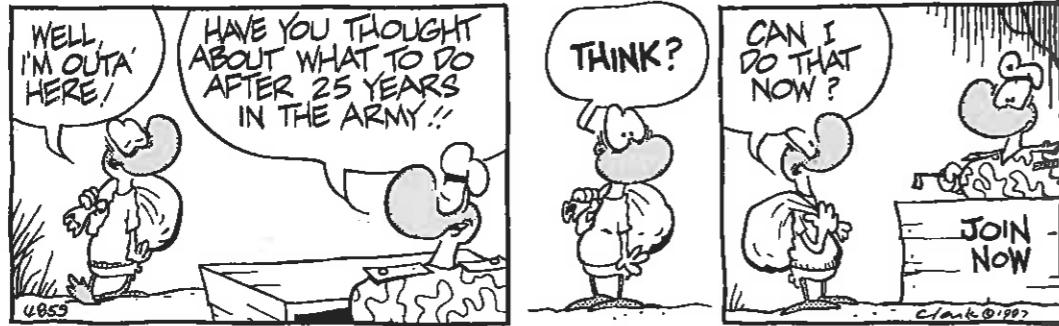


HAVE A LAUGH



Army Ducks "Swamp"

Courtesy of Swamp Productions, Everton Park.

BAR-B-Q RULES— Aussie style

We are about to enter the summer back yard Bar-B-Q season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this important and traditional outdoor cooking activity. It's the only type of cooking a 'REAL MAN' will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are bought into motion:-

1. The woman buys the food and carries it into the house.
2. The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegs, and makes the dessert.
3. The woman prepares the meat and sausages for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils, sauces and oils, and takes it out to the man who is lounging beside the grill—cold beer in hand—now here comes the important part:-
4. The MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.
5. The woman goes back inside to organise plates and cutlery.
6. The woman comes back out to tell the man that the sausages are starting to burn. He asks if she will bring him another cold beer whilst he makes ready to deal with the sudden burning problem.
7. THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL with great flair in front of his mates. Crisis resolved.
8. The woman prepares the plates, salads, bread etc as guests move in for the meal.
9. After eating, the woman clears the table and takes dishes into the kitchen for washing.
10. Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for HIS great BBQ skills.
11. The man asks the women how she enjoyed HER DAY OFF.
12. Noting her annoyed reaction the MAN concludes that there is just no pleasing some people.

COMING EVENTS & OCCASIONS

- Saturday 8 September NGVR / PNGVR Museum Open day at Wacol 10 am to 2 pm.
- Friday 14 September NGVR / PNGVR Museum Open day at Wacol 10 am to 2 pm
- Sunday 16th September 32nd Papua New Guinea Independence Day
- Saturday 29 September **Association Annual General Meeting**—Long Tan Sergeants Mess, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Brisbane.
- Saturday TBA October Executive Committee Meeting
- Saturday 13 October NGVR / PNGVR Museum Open day at Wacol 10 am to 2 pm
- Saturday 20 October NGVR / PNGVR Museum Open day at Wacol 10 am to 2 pm
- TBA Military Excellence Awards— 9 RQR Gallipoli Barracks
- Saturday 17 November Jimboomba Bush Dinner

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

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Col Gould—Editor

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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC.

PATRON: Major General John Pearn, AM, RFD. (Retd.)

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PRESIDENT'S UP-DATE



It is not long since our last newsletter was published. One news item is what did not happen, which is the proposed visit to Papua New Guinea in 2007. Because of the uncertainty created by the PNG election in July, and the various preferences of some of those interested in the tour, it was decided to delay the visit until 2008. A survey will be sent seeking the opinions and preferred destinations of those interested in such a visit to PNG.

During June, July and August, we were required to carry out additional security work on the museum to meet statutory requirements. Several Saturday working bees principally attend by Paul Brown, John Holland and Col Gould with assistance from Tom Dowling and Mal Zimmermann has seen the work almost completed. During these working bees exhibits were adjusted so that additional space was available for further exhibits. I am sure those who have seen the Museum since these changes have been suitably impressed.

An Executive Committee was held on the 23 June in association with a working bee. One of the items discussed was an approach by Associate Member Cynthia Schmidt for us to sponsor an international seminar at the Gold Coast in 2008 on "Missing in Action" personnel in the South-West Pacific during World War 2. The MIA group seems to be United States based using resources of the Nimitz Pacific Museum, Texas. Given the current high level of Association activities, the Committee decided not to pursue the project.

Cynthia referred me to a Mr Bruce Petty, an American military historian based in New Zealand who is attending an oral history symposium late September 2007 at the Queensland University in Brisbane. I spoke with him and he said that he had recently attended a seminar for MIA's in America. It may be possible to arrange for him to speak at our AGM on the 29 September. Bruce is currently preparing his book on New Zealand's involvement in the South-West Pacific campaigns during the war for early publication.

Thirteen members participated in the Reserve Forces Day

march in Brisbane on 1 July. It was a fine clear day and our small contingent presented and marched to our customary high standard. The overall event in Brisbane seemed to lack sufficient public awareness with many people in the street unaware of what the parade was all about. For the third year running, our Association's name was NOT even on the Order of March. Whilst we support the concept of a Reserve Forces Day, unless the event receives greater exposure and support, a decision will need to be made whether we participate in future marches in Brisbane.

The march was followed by a most successful Association organized "Montevideo Maru" Memorial Service in the Hall of Memories, ANZAC Square, Brisbane, and attended by some 35 members and family descendants. A morning tea after the service enabled interesting discussions between members and guests. Thank you Paul Brown, Col Gould and John Holland for organizing these activities.

For over 10 years we have been fortunate to have the use of 6 RAR Long Tan Sergeants Mess at Gallipoli Barracks for our annual Regimental Mixed Dinner Reunions and Annual General Meeting. Mess Supervisor, Sgt Stewart Lynch and



his staff have always made us feel very much at home and excelled in cantering for our various functions.

An Association plaque has been presented to Sgt Lynch in appreciation of his support over the years. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank the Long Tan Sergeants Mess President and Committee for allowing us access to their Mess and facilities. I am sure that all members who have

visited the Mess will agree that it is a wonderful venue for our functions. The Mess has recently undergone some renovations which members will be able to access during the AGM on Saturday 29 September.

In this issue:- President's Update; Letters to the Editor; PNGVR Book extracts; From the PNGVR Archives; Visit to the USS Kittyhawk; PIR Corner; 2007 AGM details; Museum Curator's Corner; AGM Motion on Notice; Have a Laugh; Coming Events;

Our Patron, Major-General John Pearn, arranged a morning tea at Mt Cootha for Committee members of two Associations of which he is Patron, ours and the Australian Water Transport Association (New Guinea Campaign) on the 10 July. Colin, John Holland, Bruce Crawford, Tom Dowling and myself attended. The morning tea was held at the home of long time Mt Cootha resident who spoke on the unique war time history of Mt Cootha, in particular the use of the area by the US Navy for the manufacture and storage of sea mines for the Pacific campaign.

(In 1943 , D Company of the 55th Battalion Seabees, with their HQ at Eagle Farm moved into the Mt Cootha area and began construction of a sea mine assembly depot with adjacent storage and accommodation buildings. In total 57 huts were constructed of heavy— galvanized steel corrugated iron, partially sunk into the ground and covered with soil to store munitions. A further 22 Quonset huts were constructed for officers, recreation hall, laundry, butcher shop, bakery, sick bay and OR quarters, A major machine shop, garage and diesel generator house were also built. During World War 2 some 120,000 tons of high explosive ordnance were stored in the Mt Cootha complex. The concrete base of some of those building still remain near the JC Slaughter Falls picnic site.)



(L) Bruce Crawford, Phil Ainsworth, Tom Dowling, John Holland, Col Gould and Maj-General John Pearn outside the old US Navy detonator bunker—Mt Cootha.

So well made, the name of the material supplier can still be clearly seen painted on the galvanized iron covering after over 60 years (MANUFACTURED BY THE AMERICAN ROLLING MILL CO—MIDDLETOWN OHIO)

This was followed by a tour of Slaughter Falls area which was conducted by Don McKinnon, the curator of the Botanical Gardens who spoke about the geological, mining, flora and fauna makeup of the area. It was a delightful function with the meeting of people from like Associations. The Water Transport Association members are keen to inspect our Museum.

The first of the year's field dining nights was held at Barry and Pam Wright's Jimboomba property on 14 July when 38 members and friends attended. Bob Collins was Dining President on the night. The official guest was Barry Grant, Secretary/Treasurer of the Commando Association from NSW. Numbers were down on the night, probably due to the very cold weather, the increasing frailness of members

and the slight changing of the date. It was a most convivial and enjoyable evening and the bon fire and scattered pot belly stoves were very much appreciated. Thank you Barry and Pam for making your property available, and to those who volunteered their time over several working bees before and after the event. This is a wonderful activity and must be continued.

On Friday 17th August, the National Servicemen's Association Historic Precinct at Wacol hosted a Long Tan Vietnam Veterans day. I would like to thank our members who worked on several weekends to finalise displays at the museum for the day.

Our 2007 AGM will be held on **Saturday 29th September at the 6 RAR Long Tan Sergeants Mess, Gallipoli Barracks.** Details of the AGM are included with this newsletter. All members and guests are most welcome to attend the AGM and following reunion buffet dinner. Due to the need to provide, in advance, numbers for the buffet AND names for the main Gate security officers, members attending are requested to notify Secretary Colin Gould as soon as possible of their attendance.

The development of our web site— www.pngvr.com - is nearing completion and is expected to be fully on line within two months.. It will be more accessible with plenty of photographs and text. You will be advised when the site is completed.

Two essential items the Committee is considering is the need to upgrade our IT in the not too distant future (funding and type) , and sourcing funding for the publication of NGVR personal stories collected by Bob Collins. For those who are not aware, we require about \$25,000 for this project, and it is timely for it to be done now.

Our Honorary Solicitor Bruce Crawford is also appraising recent new State legislation for Incorporated Associations. It would appear that we must either amend our current Rules of Association (Constitution) to comply with the new legislation or adopt the new model rules and incorporate our particular aims, membership classifications and objectives as they currently stand. Our name, aims and objectives would remain UNCHANGED. At the moment, on balance, adapting the new model rules seems the way to go. Bruce will present his findings to the Executive Committee so that, if necessary, papers can be prepared for members to consider at the AGM.

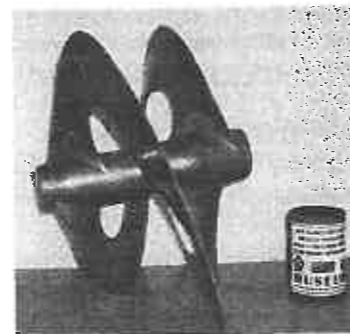
A sad note is the passing of member W0 2 Harvey Booth on 23 July in Bundaberg. The condolences of all our members have been passed onto the family. Further information in this newsletter.

Finally Bob Harvey-Hall is compiling a history of PNGVR and, like all such projects, need the support of those who were involved in the Unit. Bob is appealing for help (see Letters to the Editor) If you can assist, please contact Bob with your particular PNGVR experiences as a matter of importance.

I look forward to seeing our members at our Annual General Meeting.

Phil Ainsworth
PRESIDENT.

NGVR / PNGVR MUSEUM CURATOR'S CORNER...



A new addition to our museum is an Archimedes screw propeller. This unique propeller (see left photo with stubbie cooler for size comparison) was taken from a Japanese landing barge which was deck cargo on a Japanese freighter that was sunk in Rabaul harbour.

The reason for the odd shape is that the propeller could screw into the sand and help drive the landing barge up onto a beach. In reverse mode, it could also help drag the barge off the beach. This item was kindly donated to the museum by NGVR Lt Frank Wilson before he recently passed away.



As word spreads of our museum, more items are slowly being donated or given on loan to the museum, as well as requests for private group tours.

We were recently donated rarely seen Japanese body armour—a chest plate and helmet—these were sometimes worn by Japanese anti-aircraft gunners. These items were found in New Guinea and kindly donated by PNGVR member David Beattie. (see left)

We also have a type 99 M4 wing cannon from a Japanese Zero fighter found in Rabaul. We also have on display a drawing of the layout of the cockpit of the Zero-sen Model 52A which was fitted with a 20mm cannon in each wing. For the technically minded the Zero 52A had a 14 cylinder air cooled 1130 hp engine fitted with a 3.05 m (10 ft) propeller. Overall height was 3.5 m (11 ft 6 in) and span of 11m (36 ft) Maximum speed was 302 knots (343 mph) and took 7 minutes to reach its maximum altitude of 6,000 m (19,685 ft). Armament consisted of 2 x 7.7mm machine guns and 2 x wing mounted 20mm cannons. It could also carry a small bomb load.

We welcome any items of a historic or military nature. Items can be either "donated" or "on loan" for a stipulated period. Receipts will be issued for all items. It is surprising what ex servicemen have stored away in a box or carton somewhere at home. If you would like to discuss a possible donation or loan item, please ring our museum curator, John Holland, at home on 07 3800 1554.

You can also help via way of a group (your local RSL or service club etc) cash donation. \$500 will fund a much needed glass display case. \$300 will fund a book case for our growing collection of military books and Regimental history. All such donations will be recognized by a plaque on the item acknowledging the source of the group donation.

Likewise, if your local service club or RSL or similar organisation would like to have a private tour of our museum, please ring John Holland to discuss your needs.

Finally, our museum would not be what it is today without the support of our members who help to maintain the grounds and building during working bees and arranged displays. We can always use additional help. I particularly would like to thank Paul Brown and Col Gould who helped me over several weekends recently to finalise important security works, as well as Ralph Seeto for some specialized help in the museum.

If you haven't visited our NGVR / PNGVR Museum, I look forward to hosting your first visit.

John Holland
Museum Curator.

Footnote: We are on the lookout for the following items for our museum;-

Vacuum cleaner; 6ft or 8 ft folding table;
Portable electric BBQ; Book cases;

NGVR / PNGVR MEMORIAL MUSEUM Boundary Road, WACOL

UBD: Map: 217 Ref: N 1

Opening Hours

10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Saturday 25th August;
Saturday 8th September;
Friday 14th September;
Saturday 13th October;
Saturday 20th October;
Saturday 27th October;
Saturday 3 November;
Saturday 10 November;

John Holland—Ph: 07 3800 1554

MOTION ON NOTICE—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In June 2007, the Queensland Government introduced amended model rules for Incorporated and not-for-profit organizations.

The changes add a few new rules governing quorums, duties and rights of members. What this means to our Association is that the new rules will need to be tabled at the AGM so that our Constitution can be amended to comply with the new model rules. There will be NO change to our name, aims, objectives or classification of membership.

Honorary Solicitor, Bruce Crawford, will table the new rules at the AGM and will clarify the changes and additions to the model rules during the AGM.

Colin Gould— SECRETARY



PIR, PIB, NGIB members who recently joined as Associates are:-

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|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Mr John ANDRSON | (NGIB) | Mr Raymond BRELEY | (NGIB) |
| Major Albert HABERLEY | (PIR) | Mr Gregory IVEY | (PIR) |
| Mr Ronald JAGER | (PIB) | Mr Graham JOHNSON | (PIR) |
| Mr Edmond JONES | (NGIB) | WO2 Keith PAYNE, VC, OAM, DSC. | (PIR) |
| Lt Colonel Tony PERRIMAN | (PIR) | Lt Colonel Alistair POPE | (PIR) |
| Mr Peter PORTEOUS | (PIR) | Dr L T ROBEY | (PIB) |
| Mr Malcolm ROBINSON | (PIR) | Mr Phillip SEMMENS | (PIR) |
| Mr Roy SHEARGOLD | (PIB) | Colonel Cecily SMITH | (PIR) |
| Mr Peter SUNA | (PIR) | Mr Victor SVENSON | (PIR) |
| Colonel David WILKINS | (PIR) | WO2 John WILKINSON | (PIB) |

We welcome the following new members to the Association:-

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|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| Mr John DENING, OAM. ED | (NGIB) | Mr Alexander FOSTER | (PIB) |
| Lt. Colonel Donald GILLIES | (PIR) | Mr Les IRVING | (ANGAU) |
| Mr Frank PARKIN | (NGIB / PIR) | Mr John PICKERING | (NGIB) |
| Mr Geoffrey STOOKE, OAM | (PIR) | | |

Our NGVR / PNGVR military museum at Wacol in Brisbane, currently houses a wide range of military displays, photos, and publications, in particular of the New Guinea campaign. Our museum welcomes donations or "on loan" memorabilia relating to PIB, NGIB and PIR. Receipts will be issued for all material and "on loan" items will be returned when requested. In the case of photographs, if the original is not available for display, then a digital copy would still be appreciated. To arrange a visit to our museum, please contact our Museum Curator, John Holland on 07 38001554. Please help us to preserve the unique histories of our New Guinea Regiments.

MEMO

2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- DATE:** Saturday 29 September 2007
- VENUE:** 6 RAR Long Tan Sergeants Mess, Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera, Brisbane.
- TIME:** 4.00 pm Assemble 4.45 pm AGM
6.20 pm Buffet Reunion Dinner \$ 15 pp at the door.
- RSVP:** Essential for catering & entry to the Barracks. ASAP
- RSVP:** Col Gould 042 456 2030 or pngvr@optusnet.com.au
- DRESS:** Jacket / ANZAC Day dress with miniatures

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS MOST WELCOME

Limited overnight accommodation may be available on site. Names to Col Gould—First come first served.



MEMO
To: All Members
From: Bob Harvey-Hall 4 Katrina Court, Mooroolbark, Victoria 3318

Dear Member

Maybe you are aware I am *compiling* a history of PNGVR. You were a member of our unique CMF Unit, some of you for a short term, some for a long term. I urgently need your input to finish this project. So far I have drafted some 200 plus pages, however I need the personal touch to complete this important task.

I reckon it is incumbent on those who were members of PNGVR to leave a legacy of our involvement. On ANZAC Day in 2006 and again in 2007, I appealed to those in the Exchange Hotel to provide me with "*your story*" of your time in PNGVR. When I visited members at the various tables on those days, most of you said you would send me your memories of your time in our unique unit. I am still waiting; two members have responded. I am not interested in your CV. I require your story of your involvement in PNGVR.

This is important. Please think about things/events that happen when you were a member of an illustrious Battalion and what those events meant to you, how any of these events affected you, the camps you attended, the courses you went to, the promotion exams you sat for, anecdotes, anything of significance, about the Commanding Officers we inherited each couple of years, our Adjutants, and the other soldiers, CMF or ARA who were part of our military service. Why did you join? Were you there during the Indonesian confrontation? What about those of you who went to Vietnam? How did you wife / partner feel about your involvement?

Gentlemen, so far the majority of you have failed the promise. Please write to me as soon as possible so I can complete this important task in 2007.

Yours in PNGVR, Bob Harvey-Hall.

PROPOSED BOOK—PERSONAL STORIES OF NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES IN WW 2. A UNIQUE AUSTRALIAN ARMY UNIT

For a period of time the above stories were being serialized in 'Harim Tok Tok'. At present we have approximately 30 of these unique stories and to continue to serialize them would take many years. It has been on our mind for some time now to have these personal stories put into print forever in a suitable superior quality book—the individuals who have given their stories deserve them to be preserved and remembered forever. The book will also contain photos when they can be obtained.

Over the past five years we have endeavoured to obtain finance from a variety of Government funded sources, but, at this stage, we do not appear to be able to receive more than \$4,000—to publish a suitable high quality hard back book will cost some \$20,000 +

To enable us to proceed with the printing and publishing of this book, the Committee has made the decision to request members and friends to now subscribe to forward sales and request donations from those who are in the position to assist. The cost of the book will be \$65 plus \$10 postage and packaging. If we can reach a target of 50% of the estimated cost of publishing, i.e. \$10,000 we will commence the project.

Therefore we request that those interested in the book and wish to assist to forward your advance purchase funds of \$75 (including postage/packaging) with a cheque made out to NGVR/PNGVR Association to:-

Bob Collins
Unit 45 'Capricornia'
121 Surf Parade, BROADBEACH QLD 4218

All forward sales and donations will be receipted, and, if for some reason, the publication does not go ahead, monies will be refunded. The stories still to be printed are many and varied—the NGVR certainly had a most interesting time during WW2 and you will enjoy reading about those members who either worked with the US Forces, flew aircraft around New Guinea, rafted down the Markham into Japanese occupied Lae, worked in top secret wireless installations or then served with AIF units both in Australia, New Guinea and the Middle East.

**EXTRACT FROM THE HISTORY OF PNGVR BEING
COMPILED BY BOB HARVEY-HALL.....**

In 1965, Dr A J Forbes, the Minister for the Army, paid a 10 day visit to the Territory in July. The Minister announced that he was particularly interested in the work of the Pacific Islands Regiment and Army engineers engaged on Territory construction work. Dr Forbes visited outstations of the PIR at Moem and Vanimo and inspected work of the West Australian 22nd Construction Squadron at Passam, near Wewak. He also inspected PNGVR sub units at Lae, Goroka and Rabaul and defence installations at Manus.

At Lae, Dr Forbes inspected the first integrated Army Guard of Honour held in PNG. He is how the Times Courier newspaper covered the Minister's visit to Lae:

**Lae awaits Army Minister
Historic Guard of Honour**

Lae will present its first integrated military Guard of Honour when the Minister for the Army, Dr A J Forbes, arrives in town next Thursday towards the end of a Territory wide tour. Dr Forbes is making his first visit to the Territory as Minister for the Army. Dr Forbes is scheduled to arrive in Lae by air on Thursday at 2.30 pm. The Guard of Honour has been organized by "A" Coy (Lae) of the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. Two European officers and two European Sergeants and 30 other ranks comprising Europeans, Chinese, Mixed Race Papuans and New Guineans will take part in the ceremony at Lae airport. Dr Forbes will also be received at the airport by Morobe District Commissioner Mr Alan Timperley, RSL representatives and Capt Bob Harvey-Hall, Officer Commanding "A" Company of the PNGVR.

The Minister's Lae itinerary will include a conducted tour of the town and in the evening he will be guest of honour at a function in the Sergeant's Mess at the PNGVR Training Depot in Huon Road. Said a PNGVR spokesman: "The

function is being organized basically to enable Dr Forbes to meet all members of "A" Company in addition to official guests. We are catering for a total of 120 people". The spokesman said the present strength of the PNGVR in Lae was about 65, including all ranks.

The Guard Commander was Lt Tony St John and the other officer was Lt Ron Strand. A large contingent of local people and Europeans, as well as airport staff were on hand to see the ceremony. Here is a Pidgin English translation of the Minister's visit.

GAD I—REDI LONG MINISTA

"Gad bilong hona, stat long "A "Kampani em istap long piksa hia ol I—sanap long Lae ples balus long taim balus karim Dokta Forbes i-kam srtet long gad istap ino long we long balus. Pastaim tru Lae soldia o PNGVR soim aut pastaim gad long wik t-go pinis Fonde long taim ol e kamap long ples balus long welkam Minista belong Ami Dokta A J Forbes emi bin kamap long apinun istap wanpela nait na luklik raun long Teritori.

Dr Forbes wantaim Misis bilongen, em morobe Distrik Komisina sekanim han bilong tupela na Kapten Bob Harvey-Hall, Opisa Komanding "A "Kampani sekanim ein tu. Behain em i-bin lukluk o inspect gad wokabaut isi isi lukluk long an wan man na toktok long sampela gad tu. Plenty pipal bilong Lae i-bin bung istap long ples balus lukluk long kamap bilong Minista bilong Ami. Dr Forbes bihain I—kamap long Saiden haus kaikai long PNGVR Trenin Depot.

Indeed, the Guard had been ready for the Minister for some time. Not long after, at the request of the A Company Commander, the Minister of the Army, autographed a photo of himself inspecting the Guard at Lae airport, with the requirement that it not be used for any publicity purposes.



**VISIT TO BRISBANE
USS KITTYHAWK**
John Holland, Paul Brown and Col Gould recently had the opportunity to visit the USS Kittyhawk in Brisbane and tour its main hanger bay and flight deck.

Its BIG. Very BIG ! It is the US Navy's longest serving and last diesel powered aircraft carrier now due to be decommissioned later this year after 46 years service all over the world including Vietnam and Iraq.

- Some amazing statistics:-
- Build 1961 for US \$265,200,000
 - 1065 ft or 323 meters long and 282 ft or 86 meter wide
 - Displacement 81,788 tons
 - 8 decks and 11 levels
 - Speed 30 knots plus
 - 4 engines / 8 boilers
 - Electric capacity 14 million watts
 - 4 x 7 meter propellers
 - 4 steam launching catapults
 - 4 aircraft elevators each 58,500 kg capacity
 - Total meals serve daily 12,000
 - Water distilled daily 1,278,000 L
 - Defence- 16 sea sparrow missiles + 42 RAM missiles + 2 close-in batteries of 1500 rounds each + 2 x 50 cal MG + 4 M60 MG + on board fully armed Marines.
 - 7 doctors & surgeons
 - 3500 on board telephones
 - 1500 on board computers
 - 5 Dentists 2 Lawyers 2 Chaplains
 - 5,500 crew 75 aircraft
 - Diesel fuel capacity 7,600,000 Lit.
 - TV satellite w/wide + 12 channels
 - Bread daily bake 900 loaves
 - Post office—1125 kg mail daily
 - Annual payroll US \$145,000,000
 - On-board retail shops— Two
 - Total compartments & spaces 2,400
 - Inventory = 60,000 items
 - Catapult launch: 0 to 180 mph in 2 seconds at the rate of 1 aircraft every 30 seconds via 4 catapults.

(top) The E-2C Hawkeye is the eyes of the fleet, Its circular dome on top of the aircraft allows its 5 person crew to provide air intercept information, attack mission data, air traffic control instructions and search and rescue assistance. YES ! Each of its two engines has an 8 bladed propeller.

(Centre) Top guns—Paul Brown, Col Gould and John Holland on the flight deck of the USS Kittyhawk.

(Bottom) Seahawk helicopters are equipped with a dipping sonar dome and 2 Mark 4 torpedoes for close-in, anti-submarine missions. They also provide combat search and rescue, as well as anti surface and naval special warfare support missions.



**FROM THE PNGVR
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(Left) Ken Newton
Graeme Blanch
Peter Rogers, DFC.
(Long taim bipo)

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VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC.

2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PROXY FORM

I,of.....
(Financial Member's name) (Address)

being a financial Member of the above named Association, hereby appoint

.....of.....
(Member's name) (Address)

as my PROXY to vote for me on my behalf at the 2007 Annual General Meeting to be held
on Saturday the 29 September 2007 at the Long Tan Sgts Mess, Gallipoli Army
Barracks, Enoggera and at any adjourment thereof.

Signed:.....Date:.....

(NB Proxy's close with the Secretary 1630 Hours on the day/date of the A.G.M.)

Post to: The Secretary, PO Box 885, PARK RIDGE, Queensland. 4125

NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA
VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC

2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOMINATION FORM

MEMBER NOMINATED:.....

COMMITTEE POSITION NOMINATED FOR:.....

Positions: President: Vice-President (PNG Rep) Vice-President; Secretary: Treasurer:
plus Committee Member (up to 7 positions)

NOMINATED BY: (Print).....DATE:.....SIGNATURE:.....

SECONDED BY: (Print).....DATE:.....SIGNATURE:.....

(NB: Nominations, in writing, close with the Secretary last mail 1700 Hours
Friday 14 th September 2007)

NB Only those full members who are FINANCIAL at the time of the AGM may nominate/
second or be nominated for the Committee.

Post to: The Secretary, PO Box 885, PARK RIDGE, Queensland. 4125

PROPOSED VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA JULY 2008
SURVEY

Dear Member

If you are interested in a proposed tour in Papua New Guinea in July 2008, which will include PNG Remembrance Day (23 July) and visits to former PNGVR sites, could you please complete this survey which will greatly assist the Association to compile a tour that would best meet the needs of those interested. Please complete the survey and return it to the Secretary as soon as possible. (Please circle your answers)
Your answers are not binding.

1. How many days would you like to spend on a visit to PNG ? 7 days 10 days 14 days 20 days other__

2. Which towns would you like to visit and how many days would you like to spend in each location?

Port Moresby _____ days

Lae _____ days.

Mt Hagen / Banz _____ days

Goroka _____ days

Wewak _____ days

Madang _____ days

Rabaul _____ days

Kavieng _____ days

Kainantu _____ days

(Other) _____ days

(Other) _____ days

(Other) _____ (days)

3. What important features or historic places of interest would you like to visit in PNG? (For example Igam Barracks, Madang Club, Parliament House, Tunnel Hill, Royal Papuan Yatch Club etc)

4. If traveling alone or with your partner or family member etc, what type of accommodation would you prefer?

Single room

Double room

Twin share

5. Please submit any comments or suggestions on the proposed tour.

It is envisaged that the tour will depart from Brisbane with the first stop over in Port Moresby. The tour will include attendance at PNG Remembrance Day on 23 July (location not yet known) and conclude in Port Moresby by approx 26 / 27 July 2008.

Your comments and suggestions would be much appreciated.

Col Gould

Submitted By:.....

NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA
VOLUNTEER RIFLES EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INC.
2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday the 29th SEPTEMBER 2007

VENUE: Long Tan Sergeants Mess, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera. Brisbane

TIMES: 4.00 pm.....Assemble in the Mess - Comradeship
4.45 pm..... ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6.00 pm..... AGM ends
6.20 pm..... Buffet Dinner / Port / Camaraderie until "late"

DRESS: Anzac Day Dress with Miniatures or Suit/Jacket with Miniatures
\$15 pp Buffet Dinner / Sweets / Port Payable on the night.

4.45 pm Call to Order
* Welcome Address
* Apologies
* Confirmation of Minutes of the 2006 AGM (to be circulated)
* Business arising from the previous AGM Minutes
* Correspondence / Treasurer's Report / Welfare Officer / Historic Officer
* President's Report
* Election of Officer Bearers for 2007/8
* General Business
- Appointment of Auditors
- Motion on Notice— Constitutional amendments in order to comply with
new State Legislation for Incorporated Associations.
- Other General Business

C.L. Gould - Secretary

ALL MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES AND GUESTS WELCOME TO ATTEND

PLEASE NOTE: 

1. To avoid costly over or under catering for the AGM dinner, please email or phone your intention to ATTEND (or apologies) by 12 September to:-

Col Gould Ph 042 456 2030 pngvr@optusnet.com.au
Please subject title your email:- "AGM 2007 "

Names are required, in advance, for the Security on the Enoggera Barracks Gate.

2. Overnight single accommodation may be available in the Mess or adjacent Messes on the Saturday evening, depending on requirements for serving soldiers on the 29 September. Please email or phone Col Gould if you require overnight accommodation, ASAP. Accommodation, if available, will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Ring Col Gould NOW ! 042 456 2030 pngvr@optusnet.com.au



25th January 1926



23 July 2007

**W.O. 2 HARVEY OSWALD BOOTH
PNGVR
AGED: 81 YEARS**

Harvey joined his beloved Valmai (died 12 January 2001) and passed away in Bundaberg, still telling jokes and making trouble for the nurses right up to the end.

Harvey was born in Brisbane in 1926, but grew up in Sydney on the Georges River. He moved back to Brisbane in the late 40's where he met Valmai. They married in Bundaberg before moving to Mt Hagen in 1951. What an adventure, no running water, no electricity, only wood burning stoves, houses made of local materials and only one other Expatriate woman on the station. As they said, thank goodness for kerosene fridges.

Harvey moved to Wewak as District Clerk in 1956 and then onto Port Moresby where he worked in a number of Departments of the Public Service.

During his 25 years in PNG, Harvey reached the rank of WO 2 in PNGVR serving in several locations.

Harvey, his wife and two daughters left PNG in 1974 and returned to the Gold Coast declaring it was far too cold to live any further south. Harvey and Val returned to Bundaberg where Harvey retired permanently in 1989.

Harvey returned to PNG as part of a 6 man Rotary working group to assist in the recovery of the 1998 tsunami in the old West Sepik District

An enthusiastic participant in anything life had to offer from climbing Mt Whilhem in PNG at aged 28 to climbing Mt Beerwah (Glass House Mountains) at 80, Harvey had a zest for life that rubbed off on everyone he met.

His family Eulogy quotes....

Dad was committed to his PNGVR. His first bivouac saw him in his new uniform, new boots and new hat and feeling pretty good about himself. There was a mock battle in the early morning dark, which meant getting quickly dressed in the dark—the battle took place with much running here and running there and climbing all over the place. When everyone had returned to base, tired and sore, Dad was heard to complain "I can't imagine how anyone can be expected to fight a war in these god awful uncomfortable hobnailed boots" the fellow next to him looked down and said "Harvey that's probably because you have them on the wrong feet."

Rest in Peace Harvey.