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Dear Member,

I know its some time away, but take out your diary and note that our Christmas Luncheon get-together will be held on Sunday 9th November at the Mandarin Club. See the separate note for details, including parking.

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P.N.G. Independence Day celebration. The Papua New Guinea Club is holding its annual function in the form of a sit-down dinner at the Manly Civic Club, 2 West Promenade, Manly (just a short distance from the ferry wharf). The date is Wednesday, 17th september, the time is 7 p.m. for pre-dinner drinks, and to help defray expenses the cost is \$20.00 per head. A cordial invitation is extended to our members to join in the celebrations. Please send cheque to Irene Cordukes, Honorary Secretary, Papua New Guinea club, P.O. Box 590 Manly NSW 2095 by no later that Friday 12 September, so that proper arrangements can be made.

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Bouquet to Canberra. If you are late with your tax return you can't blame the P.N.G. Section of the government Retirement Benefits Office. The very efficient ladies there had our Group Certificates out on time, a few even before the 30th June!

Your Committee would also like to express our appreciation for the work done for our Members by Mrs Joy Falconer of that section, and our regret at her untimely passing.

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Association Finance. We recently made our rather reluctant and first tax payment --\$2s2.15 for 1984-5.

For the first six months of this year the surplus of income over expenditure was only 43 cents. As most subscriptions are received during the first part of the

year, this indicates a considerable loss for the full year and shows the need for the subscription increase to \$5.00 passed at the A.G.M. Our main cost is the Newsletter which has risen from 27.4 cents per issue in 1981 to 56.9 cents in '85 and 98.5 cents for the two issues so far this year. This reflects not only higher costs but also more pages per issue.

It would be a wonderful thing if all Members would make that little extra effort and send in their subs without having to be reminded by special letter. Chasing people for their fees is both a waste of the Honorary Treasurer's time and a waste of your/our money.

**IF THE NOTICE ON PAGE 12 SHOWS YOU ARE IN THE RED
PLEASE SEND THE AMOUNT SHOWN TO THE TREASURER**

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Honorary Treasurer. Gabriel Keleny, who has been our Treasurer for the past five years, has been suffering from failing sight in one eye and this has forced him to resign his position, which will be taken over by Bill Johnston. Gabriel has not only looked after our records in minute detail, he has also carried out the onerous tasks of keeping our membership records up to date, of chasing lapsed Members, of discovering potential members and of finding widows who did not know, or had forgotten, that the Association existed. He has also given sympathetic advice to Members or spouses, as many of you will testify. Apart from those aspects, Gabriel has been an excellent committee member, making sure that our actions were constitutional, not afraid to express a dissenting view, nor to act as a "needle" when things needed speeding up.

Thank you, Gabriel, for five years of unpaid but very productive work!

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Air Niugini Tickets. On page 4 of our March issue we reported the very fine gesture by Brian Costello, Australian Manager for Air Niugini, in giving two return tickets to Port Moresby to the Association. Unfortunately we did not receive one suggestion from Members as to how to use the tickets, although we had many expressions of appreciation of the Airline's gift. Your Committee therefore awarded the tickets to two University students - a man and a woman - writing theses on PNG. Part of their letter of appreciation reads: "We were both surprised at the quantity and richness of information and material that was available to us in PNG, and we can happily say that everyone we contacted was extremely helpful. Our trip has added greatly to the quality of our final work and for that we can only thank your gracious generosity." They spent two weeks in the University Library and the National Archives and one week conducting interviews in the field. Copies of their theses will be available to the Association at the end of the year.

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PNG 11th Anniversary Display. This will be held from 15 - 26 September at the NSW Government Information Centre in the P & O Building (Castlereagh & Hunter Street). Your committee has agreed again to help to staff the exhibition. This involves very little work and is mainly a matter of being there. Would

anyone who can spare a few hours between those dates please get in touch with Harry West (498 2271), and you will be allocated a time convenient to you. In any case I'm sure that Members would enjoy the Display, which will include photos, paintings, artefacts, stamps and trade items. So why not call in for a few minutes and have a look around.

Papua New Guinea Association. Laurie Le Fevre recently called in on our Thursday luncheon at the Anzac Memorial Club in North Sydney. He mentioned that a PNG group was alive and kicking in Melbourne and has sent details -- Papua New Guinea Association, contact Brian Thomas (Secretary ?), 19 Herbert Street, Ringwood, 3134, ph.879 1101, or Mrs Weka Tarr, 8 Lisbon Street, Glen Waverley, 3150, ph. 233 4066.

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Black and White Magazine. Our March Issue reported that Henry Lack was organising a volume to contain all issues of the magazine -- minus advertising. His new address is 51 Ellen Street, Oxley, Qld. 4075.

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Bribie Island PNG Reunion. The organisers of the very successful reunion held last Australia Day weekend want to begin planning for next year, especially as Lois Baker, the organiser/caterer extraordinaire, is unfortunately not available and caterers may have to be hired. They want feedback on such questions as :

the date -- is the Australia Day weekend suitable?
venues -- Golden Age Centre or RSL? and
the activities -- ?

Some ideas worthy of the famed PNG initiative would be welcomed by Geoff Masters, 11 Brookes Street, Woorim, Bribie Island, Qld. 4507, ph. 075 48 2242.

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HELP WANTED: A John Bollard wants to find out more about his aunt, Mrs Margaret Webster, who was in Papua or New Guinea just before the war. He has a photograph with the following names: Alec Ferguson, Wyn, Clementina, Dud, Arthur Ives, Mr Hislop and Barry and Bob Allen. If anyone can place these names in a particular place at a particular time would they please contact John Bollard, 2 Terrie Avenue, Figtree NSW 2525, ph. (042)28 9503.

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REMEMBER : To share with a friend is to experience twice the beauty !

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A NOTICE SEEN IN A CHINA SHOP :

Nice to look	-	Nice to hold
When you drop it	-	CONSIDER SOLD.

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Take note that on Sunday
the 9th day of November, 1986
at 11.30 in the forenoon

You are summoned to appear at the Annual
Christmas Luncheon of the Retired Officers'
Association of Papua New Guinea, to be held at
the Mandarin Club, corner of Goulburn and Pitt
Streets, Sydney.

Parking is available 50 yards away in the
Council Car Park, corner of Goulburn and
Castlereagh Streets -- \$2.00 all day !!

Come one, come all -- and don't forget families
and friends are very welcome.

Please send cheque for \$15.00 per head to:

Pamela Foley, our Assistant Secretary,
C/- P.O. Box 199, Mosman, 2088

Cancellations up to 9.30.a.m. Saturday 8th Nov.
will receive full refund.

WEEKLY LUNCHEON - ALL WELCOME - AMPLE PARKING
NORTH SYDNEY ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB - MILLER STREET.

We meet at NOON for several hours for drinks. Lunch is
available at a very reasonable price. COME ALONG! !!

Readers will remember the fatal crash of the De Havilland Dragon near Wapenamanda in 1951, when attempting the initial landing on the new Yacramanda airstrip, built to service the Wabag Sub-District.

The aircraft overshot the strip and could not reach sufficient height to climb out of the valley into which it had headed - a valley which was also so narrow that turning the plane was impossible. A trail of jettisoned cargo and effects showed the desperate efforts made to lighten the loading - but all to no avail and the plane crashed, and all three on board died.

Fellow officers of the three arranged for the erection of a memorial on a prominent position just outside Wapenamanda station. Part of the De Havilland engine block was mounted on a cairn of stones to which was attached a brass plaque reading:

IN MEMORY OF
CAPTAIN SIDNEY PEEBLES
QANTAS

ROBERT KENNEDY EARL
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, WABAG
and

KEITH ROYAL KEAR
DISTRICT AIRPORT INSPECTOR, MADANG

Killed 13th December, 1951
while attempting the initial landing
at Yarramanda airstrip.

For years the cairn stood, visible to all and well maintained, but in the mid-70s the road was re-routed and eventually the memorial became neglected and overgrown.

Bill Kelly (DDA and Lands) remembers discussing the memorial with John Edwards, ADC Wapenamanda, when passing through in 1977. He gathered that John might ask the Lutheran Mission to re-erect it at St. Paul's High School next to Yarramanda strip.

Earlier this year Harry West (DDA) and Bill went to PWG and hired a 4WD vehicle to drive through the Highlands where they had both been stationed in the fifties. At Wapenamanda neither the national ADC nor his staff knew anything about the crash or the memorial, although many local people contacted remembered the crash. On the way back our travellers called at St. Paul's School. The Headmaster had taught at Lae High School since 1976 and had only come to St. Paul's three weeks before - but, yes, he did know of the plaque. He had found it only the day before when tidying an office cupboard, but was totally perplexed as to how it had come there and what to do with it. On the other hand he said he would be happy to cooperate in any way he could.

Bill's and Harry's first reaction was to try to have the cairn rebuilt at the school at Yarramanda. However, Dennis Buchanan of Taiair has now suggested that it should be rebuilt at Wapenamanda, because -

1. Yarramanda strip is no longer used and being out of the way the memorial would be seen by comparatively few.
2. The main administrative and population centre is at Wapenamanda, and many more local people and visitors would see it.
3. Talair planes call there regularly and through his pilots Dennis would ensure that the memorial is maintained. He could also arrange for its rebuilding.

Bill and Harry agree with Dennis and will be contacting Qantas and Civil Aviation people for contributions, and gathering cost details and so on. Your Committee feels that restoration of the memorial would be a worthy cause and a continuing reminder to the people there of some of the sacrifices made in developing the area.

The Association itself cannot subscribe any monies to such a project, but it is setting up a fund to which Ken's former fellow officers may individually give a small donation. We are looking for a minimum of \$750.00 for the rebuilding, but hope to get a lot more which will be put in a trust fund to finance an annual prize for a senior year student at St. Paul's. This will reinforce the message of the memorial and help to keep memories of specific Australian efforts alive.

We already have promises of \$50.00 in kitty. Send contributions to the Treasurer, but clearly marked Aircrash Memorial.

Some other Budget news: The new marginal tax rates will be -

<u>Income p.a.</u>	<u>From 1/12/86</u> %	<u>From 1/7/87</u> %
0 - 5,100	0	0
5,101 - 12,600	24	24
12,601 - 19,500	29	29
19,501 - 28,000	43	40
28,001 - 35,000	46	40
35,001 and over	55	49

Medicare Levy will increase from 1% to 1.25% from 1 December but those on incomes up to \$8,030 for single and \$13,370 for married couples and sole parents will not pay any levy. An additional \$1660 is allowed for each dependent child. New P.A.Y.E. schedules covering the changed rates and Medicare will apply from December 1st. You will be informed of the details by the Retirement Benefits office.

Health changes from November 1: The scheduled fees for doctors will be increased and the maximum patient contribution will be raised from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Cost of prescriptions on the Pharmaceutical Benefits list is to be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Individuals or families requiring more than 25 prescriptions per year will receive the extra ones free -- so keep receipts/records, especially if you travel.

V A L E

With deep regret we record the passing of the following Members and friends. On behalf of the Association the Committee extends sincere sympathy to their families.

Mrs Mavis Neve 16/4/86	Married to John at Brandl School, Wewak, then living at Hagen and Moresby, where Mavis worked hard for CWA. Leaves husband John, son Geoffrey and daughter Jenny.
Mrs Lorraine Houghton 18/4/86	A member of the Signal Corps in WW2, and former personnel officer in Agriculture in Moresby, Lorraine was a dedicated worker for Red Cross, CWA and pre-schools from 1952-75. Leaves husband David and daughter Lesley.
William (Bill) Cottrell-Dormer 8/6/86	Former Director of DAsF, retiring 1961 to live in Brisbane. Leaves wife Kathleen. (see separate para.)
Mrs Matilda Burke 10/6/86	Widow of Clarence, former Treasury clerk.
Richard (Dick) Winter 16/6/86	Former foreman storeman in Treasury, retiring in 1965. Leaves widow Margot at Chevron Island.
Charles Baines 11/7/86	Early DCA Officer in Moresby, well known for his work with the Hanuabada Scout Troop and interest in climbing - for instance, Mount Victoria.
Doug Elphinstone 18/7/86	Pre-war engineer then pilot. During war in Airforce Reserve on loan to Qantas, flying to & from PNG. Late forties started coffee plantation near Goroka, selling out early 60s to run a Volkswagen franchise in Sydney, before retiring to Queensland. Leaves wife Ethel, sons Peter & Geoffrey & daughter Jan.
Miss Pat Davies 25/7/86	Physiotherapist in Health Dept who retired to Melbourne in 1974.
E. J. (Ernie) Slee 30/7/86	Retired from Treasury in 1949 to live in Brisbane. Leaves wife Kathleen.

Mrs Gladys (PIN) Champion 3/9/86	Wife of Claude, former Secretary of our Association. She assisted Claude in sending out "Una Voce" by hand written envelopes to all members.
William (Bill) Goodfellow 2/8/86	Technician in Posts & Telegraphs, retiring in 1971. Leaves widow Mary, living at Mermaid Beach.
Mrs Joy Falconer 2/8/86	Formerly Joy Webb, of Works in Moresby in fifties. Latterly in Retirement Benefits Office, Canberra. Leaves husband Tom in Hackett.
Mrs Eileen Clark /8/86	Widow of John F. Clark.
Captain Duncan Barr /8/86	Skipper of overseas ships working Rabaul and other PNG ports.
Miss Isobel McArthur 11/8/86	Retired in 1953 from Customs. Isobel was the second last of our pre-war female officers. (Aged 88)
Mrs Gladys Sinclair 31/8/86	Wife of 'Sandy' Sinclair (i/c of Police Training Depot). Died after long illness.

AND DID YOU HEAR THIS.....

- Des and Jeanne Ashton were recently in Sydney for a reunion with daughters Lyn and Jenny and their families. The occasion was to celebrate the christening of their newest granddaughter -- Nicola, daughter of Jenny and husband Bob Smith. Des and Jeanne are looking forward to a trip to Perth to watch the Americas Cup races, where Des has managed to get seats on a Press boat.

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- Ted Foad, formerly of Madang, Rabaul and Finshhafen in roadbuilding & ships is now settled in Ravenshoe, North Queensland where he is Chairman of Helitrans Helicopters.

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- Also "up north are Lindsay Wilson (Education 17 years) at Yorkey's Knob and Paul Brigg (Education) now Director of Tablelands District Education Centre, Tolga.

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Bill Cottrell-Dormer

Bill worked with the sugar industry from 1921, gaining a Master of Science degree in Agriculture at the University of Queensland in 1936 and carrying out research in sugar and also in coconuts in the Solomons. With the war he was appointed by the Colonial office as Director of Agriculture Tonga, a post which included the British Solomons.

Early in 1947 Bill became the Director of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries in PNG. He had to organise the Department for its enlarged post-war functions with only a sprinkling of experienced pre-war officers and a handful of post-war graduates. He re-established and added to the experimental and district agricultural stations on which the work of the Department was based, and emphasised the need for extension work in the villages.

In 1949 his first wife died, and soon after Bill resigned as Director to put into practice a long held vision of using agriculture as the basis for the social and economic development of village people. He married Katherine Healy, sister to Mick and Clarrie, and went to the Mekeo - then in 1951 to Milne Bay. Using coconuts and coffee as the major crops, and village and womens' committees as a basis for organising, he succeeded in raising village production and improving development generally.

In 1961 he retired to Brisbane, working part-time as a lecturer and doing an occasional project for the South Pacific Commission, an organisation he helped to create in 1947.

Agricultural development in Papua New Guinea owes much to Bill Cottrell-Dormer.

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For those with memories of Rabaul, or full of questions about volcanoes - the book "Volcano Town" covers the 1937 - 43 eruptions, when more than 500 died, and shows how they influenced decisions on the future of Rabaul as Capital of New Guinea. It also covers the problems which could again occur. Obtainable from Robert Brown & Associates P.O. Box 29, Bathurst NSW 2795 for \$14.95 and \$4.50 postage - or \$5 if other than Australia or the Pacific.

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Thought for the day --

Lost time is never found again.....

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Action for this Moment --

Have you marked your diary for 11.30am on 9th November 1986 for the Annual Christmas Luncheon of the Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea at the MANDARIN CLUB (Goulburn and Pitt Streets)

HAVE YOU HEARD.....

- New Member Graham Taylor (D.D.A 1948-58 and ASDPA 48 and 53/4) is now General Manager, A.B.C. South Australia.
- Lucy Moorhouse spent 2 months last year in Balimo. Back in Cleveland (Qld - not Ohio!) Lucy keeps in touch with ex-Territorians Lin McAlister (matron in Rabaul, Wewak and Moresby), Ruth Graham - widow of 'Speed' (registrar of cooperatives), and Grace Hartley, widow of Grayson (Medical Assistant).
- Mona Normoyle, widow of Chris, and now a long time resident of Bowral, hasn't been very well lately. Hope the Spring and warmer weather in the Southern Tablelands will help Mona recuperate!
- Mentioning the Normoyle seniors reminds me that son Tony and daughter-in-law Del are living in Perth where they play lawn bowls with Des and Jim Sullivan (DDA). (That's a foursome I'd pay money to behold! Ed.). Grandson Chris Normoyle is married and "expecting" whilst granddaughter Woman Police Constable Julia was married in March to Constable Ken Foster. Just to complete the picture their other granddaughter Sandra and great-granddaughter Amy are doing well.
- Edna and Les Raebel have moved back from W.A. to Qld. I also heard a rumour that they had won \$50,000 in Superlotto -- half their luck !
- Eern and Jill Sharp (DDA Rigo and Alotoga) took a holiday from Occidental Insurance recently and went north. They called on the Masters (DCA) at Bribie, Joyce and John Ellis (Moresby) and the Jim Sinclairs. Jim told them that Part I of 'Balus' a history of post war aviation, should be on sale by Christmas.
- Ron Galloway is still frozen after a trip to Cooma where he took his old friend Father Alex Michellod to christen Ron's grandchild. Father Alex is said to be retiring to Switzerland after 40 years in the Central Province, mostly in the Gollala, but there is a chance he may return to a "light duties" job in the Moresby area. In either case we wish him well in the future.
- Isobel McColem recently had a triple by-pass heart operation and is recovering at home in Southport, where son Alistair is acting as nurse.
- An informal Rugby League reunion is to be held at the Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club near Hondi Junction in Sydney on 26th September, from 6 p.m. onwards. This should be a night of nostalgia - of how fit we were then! Those interested should contact Brian Deianey, P.O.Box 33, Bauikham Hillis, ph.(02)686 1256, or Brian Costello, Air Niugini, 100 Clarence Street Sydney, ph. (02)290 1544.
- "Burglar" Bunting has once again deceived the handicappers and recently won a Gold Coast PNG Club golf competition. Bob used to do this when he was ADO Lae but I thought that everyone had woken up to him by now!

AND HAVE YOU HEARD.....

- Geoff Masters has located a vessel, The Tropical Trader, which does a 12 day trip from Cairns to the islands north of Australia. The return fare all inclusive is \$300.00! Geoff hopes to do the trip himself very shortly and he will give us all the details after his trial run. He'd appreciate a call from anyone interested in going with him - ph.075-48-2242.
- Vai Connolly, wife of Ken, recently underwent a major operation and is recuperating at home - lots of good wishes, Vai.
- Andy and Pat McCullough have settled into their property at Nimmitabel. Andy says he's kept poor and busy but their cultural life is enriched by regular visits to concerts in Canberra.
- The Baker family from Bribe have been in the news this year. Lois was given an Australia Day award by the Chairman of the Caboulture Shire Council for services to the Community --this apart from her sterling work as head of the catering committee for the PNG reunion in January. Jack and son Wahgi have bought a trawler working out of North Queensland and now we hear Jack is a contract teacher on the nearby mainland
- Carl Schuler was 90 on 22 June, and now living in the Lady Davidson Home at Turramurra. Also to reach that ripe old age this year are Mrs Muriel Gough, Miss C. Burton, and Bill Chester. Congratulations to all four!
AND even more to Mrs W.G. Hogan, who reaches 99 this year.

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For those interested in Pidgin, or just nostalgic about the language, Bill Tomasetti (DDA and University of PNG) has finally completed the Pidgin translation of Professor Peter Lawrence's classic book on cargo cult, "Road Bilong Cargo". Whilst I am sure that we still all find a few words which we can question, Bill has done a tremendous job in his 333 page opus. The book has been said to mark the coming of age of Pidgin as a language in its own right - a very reasonable assertion in my view. Its well worth the price of A\$19.95 including postage. Just send a cheque to the Publishing Section, Institute of PNG Studies, P.O. Box 1432, Boroko, Papua New Guinea.

It will be interesting to hear what that doyen of Pidgin translators, John Joseph Murphy, has to say about "Rot Bilong Kago".

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That's all for this issue -- more in December. In the meantime remember that you might not be able to do much about the length of your life but you certainly can do something about it's depth and breadth!

Best wishes,

Freddie
Freddie K.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS :

ALLEN MRS C.R. 12 Herbert Street, LOTA QLD 4179
 COTTRELL - ODRMER Mrs K.A. 2/15 Grove Street, TOOWONG QLD 4066
 HUBBARD T.J. Lord Road, SEVILLE VIC 3139
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S T D P P R E S SCHANGES IN SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS:

As forecast in the Treasurer's Budget Speech -- and mentioned on page 1 of the June "Una Voce Newsletter" as a possibility - the legislation covering our superannuation payments is being amended and the increase of 9.2% we have received from July will be amended to an increase of 7.2% from payday of 23rd October. Superannuants receiving either fortnightly or monthly payments will be advised of the exact individual changes close to that date. Your Committee wants all Superannuants to understand that this is part of the overall discounting of 2% applied earlier to wages and salaries by the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and that it has also been applied to Commonwealth Superannuants. However, we are particularly concerned for those of the lower end of the superannuation scale and we are conferring with the Commonwealth Superannuated Officers' Association as to what can be done.

ARE YOU IN THE RED ?????????????? I F S O :-
 Outstanding Subscriptions as shown should be forwarded to the HONDRARY TREASURER
 Mr. BILL JOHNSTON, 25 Hillview Street, SAN SOUCI NSW 2219.

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