby are also making moves to form their own Company Ex Members Associations.

Whilst in Port Moresby we will explore the possibility of organizing a 10-12 day tour of PNGVR and historic sites in 2007 for members and friends, which, if possible, we will coincide with further ASM and/or ADM presentations.

We thank the Australian Department of Defence for their valued assistance in bringing the ASM project to fruition.

The Museum work is progressing. John Holland has used a donation of \$3000 from the Minister for Veteran's Affairs to purchase additional display cabinets, and other essential items. Thanks to a donation of \$18,381 from the Gambling

Community Benefit Fund, which is funded by the Queensland Government, air conditioning of the entire museum is almost complete. Much work in sorting the volume of existing material held is being done and will soon be ready for cataloguing. A computer is in hand and we are currently seeking a suitable computer program to register our exhibits.

Now that people can see our memorabilia and artifacts etc, housed in a secure and interesting home, John is now receiving many offers of donations in goods and articles for our museum. We expect this to continue at an increasing rate as word of mouth advertising of our facility occurs.

There is talk that the whole heritage listed National Servicemen's site may be relocated elsewhere within the former Wacol Army Barracks site. While we cannot be directly involved in this decision, we are insisting that should such a relocation occur, it would be done without any detriment to our existing facility and that security is paramount, which must include proper fencing and on-site security personnel.

The sorting of the museum documents is bringing to light many interesting items and articles. For instance, Bob Collins located Lt Colonel Madden's 25

page report on his involvement with PNGVR as its second CO from 1950 to 1953. This is a very informative and important document covering the early development of PNGVR. I am sure that extracts of this document will find its way into Harim Tok Tok in the near future.

An application for financial assistance has been made to the Port Moresby RSL to enable us to publish a selection of personal stories of NGVR veterans. Bob Collins has collected and edited over 20 stories over a period of years on his travels throughout Australia. If this submission is successful, we will have 1,000 hard cover, quality book published for distribution to institutions such as libraries and museums and for limited sales to interested parties and members.

Regular Executive Committee meetings are held on a Saturday afternoon at the museum and are preceded by a working bee and BYO/Bar-B-Q picnic. All members, partners and friends are invited to attend these, to do a little bit of work and renew friendships. Dates and timings will be published in Harim Tok Tok.

Phil Ainsworth.

"Jimmy Birrell and myself were asked to accompany the Colour party to Canberra, as representatives of the original NGVR. I flew to Lae and boarded a RAAF Caribou, flying over the Owen Stanley Range, a few of us became drowsy from a lack of oxygen; the Cargo Master walked up and down the aisle telling us to stay awake or we would pass out. Stayed overnight in the Murray Barracks Sergeant's Mess. We left Port Moresby in a Hercules to fly direct to Melbourne, somewhere out over Cloncurry the aircraft developed an engine oil pressure problem and we were diverted to Amberly for an overnight stay; after the flight, we found ourselves shouting to each other when we talked! The next day we boarded another Hercules and were issued with ear plugs. We landed at Point Cook when a spare engine was off-loaded, reboarded the aircraft and took off for Fairburn Air Base at Canberra.

Anzac Day we were transported to the parade ground in front of the Museum where Jimmy Birrell joined us and we watched the Colour Party present the Colours to General Herring who said they would be tendered and cared for until such time as they could be put on display in the Museum. The parade over, we returned to Barracks and that night we attended a party put on by Harry Green, departing the next day."

Lieutenant Colonel Laurie Kelly AM RFD ED (Retd), then Capt. L B Kelly, wrote as follows: "As to my reflections on the day of the Colours Parade I can remember the hours of practice. You and I were in No. 1 Guard; I can recall the dedication of the Colours on the piled drums inside the hollow square and the hours of marching in extended line, the forming on the corners and breaking into quick time from slow time marching. I also remember being very proud on the day to be part of the Colours presentation and the relief when the parade was over and that I had not stuffed up anything".

EPILOGUE

After the handover, the Colours, "which embody the history, spirit and traditions of the Regiment" were, for some time, not laid up as guaranteed by the Australian War Memorial Trustees on Anzac Day in 1974.

In March, 1980, Colonel Peter Cole wrote to me from Canberra: "When I arrived here, (in January 1978) I visited the Australian War Memorial and discovered that the PNGVR Colours had not been hung as we assumed (been promised?) in 1974. Indeed they were still wrapped in their cases and were stuck in the corner of a store room. I started to agitate our "ceremonial people" in Personnel Branch to have the Colours hung correctly but it took over two years to get results. However, it wasn't until early February this year that the colours were actually hung. They are adjacent to a series of dioramas of the Owen Stanley campaign, but they are flat against the wall and are not being displayed to their best effect. However, this is a start and at least the Colours are now no. With a bit more pushing from our ceremonial section, we may be able to arrange a better treatment for them".

Further to the above, here is an extract from a memorandum dated 28 September 1979 from the Director of the Australian War Museum to the Colonel in charge of the Joint Services Ceremonial, Department of Defence:

"Further to your discussion with our Mr I wish to confirm that arrangements have been made to hang the Colours of the PNGVR. The Colours are to be placed adjacent to the series of dioramas illustrating aspects of the Owen Stanleys campaign".

The Colours remain in the War Museum: they are not on display to the public, although Bruce Inch said that it is possible for a party of our Association members to view them, provided enough notice is given to the Museum. Bruce periodically arranges to inspect them and report to the Association on their condition, which at last report was excellent.

Major Bob Harvey-Hall RFD, ED
January 2006

Acknowledgements My thanks to all who provided submissions for this Story, including: Col P G Cole, Col N Harris RFD, ED, Lt Col W A Harrington MBE, Lt Col M A Bishop MM, Lt Col H N Green MBE ED, Maj C Lee MBE, Capt P Ainsworth, Capt G Blanch, Lt T Lega MM W02, B Inch, Sgt A Martin. I have also borrowed from: Customs of the Army 1/2/65, PNGVR Ceremonial Parade Program, on the occasion of the presentation of The Queen's and Regimental Colours to PNGVR, PNGVR archival material and my own correspondence and diaries.

COMING ISSUES

- NGVR Rifleman John Crayston GOAD NG 2274 "A RESCUE MISSION"
Interview and edited by Bob Collins, RFD
- The last parade of 'A' Company PNGVR
By Bob Harvey-Hall, RFD.ED

MONTEVIDEO MARU MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 1 July 2006

Shrine of Memories
ANZAC Square Brisbane.

9.45 am for 10.00 am Service

Morning tea after the Service

For details contact: Paul Brown

RESERVE FORCES DAY BRISBANE MARCH

Sunday 2 July 2006

9.30 am for 10.00 am march

**Assemble in Creek Street between
Adelaide & Queen Streets.
March ends in George Street.**

ANZAC DAY DRESS

JIMBOOMBA MIXED BUSH DINNER (A great night of fellowship)

Saturday 15 July 2006

Pre dinner Sherry: 5.30pm
Meal commences: 6.30 pm

Dress:- Smart Casual (no jeans)
\$30 pp incl sherry, 2 course dinner, wine &
port, tea and coffee

Ph: Bob Collins on 5526 8396 or
Barry Wright on 5546 9865
RING AND BOOK NOW



said:

Colonel & Mrs HN Green request the pleasure of the company of

*.....
To a Wake,
on Anzac Day, Thursday April 25th 1974,
at 5 pm, the Presidential Suite,
Noah's Lakeside International Hotel Canberra.
In memory of the New Guinea Volunteer
Rifles, and Papua and New Guinea Volunteer Rifles,
and to honour all who have served or have been associated with the Regiment
'Nil Barstado Carborundum'*

The last Honorary Colonel of PNGVR, Lt Colonel Harry Green, had the final say on the day, in a newspaper article:

"Colonel Green said last night that officers and members of the PNGVR were 'very angry' at the disbanding of the battalion. They had little forewarning. He said he realised the move was inevitable. Australia could not continue to support a regiment of the calibre of the PNGVR in another country. Our regiment was fully integrated with about 80 per cent national enlistment. He said he had been delighted with the co-operation of the Australian War Memorial Trust in its acceptance of the Colours, the first to be laid up at the War Memorial".

I was at the Laying up of the Colours, in an official capacity as the last second in command of the Battalion. I did not take part in the official ceremony. Lt Colonel Bill Harrington received an invitation to Canberra, however, he was unable to attend. Several years later he told me in one of our monthly telephone conversations "I was extremely disappointed about not being there, as, after all, I was the fellow who accepted the Colours on behalf of the Battalion and I often say to you and others who are prepared to listen to me, *we did a good job on that important day*".

POST SCRIPT

Bruce Inch:

Bruce stated what most of those said when I asked for contributions to this article: *32 years is a hell of a time gap to accurately recall what went on in May 1969* He went on to say "I remember that it was a very proud day in my life. It was a great relief when it was all over but was worth it. The tension was very high but in all everything turned out OK. I did not celebrate very much as other duties had to be performed.

I will continue to view the Colours every 5 years. They mean a great deal to me. The RED of the Queen's colour is absolutely beautiful, a real dark red"

Col Lee:

Col wrote. "Lots of practice for the Parade - seemed hopeless. I suggested that there should be no March Past in Line or Advance in Review Order; the CO said 'no, we stay with the original format'.

On the night before, in the (Sergeant's) Mess, quiet and restrained - everyone knew what had to be done the next day - different story on the following night!

On the matter of the film, Noel Serafini volunteered and I organised some money to buy film. I was quite cross on the first preview of the film - no Advance in Review Order, Noel had to change the reel!"

Tom Lega:

On the Laying up of the Colours, Tom had this to say: (He and the PNG Colour Party had a Cook's tour, in more ways than one, before getting to Canberra).

- Greetings! I have set up a Yahoo Group that may be of interest to Ex-PNGVR Members. The group URL is<http://groups.com/group/PNGVR/?yguid=37091442>

I have also unearthed some 1970's Super 8 film taken by my wife at Goroka and includes some footage of the presentation of PNGVR Colours at Igam Barracks, Lae. Would the Association be interested in transferring the Super 8 film onto video or DVD ? Of course 7 Pl C Coy features.

Charles Schuster

The Association is definitely interested in making a video / DVD copy. Thanks Charles. -Editor

- I recently learnt that my father served in the NGVR— NG2067 William Henry Johns, and I would like to find out more about his army unit and his time serving in WW2. I was only 11 when he passed away. I live in London and will be visiting Australia in April.

William Johns

The Association found copies of NGVR William John's RO2's and passed on this information. When in Brisbane we put William in touch with NGVR veteran Tom Lega, MM. Not only was Tom able to provide first hand information on NGVR William Johns service in NGVR, but, as fate would have it, Tom Lega was a guest at the wedding of (son) William John's parents in PNG in Bulolo all those years ago around 1940. William has now joined the Association as an Associate Member. Thanks Tom and welcome William to the Association. - Editor

- I have attached a copy of a list of National PNGVR members who served with 7 PL C Coy prior to the Battalion's disbandment. You will note that I have been able to assist two members obtain their ASM 1945-1975.

Rick Giddings

This information is invaluable. Our copies of RO2 only go up to mid 1965. The names provided especially the PNGVR service numbers, will help us to track down many of our PNGVR comrades and organise their ASM's. Many thanks Rick. Does any other member out there have names and service numbers of former PNG comrades?? - Editor

- HONIARA 25 April:- As Australian and New Zealand troops patrol the streets of Honiara after recent riots, on a nearby beach a small and informal ceremony has paid tribute to their ANZAC Forebears. With formal ANZAC Day ceremonies cancelled due to the riots, at the Point Cruz Yatch Club, a small group of New Zealanders and Australians gathered for a modest Dawn Service. Alastair Martin (ex PNGVR) a Honiara businessman, and co-organizer of today's ceremony told the gathering that Australian and New Zealand troops serving with the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands were continuing the tradition of their ANZAC forebears. "It's probably very appropriate to gather here on a beach because that's where it all started, on a beach in 1915 "He said. Wreaths were thrown into the tide from the Yatch Club jetty off a beach that was the scene of intense fighting between American and Japanese troops during the battle for Guadalcanal in World War 11.

Well done Alastair.

-Editor

And from Papua New Guinea comrades:-

- I am writing to find out if I can become a member of the Association and receive Harim Tok Tok. I am teaching at the moment in Banz. I joined 12 Pl D Coy in Madang for 2 years during my time at College. Mr Gould was my Sgt. I feel that I am part of the PNGVR group and would like to contribute in any way I can by writing small articles to your wonderful newsletter on the experiences gained and the funniest moments we had with other platoon members and the whole D Company during camps.

Raphael Seri

- Greetings to you all. I am writing to show how happy I am to know and be together once again as ex Members of PNGVR. I am sending you my ASM form but cannot remember my service number. Mathias Warttovo (Pl Sgt B Coy) and I, Albert Wuat (Pl Sgt B Coy) have met each other and proposed the idea of forming a B Coy PNGVR Ex Members Association. It will be similar to the one in Mt Hagen. I send our condolences to the family and friends of our Late Colonel Harry Green—Hon. Colonel of the Regiment. We were much saddened to learn of his passing.

Albert Wuat Pl Sgt B Coy Rabaul

- Did you know that each year at the Sydney ANZAC Day march, Dick Smith stands in George Street holding a sign of appreciation for the marchers? Ken Jones, ex Lt A Coy PNGVR known in the Company as "Casey Jones" sighted the great bloke when he marched with the NGVR/ANGAU last ANZAC Day.

Bob Harvey-Hall



S/Sgt Barry Wright awaits his fate at the post Regimental Dinner 2006 Kangaroo Court whilst 'Bailiff' WO1 Norm Mundy stands guard.

REGIMENTAL MIXED DINNER REUNION—LONG TAN SERGEANTS MESS—22/4/06

48 members and guests attended this year's Regimental Dinner. Guests enjoyed light finger food with sweet and dry sherry before the formal silver service 3 course dinner. Guests moved into the dining area followed by the Official Party—Major Peter Rogers, DFC Mr Paul Nerau, LLB PNG Consul General and Mrs Nerau, President Capt. Phil Ainsworth and Major Bob Harvey-Hall, RFD, ED and Mrs Harvey-Hall— followed by the flag party—Sgt Jesse Chee, Sgt Trevor Connell and Cpl Paul Brown—all were piped in by Piper Capt Thoresen.

Following the Dinner, Mr Dining Vice, Sgt Col Gould ably assisted by 'Bailiff' WO 1 Norm Mundy, hosted the usual Kangaroo Court, where member's past indiscretions are bought to light. After much mirth a report was received by Sgt Gould titled *"Who is the worst Navigator in the Association"*.

...The old military saying about a newly appointed Officer being exceedingly dangerous when given a map and compass has been proven many times over the years. Until recently a certain Lt (Rtd) of Chinese descent was considered the worst navigator in the Association (Right Doug?) His exploits were legendary, at one stage setting out to drive to a Bush Dinner from Mansfield to Jomboomba, only to be asked by one of his passengers "Isn't this the Ipswich Road? We should be on the Beaudesert Road?"

However his previously unchallenged position is in jeopardy after a recent camping trip. A certain Staff S_{gt}, Medial, retired, has now been nominated for the dubious title. Onē very dark evening during a camping trip—lots of cloud and no moon, with lots of overhead cover, not to mention a good few beers and Port on board, our intrepid S/Sgt set of for the toilet—a mere 150 meters away—at 12.30 am. All was going well until the batteries in his torch spat the dummy, just as he prepared to make the 150 m journey back to his tent.

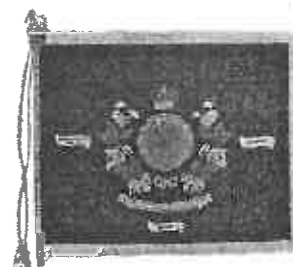
Form that moment on, all bush craft, navigation and survival lectures he had attended over many years in the Army Reserves were put to the test, and , alas, were found wanting. At one stage he was totally lost as he found himself in dense undergrowth but could not remember any in the camp site area. As it happen he successfully found the one and only spot with undergrowth—the camping area garden—which was not quite the same when the sun came up. On another occasion he immediately knew what to do when he ran into a barbed wire fence—follow it until back opposite his tent. Unfortunately he followed it the wrong way right down the opposite end of the bush camp site. During this excursion he stumbled over fallen trees, waded ankle deep through water, but he knew he was heading in the right direction because he could smell the smoke from the fire place outside his tent. Unfortunately there had been two camp fires, one at the opposite end of the site, Yes—you guessed it—he headed for the wrong smoke. He showed no fear when standing on top of a 10 metre sheer cliff (he was unaware of this at the time) and luckily headed away from the edge, having noticed a caravan nearby. Upon calling out to the inhabitants inside for help , he was somewhat disturbed when the female occupant called out "Wake up darling, there's a drunk outside." After half an our wandering around the landscape our intrepid adventurer arrived back at his tent escorted by a friendly caravaner with a working torch. CONGRATULATION S/SGT WRIGHT YOU HAVE WON THIS YEAR'S KANGAROO COURT BACK HALF OF THE HORSE AWARD. We thank the Management and staff of the Long Tan Sergeants Mess—Gallipoli Barracks, for a truly first class Dinner and great hospitality. Col Gould.



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

By Bob Harvey-Hall, RFD,ED

Part 3 (Final)



LAYING UP OF THE COLOURS

According to Issue and Receipt Voucher No. 7170, issued by HQ Igam Barracks, Lae, on Unit Account No. PNG 21, dated 4 April, 1974, authority for transfer ref: Army Canberra, DPE, (a) 54472 of 100030Z Oct 1973, Class 8345 Colours, Queens, PNGVR, qty 1 and Colours, Regimental, PNGVR, qty 1, and under Class 0153, Belts, Colours; Case, Colours and Pike, Colours, each qty 2, were consigned by Quartermaster Capt Eric Williams to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. In the bottom left hand corner of the Voucher, the receiver signature is that of E F Herring Lt General, dated 25th April 1974.

The Colours were officially handed over at the end of the Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, on Thursday April 25, 1974, immediately after the singing of the National Anthem. This Anzac Day ceremony was performed in a brilliant, colourful setting, a wonderful mix of civilian dress, formal and informal and uniforms of the Navy, Army and Airforce with the spectacular dress of our Battalion.

A newspaper article said Canberra's recent bad weather broke for the Anzac Day ceremony and the proceedings were held in bright sunlight and warm conditions. My diary recalls the day, particularly during the ceremony, as being clear, with a slight breeze that was enough to give one goose bumps; which maybe was related to the fact that I, along with other ex members of the Regiment, was witnessing the finale of an exceptional Citizen Military Force unit; formed in September 1939 as the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and reformed in 1951 as the Papua and New Guinea Volunteer Rifles; a significant and integral part of the history of Papua and New Guinea and of PNG Command and the Australian Army.

An official Department of the Army photograph shows Lt Colonel Peter Cole, receiving the Queens Colour from Lieutenant Chris Van Der Peer, just prior to being passed the Regimental Colour by Lt Pascal Idok. Also shown are Sergeants Alistair Martin and Michael Galore, part of the Escort to the Colours, whilst Lt General Sir Edmund Herring, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial, waits to accept the Colours.

The official media release (LAU/74/453/HQ) stated:

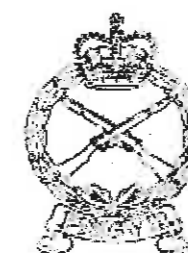
The Queens and Regimental Colours of the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles are collected from a special PNGVR Colour Party by the last Commanding Officer, Lt Col P G Cole, before being presented to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial Lt Gen Sir Edmund Herring (RL), to be laid up at the Memorial on Anzac Day.

Not shown in the official photograph, but clearly seen in others, as part of the Colour Party is Staff Sergeant Noel Serafini and Warrant Officer Class 1 Darcy Tilbrook, the last RSM of PNGVR and at attention on a corner of the Stone of Remembrance, the last Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Lt Colonel H N Green, taking in the proceedings unfolding in front.

As each Colour was passed to Lt General Sir Edmund Herring by Lt Colonel Cole, it was placed on the Stone of Remembrance, Queens Colour first, with the Regimental Colour shaft lying across that of the former. After this part of the ceremony, the Catafalque Party was withdrawn and the ceremony concluded.

Some other events worth mentioning happened on this day: for the first time 'Advance Australia Fair' was played as Australia's National Anthem, although it was not played on that day in any other State or Territory.

As far as the ex-Members of the PNGVR and Friends of the Regiment were concerned, the end of the official ceremony was the beginning of a rather long unofficial ceremony, culminating in a Wake held at the Noah's Lakeside Hotel. I've still got my copy of the invitation to a wonderful bash and here is what it



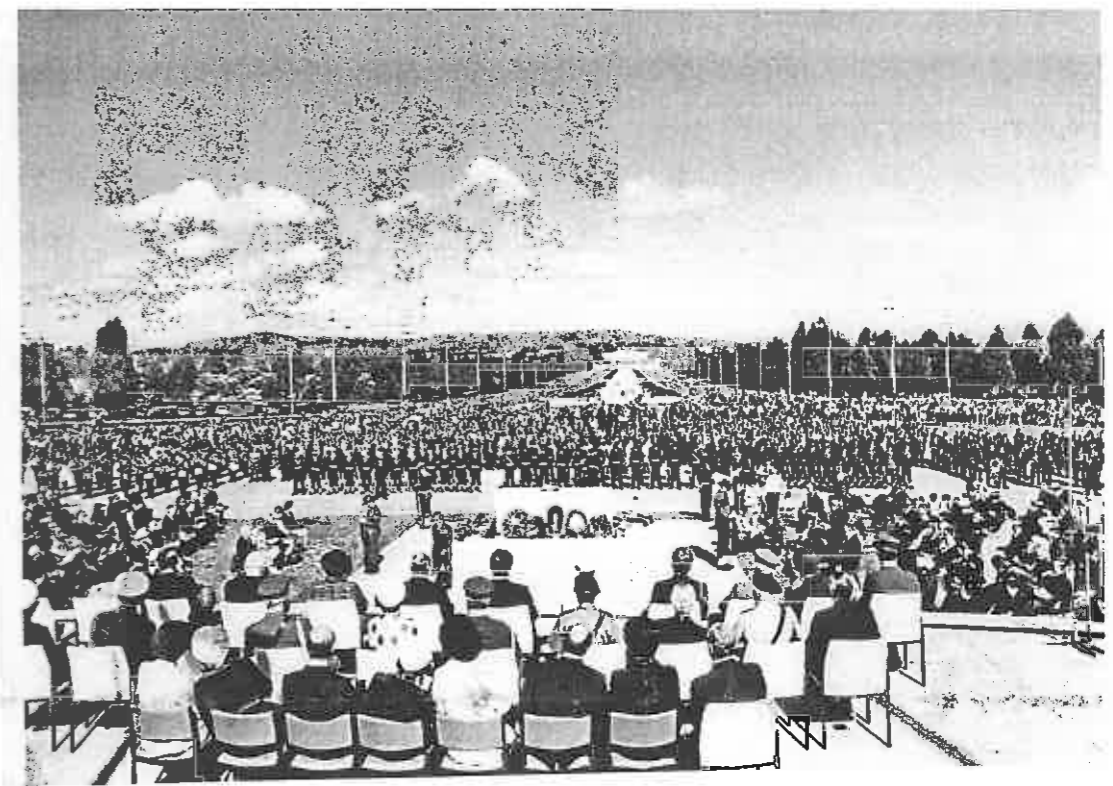


**2006 REGIMENTAL DINNER
LONG TAN SGTS MESS**

(Left) Sgt Trevor Connell and
guest Chris Lawrey flew in from
the NT.

(Below)

Vice President John Mudge,
MBE
C St J., from Port Moresby



ANZAC DAY— CANBERRA—1974

ANZAC Day ceremony during which the Queen's and Regimental Colours of the PNGVR
were laid up, following the Battalions Disbandment in 1973.



ANZAC DAY— BRISBANE

(Above) Historic Officer, John
Holland proudly shows off his
"Gold Medal" awarded during the
Regimental Dinner for being the
Museum Project Director of the
Year. (Slave Masta)

(Right) Wreath Bearers for the
Brisbane march were S/Sgt Stan
Gould's Great Grandsons, Joshua
and Joel Gould.



LAYING UP OF THE COLOURS—CANBERRA— 25 APRIL 1974

(From Left) Lt Col. Peter Cole (holding flag) Lt Chris Van Der Peer Sgt Alastair Martin
S/Sgt Noel Serafini (standing behind Sgt Martin) Lt Pascal Idok (holding flag)
WO1 D Tilbrook (standing behind Lt Idok) S/Sgt Michael Galore Lt. General E Herring



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(From Left)

Sgt Alastair Martin W01 D Tillbrook S/Sgt Michael Galore
 S/Sgt Noel Serafini Sgt Peter Sausai



ANZAC DAY— CANBERRA—1974

Lt. General E Herring lays up the PNGVR Queen's Colours



PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSULATE BRISBANE - APRIL 2006

Papua New Guinea Consul General to Queensland, Mr Paul E Nerau, LLB. presents NGVR member Tom Keenan with a slouch hat complete with PNG Bird of Paradise feathers as worn by NGVR in 1939—1943. Tom Keenan wore the feathers during the Brisbane 2006 ANZAC Day march. Association Hon Solicitor Bruce Crawford, OAM, instigator of the project, looks on.



ANZAC DAY— BRISBANE - 2006

WO2 Mal Zimmermann (left) calls the step for NGVR / PNGVR



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President Phil Ainsworth & Tom Keenan chat over a few drinks at the Reception