



Una Voce News Letter

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Dear Member,

Once again we received a large number of Christmas and New Year Greetings either by card or letter and the President and your Committee want those members to know how much these were appreciated. The card from the Brisbane PNG Ladies group indicated that their numbers were down and we sincerely hope that this did not indicate that a number of your usual group were sick or had passed on. Our best wishes to you all.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

OUR ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 23 APRIL 1995 AT THE MANDARIN CLUB

Full details about the meeting and luncheon are to be found in the centre pages.

Senior or incapacitated members, who would like to attend but would have difficulty because of transport problems, please contact our Secretary, Mr. Joe Nitsche, or our Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Pamela Foley, whose telephone numbers are shown above, and they will endeavour to arrange transport.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that the 1995 annual subscription (\$8) became due and payable on 1 January 1995, unless, of course, you paid in advance.

Members can check their financial standing, by examining the address label on the envelope from this issue of *Una Voce*. At the bottom right hand corner of the address label is the year to which you have paid subscription/s, i.e., 1994, 1995, 2000, 2010 etc. If, on the label, the year shown is 1994, you were only financial until 31 December 1994.

So that there will be no misunderstanding as to financial status, those members who are currently unfinancial will also receive a separate reminder in this issue (in red) and we would appreciate you forwarding your 1995 subscription without delay.

Any member, who continues to be unfinancial as at 31 May 1995, will not receive the June 1995 issue of the Newsletter containing the Membership List nor any further issues of the Newsletter until subscriptions are paid.

ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE

It would be appreciated if all correspondence to the Association were addressed to: The Secretary, R.O.A.P.N.G., P.O. Box 452, ROSEVILLE NSW 2069

The Secretary, who regularly collects the mail from our Post Office Box, ensures that any mail for action by other members of the Committee, i.e. the Treasurer, President, Editor, etc. is expeditiously despatched to them for action. Your co-operation in this matter will help to ensure the smooth running of your Association.

OVERSEAS POSTAGE

Because of the very tight budget under which we now operate, overseas members are expected to pay any additional postage over and above the maximum amount which the Association would pay if the overseas member resided in Australia. In most cases the additional amount required if the Newsletter is despatched SURFACE MAIL is not great, but it takes a long time to arrive at such places as the UK and Europe. Whilst AIR MAIL is more expensive, the Newsletter takes only a few days to arrive almost anywhere in the World. We are pleased to report that most overseas members have paid the extra postage required.

NEW GUINEA VOLUNTEER RIFLES - ANGAU ASSOCIATION - ANZAC DAY MARCH

This Association marches every Anzac Day in Sydney and after the march they have a reunion, Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the RSL War Memorial Club, Kensington, NSW. Some members cannot march so they join the marchers at Kensington. Wives and other family members are invited to the luncheon and this enables wives to meet at least once each year.

The march and reunion this year will be on Tuesday 25 April. The format is the same as usual: meet at 0900 hrs. in Hunter Street near Castlereagh Street; Reunion and Lunch at Kensington RSL at noon.

Anyone requiring further details should contact Adrian Leyden on 02.477.3795.

VISIT TO THE MOUNTAINS

By popular demand a trip to Wentworth Falls in the mountains is planned for Thursday 4 May 1995.

The venue on this occasion will be "The Hut", a restaurant on the escarpment with good views of the mountainside and which comes highly recommended by our mountain residents. It is also understood that the food is much more reasonably priced than the food at the venue we have usually frequented in the past. It is also BYO and liquid refreshments can be purchased at Wentworth Falls if you don't take them with you. "The Hut" is approximately 2 kms from the station and there will be adequate motor transport provided for members and friends to and from the station.

Those interested please contact Pamela Foley (02) 428 2078, Harry West (02) 418 8793 or Bill Tomasetti (047) 57 1086.

1994 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Luncheon was again a great success with people from the country, interstate and overseas, plus quite a number whom we had not seen for some time, as well as many new faces. There were over 200 members and guests present and, as usual, many were the friendships which were renewed and the reminiscences shared. Our get-togethers are indeed extremely enjoyable events, so make sure that you do not miss the next one!

APOLOGY

In the article in the March 1994 issue of *Una Voce*, at page 19 in an article titled *AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA - Comment by Ann McCosker*, there were a number of typing errors and mistaken quotations.

These were:

- (1) Ms. McCosker's christian name is Anne not Ann.
- (2) On page 20 the last sentence in the second paragraph should read "They were aware of Japanese behaviour in China." The word "not" was included by mistake between the words "were" and "aware".
- (3) The note in brackets at the end of the article on page 22 contains a number of mistakes and should have read:
(Extracts from an article by Anne McCosker titled "AT BIRTH I HEARD THE DRUMS - Comment on *Australian Women in Papua New Guinea* by Chilla Bulbeck." This article was from the booklet titled "NEW GUINEA WAITS - Three articles on Papua New Guinea" by Anne McCosker, published by Matala Press, London.)

An apology is extended to Ms. Anne McCosker for any embarrassment she may have been caused by the mistakes in the printing of extracts from her work.

FOUND

After our Christmas Luncheon, a wedding ring was found in the restaurant. If it was lost by one of our members or their guests, please contact the Secretary who, after a satisfactory description of the ring is given, will return it to the owner.

YOUNG MEMBERS

Your Committee has been considering ways of encouraging more younger ex-residents of PNG, particularly the children of members, to join the Association.

At three of our Luncheons we have provided a special table for young people, which at the time they seemed to appreciate. Would more young people attend if a special luncheon for them was arranged? Or, if we gave more publicity to the fact that special tables would be provided for the very much younger group, would this encourage them to attend our regular luncheons?

It would be a great help if we could obtain some input by members concerning the matter. Is it something we should continue to pursue and what is the likely response?

Another matter which also requires consideration is the induction of some younger people on to the Committee. The average age of the current members of the Committee is well in the 70's and we would appreciate the inclusion of some more younger people in its ranks! What about it?

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A GENTLE REMINDER FROM DAVE MITCHELL TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF PENSIONS UNDER THE THREE PNG ACTS ADMINISTERED BY COMSUPER

"I recently had a regular pension payment returned to me and I needed to urgently contact the pensioner concerned to verify the authenticity of banking details. I had no record of any current telephone number and the address on our file was a post office box number. I was unable to locate this person through the telephone inquiry system and the bank that had returned the payment could not divulge any information regarding their customer under the provisions of the Privacy Act. I contacted Doug Parrish from the Retired Officers' Association and asked if he had any current information for the person concerned. He hadn't anything to help me in this case.

I assumed that the pensioner had either moved elsewhere or had passed away and in accordance with instructions dealing with pensioners being "whereabouts unknown", I stopped further pension payments to that person.

A few days later I was able to discover the reason for the payment being returned. It was a problem with the Bank direct credit system which caused a double payment to be made to some banks and credit unions. The returned payment I received should not have been sent back to me as I had only paid the pension payment once and the pensioner concerned had in fact received it. He was, and is, totally unaware of the drama surrounding the payment of his pension.

However, because the payment of the next fortnight has been ceased and the deadline for processing variations for that payday has passed, I am not sure if I can start up the pension and prepay the amount in time for the actual payday. If I can't do this, then the person will soon become aware of the problem as there will be no money in the bank on payday.

The purpose of this advice to you all is this:

Please assist me to keep my records up to date. I need to know your current address details. Most of you don't move around a lot these days but if you do move please notify me and/or Doug Parrish your new address and preferably - your telephone number. NOTE: I cannot access a silent telephone number through the telephone network.

Also, if you wish to change your bank account, please ring me with the new details before you close your old account. If a payment is forwarded to a closed account, it is returned via the banking system to the Dept. of Finance and it can take up to a fortnight before I can re-issue it to the new account.

If I can't find you I have to cease your pension until I do.

I don't have many problems maintaining the data base for the PNG Schemes and I wish to thank Doug Parrish of the Retired Officers' Association for his valuable and ready assistance when I have contacted him concerning various members. I think the Association is a very supportive group with a very caring executive.

I believe everyone of "my pensioners" should be a member (if they are not already) as the network of the association is invaluable in its outreach. The spreading of the caring for each other becomes very important as each of us grow older and perhaps more isolated from the hustle and bustle that seems to surround the "younger generation".

If you wish to contact me at COMSUPER please ring the new HOTLINE 132366 or my direct line (06) 252 6260.

Thank you.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

Pension commencements and cessations, 1993-94

	Pensions at 1.7.93	Commencements	Cessations	Pensions at 30.6.94
<i>Males</i>				
Early retirement	77	0	2	75
Maximum age	136	0	10	126
Invalidity	59	0	2	57
<i>Females</i>				
Early retirement	12	0	2	10
Maximum age	21	0	0	21
Invalidity	4	0	0	4
Widows	232	10	12	230
Children and full-time students	7	0	5	2
Total	548	10	33	525

Four invalidity pensions totalling \$88,392 remained suspended throughout the year under the provisions of sections 51 and 51AA of the *Superannuation (Papua New Guinea) Ordinance 1951*, on account of the pensioners' re-employment.

Total expenditure on pensions during the year amounted to \$15,705,484. The estimated liability for the year ending 30 June 1995 in respect of the 525 pensions in force at 30 June 1994 is \$15,919,200. This figure includes the pension increases that became payable on the first pension payday in July 1994. The following Table allocates these amounts according to pension type.

Pension expenditure, 1993-94, and estimated liability, 1994-95.

	Expenditure 1993-94 \$	Estimated liability 1994-95 \$
<i>Males</i>		
Early retirement	2 655 457	2 668 666
Maximum age	4 697 886	4 628 703
Invalidity	2 111 421	2 097 572
<i>Females</i>		
Early retirement	264 398	268 100
Maximum age	588 484	596 723
Invalidity	92 338	93 631
Widows	5 267 038	5 552 318
Children and full-time students	28 462	13 487
Total	15 705 484	15 919 200

PAPUA SUPERANNUATION SCHEME AND NEW GUINEA SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

Papua Scheme: expenditure, 1993-94, and estimated liability, 1994-95

	Expenditure 1993-94 \$	No. of pensions at 30.6.94 No.	Estimated liability 1994-95 \$
<i>Males</i>	22 503	2	22 818
<i>Females</i>	0	0	0
Total	22 503	2	22 818

New Guinea Scheme: expenditure, 1993-94, and estimated liability, 1994-95

	Expenditure 1993-94 \$	No. of pensions at 30.6.94 No.	Estimated liability 1994-95 \$
<i>Males</i>	16 279	2	16 135
<i>Females</i>	346 428	24	342 982
Total	362 707	26	359 117

HELP WANTED

I act for the widow of the late Mr Francis Herbert Moy, ex-Patrol Officer and District Officer in New Guinea.

Mrs Moy has applied for a War Widow's pension from the Department of Veteran's Affairs on the grounds that her late husband's death was war-caused in that it was directly attributable to stress and heavy smoking which began during the war. The Department has rejected the application on the grounds that there is no evidence of Mr Moy's pre-war smoking habits. Mrs Moy has appealed to the Veteran's Review Board.

I enclose copies of some documents which have been provided by Mrs Moy. I note that, as a young man, Mr Moy was a teacher who excelled in sport and then spent seven years in isolated areas on patrol in New Guinea. These facts seem to me to militate against developing a smoking habit. Whereas the stress of war and the availability of cigarettes with the rations, particularly when serving with the US Army, seem to encourage the development of a smoking habit. However, to succeed in her appeal, Mrs Moy needs someone to attest to the fact that Mr Moy was a non-smoker pre-war.

I seek your assistance in locating someone who knew Mr Moy personally and is willing to provide a statement about Mr Moy's pre-war health and smoking habits.

R.A. Sunderland
Vice-President
The Legacy Club of Canberra Incorporated.
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CURTIN ACT 2605

NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Jim TONER, (Northern Territory)

We all know that it's a small world. In an earlier newsletter I noted that the Hon. Timothy NEVILLE, PNG Minister for Forests, turned out on closer examination to be Timmie, the 2-yrs old terror of the Mendi station three decades ago. He lost his portfolio when the Chan government took power last September but one day, hopefully, he will write something about his problems with PNG's timber industry including the odd flying bullet.

Now I read that Henley COX, a manager with Brewarrina Shire Council, has been trying to eliminate its camp dog population with a predictably negative response from some locals. There can be only one person bearing that name and he was one of Timmie's companions in pre-school delinquency at Mendi in 1959.

Henley is the son of the late Harry Cox, a stalwart of PHD in post-War years. As an EMA he ran native hospitals and carried out many medical patrol including, I recall, a 60 days solo walk around Mt. Bosavi. Fortunately Phyllis, Henley's mother, is still with us and although she lives at Wagga endeavours to attend the Christmas luncheon.

Bob WELSH, former kiap, is now representing wantoks at Katherine, 300 clicks south of Darwin. After a flirtation with the private sector last year which allowed him to revisit PNG he has joined the NT Dept. of Lands, Housing and Local Government, taking over the chair vacated by Mike PRESS concurrently transferred to its Darwin headquarters.

Mike went to PNG as a CPO in 1966 (on the same intake as Brian EDE, still leading the ALP opposition in the NT Legislative Assembly) and served in the Eastern and Southern Highlands, also the West Sepik, before coming South in 1978. Mike's wife is Tolai and he proposed to 'bust the Bank' and take his teenage children, one a student at the NT university and the other a trainee nurse, to Rabaul for a Christmas holiday. Sadly that plan got buried under feet of ash.

Talking of CPOs, in the early Sixties C.T. CAMPBELL and F.L. LEIBFRIED made names for themselves in West New Britain. Colin is still there, living at Kimbe, and looking forward to the arrival of his second child - (I happen to know you're 57 Col but you are clearly Not Out) - to join Thomas, now a 2-yrs old bik het. Those PNG mankis always were.

Thirty years on Colin was delighted to meet up with Frank when 'Leapfrog' came swanning through Kimbe last year on UNO business.

Just before Christmas "The Island Queens" revisited PNG for a couple of concerts. They are the three singing daughters of John EDWARDS who was ADC Tabibuga sub-district c. 1972. Tess was born on Fergusson Island, Veronica and Pamela in Mt. Hagen, and if they sing as well as they photograph success is assured.

John and his wife, a Yule Islander, went finish to Victoria in 1974 but the girls are based on the Gold Coast, waitressing when not performing. One of their songs presumably appreciated by a limited but enthusiastic audience is titled "Maski pilai wantaim mi".

Doug FRANKLIN (Brisbane)

Despite the picture the media portrays of PNG, our eldest son Philip still says it is not as bad as all that up there. His wife is in Lae with him and two of their three children go to primary school in Lae just as if they were in Australia. He travels the country in his job and certainly had what might have been a close shave in Bouganville recently.

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NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS (continued)

Sir Julius Chan, speaking at the Access AIDAB seminar in Brisbane on 10/11/194, which I attended, listed the murders, rapes, car thefts and break and enters in Brisbane in the 12 months period. We all have law and order problems he said. We just ask your media to give us a fair go, and he was right and given acclamation for the observation. In the TV news here on 14/3/95 on Channel 9 there was a report that in the past 12 months in Queensland there have been 17,000 break and enters of homes, factories, offices etc. The Opposition National Party have said that if they win Government later this year they will enact legislation to make break and entering a mandatory life imprisonment offence and that if a man is put in a position where his wife and family are being attacked in their home by a break and enter person then that man will be at liberty to use a gun to defend his family and property.

Recently I gave a talk to the Toowoomba International Club about PNG and phoned Philip to update my knowledge of a few things. One of which was the populations of Port Moresby and Lae. He said Moresby is now put at 220,000 and while Lae is quoted at 90,000 there are about the same number living in settlements near the city, making it about 180,000.

On Saturday 5/11/95 a second Brisbane reunion of former kiaps was held at the Irish Club in the city, organised by Peter ANDREWS and John DAGG. This was a much bigger get together than the first reunion and included the following: Max Orken, Jim and Jan Sinclair, Noel and Genny Cavanagh, Chris Warrilow, Stan and Nancy Pegg, Bob and Pat Greaney, John Hayes, Will Muskens, Frank Sabben, Peter Sisley, Noel and Maxine Wright, Pat and Geoff Littler, Dave Forbes, John Corrigan, Bob Fayle, Trevor Busing, Alan Wadsworth, Bob Blaikie, Jack and Carol Bullock, Ric Hill, John Dagg, John Fowke, Jack and Lois Baker, Peter Andrews, Brian McMahon, Brian Robins, David Emery, Peter McKenzie, Mike Edgar and many others. Ian and Barbara Robertson ex Education Mendi and Doug and Pam Franklin ex DAS/DPI were invited.

It was an excellent function which started sedately enough at 11.00am with light beers and sober conversation. But then someone said what about this draught Guinness imported from Ireland? By 3.00pm the party was a goer with everyone ready to put patrol boots on again and get into it. Not surprisingly many of the wives present were delighted to become duty drivers for the return journey home! Before it was forgotten or too late a vote of thanks was proposed by Max Orken. A show of hands was unanimous for more such reunions and maybe a conventional dinner party function with all the trimmings. The feeling of the group was that the latter would be good so long as people could still circulate. This it is suggested could perhaps be done by having up to an hour for pre dinner drinks and some small kai. Then a set menu already on the tables, e.g. a mini smorgasbord, which participants help themselves as soon as sat down. To keep to the above resolution the Chair, after a befitting address could invite the guests to take coffee in an adjoining lounge with comfortable seating for those who desired it or standing warm hearted talk over old times for the others. Well done Peter and John for having organised such a cheerful and successful function.

Colleen NEVILLE held a Christmas party at her Beachmere residence near Bribie Island, S. Queensland. The 180° views over Moreton Bay to islands in the distance are magnificent. Three of her sons, Greg, Michael and Peter together with their families co-hosted the gathering with plenty of seasonal good cheer. Among those present were Thomas and Narelle Polome, the PNG Consul in Brisbane, Pat And Geoff Littler, Max and Dorrie Allwood, and Fr. Liam Horsfall. Colleen mentioned that it has been difficult to find a replacement

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NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS (continued)

for Bishop Firmin Schmidt in PNG but he hopes to retire in 1995. Fr. Otmar, another well known figure in the Southern Highlands has now gone finish. In news just to hand Colleen said that Geoff Littler and five other Rotarians are currently in Kokoda helping to build a hospital. Good on you Geoff. Colleen, incidentally, is well and busy as always but it still having physio for the injuries she sustained in the New Zealand car accident.

With the 50th anniversary coming up of VJ day on 15 August 1995, Philip FRANKLIN in Lae has been in communication with Federal Govt. representatives who have been in PNG to make plans for the events to be held to mark the occasion. They asked him if there was anything where Canberra could help. Amongst many things Phil said, Yes, please could you send up a good military band. This was noted and confirmed would be organised, to help the PNG bands.

Doug and Pam FRANKLIN were seated in the Concert Hall at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre Brisbane attending a recent Bankers Trust seminar when a voice in the row behind said "When we were in Port Moresby". Doug couldn't resist it and turning round, excused himself and said "We were in Port Moresby too, in DPI". Whereupon the question was asked "Did you know Gordon Dick?" Of course said Doug, he was my Chief and is a very good friend. There must have been more than a thousand people in the auditorium so the chances of such a meeting were nil. The couple were John and Glenda SCHOFIELD currently at Dunoon NSW where they have a macadamia farm with 2,400 trees from one to fifteen years. John went to PNG in 1963 to Malaguna Teachers College Rabaul. He then became Regional Guidance Officer for Papua from 65-67 and was then at Port Moresby Teachers College from 68-90, rising to become Principal. Following the Bougainville crisis funds for the college were cut by 50% in two years. Glenda was at the Bava St. Kindergarten for 17 years and well known among the Port Moresby fraternity. Their three children were born in PNG. Guy is a Quantity Surveyor in London; Brett a Banker in Sydney and Shane a Geologist in Sydney.

PNG CAVE

A cave believed to be the deepest in the Southern Hemisphere has been discovered in Papua New Guinea by a French team, one of its members said.

A team member Mr. Guilhem Maistre, said yesterday that the discovery was made in heavy jungles in the Nakanai Mountains of Pomio in East New Britain Province by the 16-member caving team which spent three months in the area.

Mr Maistre said the cave, named Muruk, was first discovered by the team in 1985. Cavers explored it to a depth of 600 metres but were prevented from going deeper by an underground river. But the expedition returned with additional equipment, including diving gear with which it explored to a depth of 900 metres, Mr Maistre said.

An 800-metre deep cave in New Zealand was previously believed to be the deepest in the Southern Hemisphere. Mr Maistre said the team was now exploring a second cave, named the Hair of Berenice, which it believes connects up with Muruk.

(An item from "The Age" 14 February 1995)

HAVE YOU HEARD????

Peter WORSLEY of Geraldton WA has written about a recent sailing trip: "I sailed as crew on a 43' yacht along the west coasts of Thailand and Malaysia, through Singapore and then followed down through the Indonesian islands to Timor. From there we went to Darwin. We had no major dramas (thank goodness) and the weather was, on the whole, very kind to us.

While we called in at a few of the major ports it was the small villages that interested us most. Some of the villages on the more remote Indonesian islands were quite isolated and had little contact with even the more populated parts of Indonesia. The fishing and trading boats of this whole area are fascinating to anyone interested in sailing craft. Even tourist oriented Thailand has some beautiful anchorages that allow you to anchor away from crowds or other vessels. Or, if you like company, there are plenty of anchorages where you can meet the local Thai people or travellers from almost every corner of the world. Everywhere we went we were met with smiles and friendly, helpful people."

Ken BONNETT of Mermaid Waters extends greetings to all and said that not only had he enjoyed the last issue of *Una Voce* but would be sending it to his daughter Anne in France, to bring her up to date on the happenings in Rabaul.

Martin HAMILTON of East Sussex, England, wrote "I enjoy immensely reading the Newsletter even though in most cases I receive it three months later than most people - though amazingly it is still November and the December issue has just dropped through my letter box! It was very sad reading in this issue of the tragedy of Rabaul. I first heard the news of the eruptions on the television when in Prague last September. Not being able to speak Czech I was unable to learn a great deal of what had happened, and I have now lost touch with many of the friends I had in that lovely town, more than 30 years ago. So it has only been through the Newsletter that I have been able to grasp some little idea of the enormity of the devastation. Of my six years with the Public Health Dept, the two years that I spent in Rabaul at Nonga Base Hospital were my happiest. Rabaul was a lovely, happy little town in the sixties, and I just want to remember it that way."

Joan COLEMAN of Eltham, Victoria, has written to thank us for interesting Newsletters, and says "Be assured it is much appreciated and enjoyed - it is very sad to read the details of the disastrous eruption in Rabaul and to think of that beautiful well kept little town so devastated, but I'm sure it will recover as it did before and be a tribute to a proud, self-respecting industrious people. It is good to see Roma Bates still taking an active part in life - I did enjoy her article on her trip to Alaska. Has she been on any more trips? I've confined mine to seeing more of Australia - I drove to Cairns and Port Douglas last year and W.A. the year before. We have a vast and beautiful land!"

(Joan, Roma has been on a voyage to PNG and on two trips to the Antarctic since then.)

Mollie Parer, widow of Bob Parer formerly of Wewak, was given a celebration by the clan (of 100 relations) and 40 friends for her 90th birthday on Sunday 20th November, 1994 at Petrie Mansions in Brisbane. The Petrie Mansions people asked if a pianist would be required for the afternoon. "No thanks" was the answer, "he/she wouldn't be heard above the chatter." Of Bob and Mollie's family of six children, four - two sets of twins - were born when they lived in Wewak in pioneering days. Mollie now lives in Magdalen Court retirement community at Rainworth Qld.

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HAVE YOU HEARD???? (continued)

"A member who has recently joined, REV. NEVILLE THRELFALL of Wagin WA, has written as follows; "I lived and worked in Papua New Guinea from 1961 to 1980, and have continued my association with the country, including a field trip back there and contacts with nationals by telephone and letter, because I have written a history of Rabaul which is now in process of publication (by Robert Brown & Associates, of Brisbane). I hope it will come out in 1995; at the moment I am writing a postscript to it, about the recent Rabaul eruptions.

My work in PNG was as a missionary - pastoral work, education, literature publishing, Bible translations, Regional Secretary of the United Church for the New Guinea Islands Region - you name it! I also acted twice as translator and consultant to the Supreme Court of PNG during murder trials, including the lengthy trial of the murderers of Jack Emanuel.

It was a friend in NSW who brought your Association to my notice. The same friend had seen in one of your newsletters that someone else is currently writing, or planning to write, a history of Rabaul. Perhaps you could mention in a newsletter that the East New Britain Provincial Government and the Rabaul Town Community Government jointly commissioned me to write a comprehensive history of Rabaul, and that it is now in process of publication. It was actually completed some years ago, but hung fire for lack of funds for publishing; the Rabaul Chamber of Commerce is now making it possible by paying the printing costs. The book is of about 300,000 words, with many photographs, so no publisher would handle it until the assistance with printing costs was guaranteed."

Stan TYLER now of Lennox Head, NSW, has just joined the Association, and the committee members to whom he sent greetings were very pleased to hear from him. He mentioned that some members would remember John Wightman, formerly BPs hardware manager in Moresby in 1953. Sadly, John passed away in Lismore in late November.

Clarrie JAMES of Woonona NSW wrote to express how much he had enjoyed the December Newsletter - especially Matthew Cohen's report on his Rabaul holiday. Clarrie is reading 'Rabaul 1942' so found Lyn Clarks account of the 'Montevideo Maru' complementary to it. He knew two pre-war fellow workers from Canberra who went down with it.

From PAULINE and IAN GRUNDY in Aceh Sumatra an interesting letter just before Christmas and the following are some quotes from it: "Ian and Alan Cameron are now well into the Project and although progress to date has been slower than anticipated all is now poised to go ahead rapidly. The previous wet season late plantings have grown well, with some trees now at 2-plus metres.... During the mid-year dry months over 100 Kilometres of new all-weather oz roading went in and continues to do so. It has opened up difficult terrain and along with the very large nursery situated 60 Ks from town, is clearly visible on the flight in from Medan..... These past weeks we've been busy with V.I.P visits from Jakarta and from as far away as Denmark and N.Z. Hotel dinners tend to be somewhat stiff when the company is mixed, rather than separated genderwise, but each evening is worthwhile and always gracious. Ian visits Jakarta approximately two monthly.

Oh, I almost forgot the story about the 'ular'. We have a new species of wildlife to add to the list of Rumah Grundy's residents as well as stray visitors - a family of brown-banded green and, in this case, not tree but 'roof snakes'! One has been despatched whilst trying to dislodge it from over the kitchen door. The other has been heard in a nearby drainpipe! Both Kamelina and I have taken to 'looking up' quite a lot! (Continued next page)

HAVE YOU HEARD???? (continued)

It was so sad to see beautiful Rabaul disappear, but we do have our memories. And for those who may know or remember Dick and Margaret McCarthy, Richard has recently joined a Forestry company out of Pekanbaru in central Sumatra. He has been in touch and we hope to catch up ere long."

Max BRERETON of Mickleham Vic recently wrote "I express the appreciation of my family for the inclusion in the December issue of *Una Voce* of the article recording the death of my father. In the early days immediately after WWI when Dad arrived at Rabaul he met a range of very interesting "characters" the majority of whom were not expatriate Australians. When Mother and Father settled in Melbourne their range of contacts with ex PNG people was naturally smaller because most of their contacts were located in NSW and Queensland, but they nevertheless kept in touch with a few old friends until "Father Time" caught up with them. I look forward to receiving copies of *Una Voce* although my contacts are mostly of the pre WW2 vintage."

Ken GORRINGE has now settled happily in Canberra with his nephew and family. Before he left Wentworth Falls, Friedagaard and Bill Tomasetti hosted a farewell luncheon with some Mountain friends - Elaine and Kim Kimmorley, Ted Hicks and Avril Varley, Syd and Ann Smith. The attractive venue, The Hut, was appropriate as it is the local conservation centre where Ken has put in so many worthwhile hours of volunteer work from the earliest days.

John Huon de NAVRANCOURT of Atherton Qld advises that during the Christmas period visitors to the far north of Qld were Freddie BRIESHABER, chemist with the PNG Department of Agriculture in Port Moresby, with his family, also Dr. Quentin REILLY who, with wife Mary Anne from Manus, are now settled in Edge Hill, Cairns, where Quentin carries out medical duties.

Elaine BRUCE of Southport Qld writes; "It was good to see Fred Kaad in September. Also the two articles on Rabaul for Mathew Cohen, whose grandparents I knew, and Grace Maribou were sadly, but interestingly read. I spent ten years in Rabaul. However, it will survive and come back as beautiful as before. If younger, would certainly be among the people putting their all into reparation."

Lillian WHITECHURCH of Launceston Tas. makes an interesting comment; "I really enjoy *Una Voce*, especially the anecdotes of the past, it brings back many of the joys and hardships of those earlier years.

I find it very sad to hear of PNG and their struggle for law and order. What a pity it was that the UN speeded up their date of independence. Foundations take so long to build."

Florence CHESTER of Palm Beach Qld writes: "I am still in touch with old friends and rellies like Mary Baldwin, Elsie Champion, Peter and Nell McGoldrick, Emily Champion, Ivane Plant, John Stitt and the Neville Thomsons. We all send cards at Christmas, always with a little note of how things are going. I also hear from Jack Goad and have re-contacted Ellese Brooks (widow of Wal Brooks from Customs), she is now married to a Mr. Keith Johnson and live at Ipswich Qld.

Tom Cole, of crocodile fame and well known author, has spent some time in hospital but is now at Unit 114 in the Roden Cutler Lodge in Gordon on the Sydney north shore and, being somewhat incapacitated with wobbly legs, would like to hear from or see any of his friends who have a little time to spare. Tel.(02)498.2560, (02) 498 1730 or (02)498 5109.

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HAVE YOU HEARD???? (continued)

Professor Tony REDWOOD of Lawrence, KANSAS, USA, ex-Kiap and later Chief of Division in the PNG Department of Labour, is now Professor of Business at Kansas University.

In November 1994, he received the first R. B. Cray Teaching Award which recognises excellence in teaching and was acknowledged for his leadership role on the business school faculty in redesigning the school's master's of business administration program. It was Tony's third award last year for teaching.

Tony and wife, Molly, advise that they are all doing well and I understand that Molly has become a doting grandmother to their first grandson, Nathan. His mother, Michelle, does well as a lawyer, doing mostly barrister work.

Karen continues to thrive in San Francisco and is now a Vice-President at the Wells Fargo Bank, one of the biggest on the West Coast. And Fiona is enjoying her third year as a resident doctor at OBGYN at a huge hospital in St. Louis; she has only year to go before commencing private practice.

Molly and Tony spend their holidays in Florida as they say that they still have the tropics in their blood. We are hoping that they may visit Australia again this year as it is five years since their last visit.

Joy DISHON of Moorooka Qld has been sick for the past few months and only came home from hospital at the beginning of this month. She was not well enough to send out any Christmas cards and apologises to her friends. She hopes to keep on the mend from now on and, Joy, all your friends down here send you their best wishes for a speedy and lasting recovery.

Rev. Peter DILLON of Norfolk Island, prior to leaving their beef cattle farm at Cobargo on the NSW south coast in February, advised that he was to be the Anglican Rector on Norfolk for three years.

Peter, we wish you and Elaine a very happy and rewarding sojourn on the Island and we will most certainly look you up if we come your way.

Les GILLIES of Goroka PNG advised us in January the he was going to a Burns Philp staff reunion at Hervey Bay Qld on the 28th of that month. Les, what about you or one of the other people who attended, giving us some news about the get-together.

Jim GILLMAN of Ellen Grove Qld in December last reported: "Son, Anthony, is still flying with Hevi-lift of Mt. Hagen but is based at Loloho on Bougainville. He has been flying PNG troops and supplies all over the island. He brought home some very graphic photos of the destruction and havoc caused at the Panguna Mine. All the giant trucks have been burnt out and most of the housing at the mine site has been vandalised. He also showed us photos of his helicopter that had taken rifle shots from the B.R.A., two of the PNG troops on board were wounded."

Arnold NUNN of Clontarf Qld writes: "I loved Mathew Cohen's letter about our old hunting ground Rabaul. It was indeed a sad thing to hear of the disaster as a friend Frank Early (ex radio station Rabaul) was there a few days before the blow, he said it was looking beautiful and then this happened. My two children, David and Susan, are very sad as they were born there and spent their school years at Court Street."

John DOWNIE of Currumbun Qld had a spell in hospital, but we believe he is OK again and all your friends down here, John, hope you are again fighting fit and our regards to Chris.

Geoff BURFOOT of Tyalgum NSW has also not been well. We sincerely hope, Geoff, that you have fully recovered from your illness.

RABAU AFTER THE ERUPTION (1)

The following is an extract from a letter, dated 12.2.95, received from Hugh GREER, one of our members, who lives in Rabaul and works for British Petroleum.

"Christmas and New Year have been very lean here in Rabaul. Now that the initial drama of the eruption is over most of the rest of PNG has forgotten about our problems.

It is very difficult getting basic supplies like fresh meat, eggs and bread. As a result there were no Christmas tables groaning under the weight of holiday fare. The best Christmas present we got, however, was the cessation of the eruptions. Tavorvur stopped erupting on Christmas Eve and has not fired up since. Please God, it does not start again - in all it erupted continuously for 14 weeks.

I am still at Kulau Lodge and in my 4th month living in Hotels - Yuk ! I am hoping to move into the Company house in town, once we can get some basic repairs done.

Floods have caused more damage at the fuel Terminal and have delayed work on the re-establishment of Service Stations. We are in the middle of the wet season and expect more problems with ash and pumice being washed down from the hills.

Communication is very difficult. We still have no phones and floods regularly cut roads, making access to Kokopo very difficult. Once you get to Kokopo the facilities are either very poor, non-existent or you have to wait hours for service. It's like the clock has been turned back decades."

(Since receiving this letter, members are no doubt aware that Tavorvur erupted with ash again at 0600 hours on 13.2.95.

RABAU AFTER THE ERUPTION (2)

The following is the content of a letter, dated 14.2.95, received from Alison GOUGH, one of our members, who returned to Rabaul last month to help, as a nursing sister, wherever she could.

"Recently I have been concerned on hearing more of the difficulties of the displaced people of Rabaul in the New Guinea Islands region. Late last year the volcano close by erupted and they had to flee for their lives to other areas. Since then they have been living in host villages in tents with only what they could carry of their meagre possessions. It is now 4 months since the disaster, and very little has changed.

In speaking with Rev. Sir Saimon Gaius and his wife Makeret, who visited here a couple of weeks ago I learned more of the problems gradually evolving in the area. I personally feel the media has not continued to give out information to help us to be more aware that huge problems still exist. Rabaul was buried and destroyed under ten feet of outfall and nothing remains. This includes the Rabaul Memorial Church, halls, offices, the Printing Press. Life has stopped and these cannot be restored here. People displaced now have no job, no income or garden to sustain themselves and their families. The spirit of the people has been truly amazing, and many who hardly knew each other have rallied to support their fellows in a manner never known before. The churches have pulled together and been strengthened by the experience.

I also learned from Laureen Gray, a former mission nurse who was seconded by the Queensland synod to go promptly and be on the spot for three months, that the atmosphere and notion of the people has moved through various stages over that period. At first there was the trauma, dismay at the rapidity of the eruption with minimal warning; getting settled into strange surroundings with minimal facilities, accepting and giving help with urgency; a

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RABAUL AFTER THE ERUPTION (2) (continued)

weariness; a feeling of "holiday"; adventure; an anxiety re their situation, an assumption that all will be well and they will return. Then a slow dawning that many of them will in fact not be able to return to their own land; and now a cramped style of living with poor sanitary conditions is leading to domestic unrest with some. There is a restlessness as the Governments try to calculate whether it is feasible to try and rebuild Rabaul, or whether to set up a new capital (or four satellite cities in an entirely different area). There is a plan for some to resettle in one area, but it will take three months at least to establish sufficient gardens and shelters adequate for even that plan. So the interim is expected to be difficult.

These representatives from the church have just returned from a three week visit and are reporting on their perception of the immediate needs.

It is not until April that the decisions of government will be known, thus there is still no call for rebuilding and restoring until the areas are finalised.

As I was a nurse with the (Methodist) church in this area in the 60s, I know the people, the language, and enjoy their diet, so I have offered to be a support on the spot at this time. This means the sooner the better, and I expect to depart by 23rd February, and stay 2 months. The idea is to be a "presence" in conjunction with the Uniting Church in Australia, to show that we are concerned for their plight, and want to understand and help in the most needed ways for the moment.

I understand our hospitals are struggling to be adequate for the needs there, and the usual Monga Base Hospital is mainly functioning as outpatients. The government has taken over the Catholic Hospital at Kokopo and are doing their best. There are also new medical aid centres to be set up in the resettling areas. I was told that anything I could take in the way of dressings, and anti-malarial, worm, and other simple treatment medicines would be very acceptable, so if anyone knows of a resource I would be grateful to hear. Lauren also found she could help by purchasing food for the people in the different areas on the spot. If you felt inclined to contribute towards any further activity I would be grateful, and certainly send out information to you on my return."

1942 MEMORIAL, RABAUL

It can only be anticipated that it would withstand the volcanic eruptions better than anything, that is unless the ground opened up and swallowed it! At this time, information out is somewhat scanty as to detail but we will find out in time. Arrow Engraving, which prepared the large 4 ft x 3 ft bronze plaque, is anxious too to know how the plaque weathers a coating of volcanic dust in case some restorative work might be required. We can but await advice from the Rabaul end.

Australian War Graves is also interested and we are keeping in touch. Air Vice Marshal Alan Heggen, Director of Australian War Graves, has seen a photograph of Travelodge, which is some 3-400 meters around the waterfront from the Memorial and the Motel building appeared in reasonable shape as though it had been knocked about a bit in a storm. Damage apparently has been somewhat "patchy". With the approaching 'wet' season and the areas that will inevitably turn into mud, the cleaning up process will be slowed considerably.

(From "Bill" Harry, Honorary Secretary, 2/22nd Lark Force Assoc.)

MONTEVIDEO MARU - A SUMMING UP

The following is the text of a letter written by Professor Hank NELSON, of The Australian National University, to Mick SMITH, as the result of an inquiry by the latter. The letter is self-explanatory and Professor Nelson has given his permission to publish it.

"I know of you, having read Keith McCarthy's report of the evacuation on the North coast, and I have interviewed people such as Arch Taylor and Bill Harry who have referred to you. I am sorry that I have not had the chance to talk to you at length.

As I lived in Papua New Guinea for a number of years I have a particular interest in Lark Force. I have been interviewing people when other occasions have taken me close to them, rather than making a concentrated effort - which I should have done.

There have been several attempts to locate survivors of the Montevideo Maru in Japan, but without success. There is a strong chance that some of the survivors would have died in a subsequent sinking of a Japanese ship. The Montevideo Maru went down in July 1942 so the crew had another three years of war to survive, and the chances of Japanese sailors having a long life were not good in those last years of war.

Although we cannot be completely certain, there is a high probability that the Australian troops and civilians were on the Montevideo Maru. There are many scraps of evidence. When the Australians started advancing towards Kokoda they picked up the occasional Japanese prisoner. Some of these, including one who confessed to having guarded the prisoners, said that the prisoners had left Rabaul by ship. Some New Guineans who had been seized in the Rabaul area by the Japanese and came with the Japanese to Buna as labourers and carriers, told the same story. So even before the end of 1942 Australians were aware that the men had probably been shipped out of Rabaul.

The civilians who were left in Rabaul - particularly Gordon Thomas who kept a diary - seem sure that the men went on a ship, although they were not eye-witnesses. Thomas even heard of the sinking of the Montevideo Maru in 1942, and immediately began trying to compile a roll. Thomas said that both Chinese and New Guineans told him that they had seen the men go on board a ship.

D.C. Hutchinson-Smith in his unpublished manuscript says that as they left on 22 June 1942 the men whispered to some officers that they heard they were going to Hainan - and this appears to have been true. H-S also has a fascinating statement that in August 1943 as prisoners in Japan they heard a hint of the troops' fate. Some newly arrived Allied troops from Singapore said they had heard that a Japanese ship from New Guinea carrying prisoners had been sunk by a US submarine. One Japanese guard also suggested this had happened. Later in the war they met an English prisoner who had survived a sinking off the China coast. The Japanese who picked him up kept asking him if he was an Australian because a boat carrying Australians had been sunk in July. All of this made the officers in Japan apprehensive.

The Australians who carried out the postwar investigation were pretty thorough. They had reason to be suspicious of the Japanese story because the Japanese had lied about what had happened to the civilian prisoners in Kavieng. They certainly tried to shake the Japanese story, but too much of it seemed to be confirmed."

Mick Smith comments on the letter as follows: "Re the Montevideo Maru, I think this is the most comprehensive and logical "Summing Up" I have seen. Conclusion? It would seem - the things we have considered should be done have already been done."

(Hank Nelson and Mick Smith are both members of the Association.)

EDWIN NICTERLEIN - A little bit of history

by Wandering Wally⁽¹⁾

Edwin (Ted) Nichterlein. Gold miner, Mining Engineer, Geologist, Navigator, RAAF 1941-45. New Guinea 1932-1965. Born 1907 Died 1972.

Many stories about New Guinea Gold Miners have been written over the years, this one is about a man who laid no claim to fame, he went quietly about his work, looking up instead of down for the elusive yellow metal.

It was away back in 1932 Ted was expecting a plane to arrive at the Bulwa Strip with materials for his mine on the other side of the river. We introduced ourselves that day, and remained very close friends until the day he died.

The conversation that day was about gold, and it was a story I never forgot, because it was told unconsciously by a man not given to Skiting. He, like many others, had the Gold Fever, but unlike a lot of the others, he read the valley as a Geologist, and his training gave him the edge over the untrained. And this is an illustration of his knowledge of geology, particularly of The Lower Bulolo Valley.

While waiting for his plane he told me:- "50 million years ago the floor of this valley was up there," pointing and waving his arm around nearly in a circle. "over the centuries the river has carved it away to the level we have now. Over there on that mountain side there has got to be good gold, and I am going to find it." That was the end of Ted's story, for that day. And so the TUEAPEKE mine was found. The spelling is as near as I can get. Directly across the Bulawat River at Bulwa.

When war came in 1940 Ted made arrangements for someone to look after the mine while he quietly slipped away and joined the RAAF, becoming a navigator and flying in Balitmos, I think. His plane was shot down near Crete, and with a piece of shrapnel in an ankle Ted had a nice swim to shore. That ducking was to cause Ted trouble later in life, as he must have got water into his lungs, and died much too young. He came back from the war and married his girl friend Marjorie Bush and brought her back to the gold mine at Bulwa in 1946, and raised two girls and a boy, who has survived his sisters and now lives in Queensland.

Marjorie has settled down on the property they bought long before they retired from mining, on the shores of the Wadonga River at Narooma, one of the most beautiful waterside properties in N.S.W. watching the birds in the trees and the fish jumping in the bay.

Like a lot more of our vintage, Marj is having trouble with rusty joints, and would be quite happy to do a trade-in with a joint shop dealing in hip, knee, elbow, and shoulder parts. With one or two minor ailments she is going along quietly in the care of our wonderful Home Nursing Service supplied by the DVA. God bless them.

I have had a whisper through unofficial channels that some of the old NGVR boys would be invited to return to PNG for some celebration in the near future. Do you have any news regarding this? Best of luck to you all.

⁽¹⁾ The author, Wandering Wally, is Wally Doe from Dalmeny on the South Coast of NSW. And, on behalf of the Association, I would like to express a very big THANK YOU to Wally who has been particularly helpful in providing Dr. Peter Cahill copies of photographs, records, information and memorabilia on PNG both pre and post WW II.

Wally's efforts have made a very significant contribution to our collection.

Re the NGVR, I will make enquiries Wally and let you know. Editor)

RONALD THOMAS GALLOWAY

Born in 1922, educated at a local primary and then at Parramatta High, scoutmaster and trained goldsmith, Ron joined the army at 20, landed at Moresby in early '42 and in September was a Sergeant Instructor in the 14th Infantry Training Battalion, reconnoitring the Black Rocks area with Ed Hicks and others within earshot of the "woodpecker" heavy machine guns and mortars of the advancing Japanese. Fortunately they had been halted by the end of the month and they began their retreat. Still only 20, Ron learned that his brother Harold had been killed in action after the Japanese landing at Rabaul in January that year.

Thinking that his scouting days would qualify him for patrolling Ron joined ANGAU. Little did he know what was in store for him! At his first posting, Abau, he met David Marsh and then went on solo patrol during which he quickly learned the lingua franca Police Motu, how to manage his police, carriers and the local people.

At war's end many of us here today joined the Civil Administration either directly from our PNG stations or if in Australia as soon as our leave had finished. Ron followed the former course, serving in Kikori, Beara, Taipini, Madang, Samarai, Moresby, Lae and back to Moresby. He progressed upward through the ranks of the kiaps or Field staff of District Services and Native Affairs, the proud traditions of which have deservedly earned a place in the country's history since 1880. In this tradition the role played by Ron is recognised by all "outside men" who know anything of his work in this most challenging of fields as being second to none - he was a superb bush kiap.

But as his record shows he was also an excellent administrator. As one of the most senior post-war District Commissioners, Ron was widely respected for his diligence and his total commitment to the wide range of duties and responsibilities which such a position carried. In recognition of his efforts and wide knowledge he was twice the Administration Liaison Officer with the United Nations Visiting Missions which toured the country and in 1968 was the PNG representative at the U.N.'s Trusteeship Council's periodic examination of reports of Australia's stewardship over the Territory. Ron was also a nominated member of the House of Assembly - the Papua New Guinea parliament - for four years before his retirement in 1974. Lots more could be said but surely that is sufficient.

But who was the man inside this outstanding officer? What made Ron Galloway tick? To find that out we have to look at some of the special traits which made up his character. There is no doubt at all that he was courageous - but what does that mean? It seems to me that there are three kinds of courage. One is the ability to face physical danger - the kind that sometimes wins medals - and Ron had this in abundance. For instance, the army commendation for "outstanding coolness" when rescuing a party of pilots.

David Marsh recounts the incident at Lake Murray when their all-important canoe had drifted some 50 metres out in an area where they all knew a giant crocodile constantly patrolled to keep it as his own. Ron didn't order someone else to swim out but without hesitation dived in and retrieved the canoe himself.

Harry Jackman tells about working at the District Office at Moresby. At that time he was quite inexperienced. A serious riot involving Goilalas and others at Kila Labour Camp was reported and Ron jumped into a jeep, took Harry and no police. As they approached the hostile mob Harry became more than a little nervous but it took only a few well chosen authoritative words in Ron's fluent Police Motu to restore order. As Harry wrote "It was a demonstration of personal courage and magnetism." Were there time I would give many other examples of Ron's courage, especially in the Goilala.

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RONALD THOMAS GALLOWAY (continued)

There is another kind of courage which comes from integrity, strength of character and determination. A man of principle, Ron had no hesitation in standing up for what he thought was right, even though he knew it was not what we now call "politically correct". This trait earned him some respect but did not endear him to many of his superiors - some of whom did not like to be told they were wrong. Ron had the courage of his convictions. And his integrity can be seen again in his retirement - he became a director of a real estate firm but resigned when he realised they had no ethics.

The third kind of courage is usually shown in times of great adversity - when the strong will, the indomitable spirit not to give in come to the fore. This was illustrated by Ron during many of the long, rain-soaked arduous patrols - the kind we all remember - when you wondered whether you'd ever get to the bottom of the ridge in front of you, let alone to the top; or at night when you looked at blistered, bloody feet and wondered whether it really was worth it. It was shown again during this last year as Ron's condition deteriorated - his main concern was not for himself but that his suffering should not affect others, especially his family. To any inquiry from his friends his standard answer was *lau be namo* - "all O.K." - and I can remember him trying to put a smile in his voice even though it was fading and hoarse.

Despite his success Ron was a humble man. He had no pretence or lofty airs and would be as comfortable sharing bully beef and rice with a villager as having a scotch with an overseas VIP. His thoughtfulness for others, his compassion, came quite early - at school he would often save up his lunch money for missionaries in New Guinea. Later he gave much more but these were matters between Ron and the recipient and often it was only by accident and much later that Ronnie or Anton would find out. Outside Ron's study is a photo of a young pregnant mother with her child beside her. Her clothes are rags and she is desperately praying. On the glass Ron has pasted a quotation which sums up this aspect of his life. Many of you will know it - it reads:

I expect to pass this way but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

He wasn't afraid of reaching out - of becoming personally involved - and his concern extended beyond Australia and Papua New Guinea to include Asia. Ron was always ready for an argument or preferably a discussion. He had a well developed interest in other religions such as Bhuddism, Confucianism, and you can well imagine how this would lead to spirited discussions with the Fathers in Gailala. I think that at first they thought of converting him but soon gave that away. One of his dearest and life-long friends was Father Michellod and Anton remembers many occasions when they would talk until after midnight on all kinds of subjects strengthened by coffee and the occasional cognac, and *Papapu* would finally leave on the excuse that he had "to make Mass" that morning.

Ron's interest in different things was not confined to religion. He was always on the lookout for new ideas especially those connected with his work. This led him to visit, on his leave and at his own expense, S.E.Asian countries seeking new ideas, especially on land settlement, which would be useful in Papua New Guinea. And we all remember the times at D.C.'s conferences when we'd toss new ideas around over a beer or two or three with Ron often playing the devil's advocate though the gleam in his eye usually gave him away.

One of Ron's well known characteristics was his intensity. Unfortunately this roused the ire of some but those who understood him knew that it did not come from selfishness or narrow mindedness, but was rather a way

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of underlining his opinion, springing from his belief in following through those things in which he believed. His intensity may have put some people off but I always found him open to discussing his ideas and even changing them - if my arguments were good enough.

Law and order were part of everyday life for any kiap. For Ron it was his most important problem when he first went to the Goilala but the Pax Australiana was established there by him. In the cities of Lae and Moresby it was not rural but urban law and order - a very different problem requiring economic, educational, housing and health solutions - the staff and finance for which no D.C could ever get. It is little wonder that "law and order" was a subject constantly on Ron's mind and about which he was so intense, for he foresaw the real dangers which the "rascals" would present in the future and the general breakdown of law and order which unfortunately was to come.

Leaving Papua New Guinea was a great disappointment for Ron - in the humdrum existence of suburbia there were no longer the great challenges which he had faced for so long. He had always kept diaries, copies of his reports, recommendations, letters and anything else that interested him including papers which had conveniently fallen off the back of a truck. In these and his own recollections he had more than enough material to write his memoirs, perhaps a book. But then fate was to strike another cruel blow - the floods came and much of his treasured material was lost or made indecipherable. Dark days indeed.

Ron was not to know way back in 1945 what the future would hold for him in Papua New Guinea except that he had made a commitment to help in its development and in the nearly 30 years to follow he gave of his best and took no small part in the work - with its attendant dangers, difficulties and frustrations - of assisting its people through the post-war recovery, their preparation for self-government and finally independence. This is a record of service of which Ronnie, Anton and his family and others of Ron's family can be more than justifiably proud.

Over the last week I have been trying to think of how Ron might have summed up his life in just a few words - I think he, and all of you here, would agree with my own epitaph for Ron :

I DID IT MY WAY.

(The above Eulogy was delivered by Freddie Kaad and his opening remarks were as follows: "Ronnie, Ron's family and friends let me first say how honoured I am to deliver this eulogy to such a long time and great friend. It is based not only on my own feelings but also on notes provided by many others especially Ed Hicks, David Marsh, Ken Brown, Harry Jackman and not forgetting Ron's son Anton.)

HELP WANTED

Dr. Peter Cahill would like to hear from anyone who has worked for, or can tell him anything about, the Melanesian Company (formed to buy back as many German expropriated plantations as possible) and the Bay Loo Company (a pre-war Rabaul building company). Copies of photographs would be very much appreciated.

Also, can anyone tell him where the German Club was located in Rabaul and perhaps tell him something about it.

Dr. Cahill's address is 7 Wynyard Street, Indooroopilly, Qld 4068.
Tel. (07) 371 4794 (A.H.)

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSULATE-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Dear Friends,

As you may know, when we gained our Independence, many people rejoiced with us. But many also forecast that within 5 years or thereafter, Papua New Guinea would be plunged into military coups, political revolutions, widespread bloodshed and our national currency would sink into oblivion. Twenty years later and none of these have happened.

In 1995 therefore, we have much to celebrate. It should also be a point in time when we come together not only to celebrate but also to review and examine the changes that have occurred to and in our country over the past 20 years. With the next century around the bend, we could perhaps spend some time discussing problems and issues relating to developments or otherwise the country will face.

The purpose of writing to you now is to inform you that a committee has been established in Sydney in conjunction with the PNG Consulate to propose a programme of events, discussions, conferences and public performances (e.g.) traditional dances etc that may take place throughout the year, thereby culminating in the week of our Independence in September. The Committee is simply called "PNG 20". This is the official committee that will liaise with the National Government or other appropriate bodies for the purposes of NSW based PNG 20 - 1995. The committee is made up of the Consul-General, Mr William Nindim, Consul Ms Perpetua Haiveta, Lucas Panau, Daniel Luke, Rita Henry, Dolly guise and Leila Barnett. Representatives from various organisations that have special ties with our country have been sought out as associated members in the committee, e.g. Colonel Donald Ramsay is a representative from the Australia PNG Friendship Association and Mr Joseph Nitsche from the Retired Officers' Association of PNG to name a few. Please note that a number of members in the PNG 20 Committee is not conclusive. There is still room to be filled with more Papua New Guinean representation.

We would very much like to hear from you and would appreciate any suggestions, ideas, or proposals that you may like to include or to be considered in planning the programme of events for this important year. In the event that we may like to discuss with you your suggestions, ideas or proposals, it would be appropriate to establish ongoing links with you. One of our committee members, Leila Barnett, is at the Consulate Monday, Tuesday and Thursday if you need to contact us or drop in for a chat and coffee. You can reach us by mail to Somare Haus, 100 Clarence St Sydney or phone 299 5151.

Yours sincerely,
William Nindim
Consul-General.

APRIL 1995 - PLANNED EVENTS

Friday 7 - Tuesday 18: Showground Sydney

Tuesday 25: Anzac Day - PNG participation.

Saturday 29: Coogee Beach - South Side 10.30
(BBQ/Picnic - Bring a dish)

Your support is needed to demonstrate Australia's bond of Friendship.

PNG VULCANOLOGISTS

by John Best B.Sc. (Syd)
Consulting Geologist

I do enjoy receiving ROAPNG and reading of the chest-thumping exploits of a few of your correspondents. So I've decided to toss in a few of the exploits of the Geological Survey, especially the Vulcanologist Section.

We were a bunch of volunteers seconded from Canberra and did not and have not benefited from your munificent "parting gifts". Nevertheless we did our job to the best of our ability. Several of us gave our lives - unsung - in pursuit of our duty, as we saw it.

George Anthony Morgan Taylor's family received no compensation, nor is there a plaque on Manam to record the site of his death.

We racked up a number of Firsts too. For my self, I was first to scale Manam, 6,000 ft in 56 hrs (on the way up), coming down it was an exhilarating experience; a rill slope of scoria - a very tough but exhilarating experience. I hope the Gov. Sec was satisfied with my report - he never got around to advising me. But why go on, the administration of the day never did acknowledge our efforts - commonly carried out completely alone. My survey of the Saruwaged Range a typical and classic example.

As I have said, at least three of us gave our lives, two of us on Karkar and G.A.M. Taylor on Manam - an unsung hero if ever there was one.

So come on Mr Editor, how about a modicum of justice and recognition. I believe it is never too late.

(John, if I had more detail of yours, Tony's and other vulcanologists' stories, I would be only too pleased to publish them. I knew Tony well, as on occasion he had accompanied me to Long Island and Siassi and I met him occasionally in Rabaul, Talasea and Bougainville. I was shocked to hear of his death. Whilst I do a great deal of research myself, I am largely dependent upon contributors for the content of the Newsletter. Editor.)

HELP WANTED WW II EVACUATIONS

"My aunt and uncle, Jessie and Herbert (Bert) Rogerson were stationed at Woodlark Is. at the time of the Jap invasion and I would like to know if any readers have precise knowledge of just how they were evacuated and brought to Australia. Sketchily, my recollection of the story is that Jessie and Mil Neate were taken to Samarai by small boat and then flown to Port Moresby where they stayed for a couple of days with my father and were then flown to Cairns, from where they went by rail to Sydney. Does anyone know the name of the boat? And just when would this have been - early January? Uncle Bert, according to a family story, was picked up by another small boat to avoid the Japs in early January. They sailed into a lagoon in the Louisiade Archipelago to find that the Japs were already there. Uncle Bert eventually came south by boat - the Sarpeden? And the Moresby men who were evacuated because they were over 45 - would the ship that took them to Cairns have been the Manunda? If anyone has actual dates that would be a bonus but of course approximate times are very acceptable.

Mrs Esme Johnson
12 Nuttall St.
LAWNTON QLD.. 4501

CANBERRA SCIENTIST TO RETRACE HISTORIC TREK

by Carolyn Coon

In 1926, Australians Charles Karius and Ivan Champion made the first south-north crossing of some of the world's roughest terrain, in Papua New Guinea.

Seventy years later, a Canberra scientist plans to retrace the steps of Karius and Champion, but this time, with the full participation of Papua New Guineans. Dr Michael Bird, a geologist from the Australian National University, has organised the expedition to Papua New Guinea, due to set off late next year (1995).

Accompanying Dr Bird will be three Papua New Guineans with medical and biological experience, an Australian prehistorian and anthropologist, and a New Zealand doctor. During the expedition, Dr Bird says, the team aims to chronicle the social and physical changes that have taken place since 1926 in regions which in some cases are seldom visited.

Dr Bird also hopes to highlight the viewpoint of the indigenous people contacted by the original expedition, a factor lacking in the published chronicles of Karius and Champion.

"We hope to collect local oral history material from the peoples contacted by Karius and Champion to produce a more complete story of the original expedition in 1926," Dr Bird said. "I think the nature and aims of the trip ties in well with Papua New Guinea celebrating 20 years of independence next Year."

Dr Bird believes the expedition is fairly ambitious. While the expedition will be challenging, Dr Bird said completing the trek will be 'nowhere near' the achievement of the original trek, which was described by renowned naturalist Sir David Attenborough as "one of the most underestimated and under-praised episodes in exploration." "I don't think the original trek achieved the place in history that it deserved, considering the extremely adverse circumstances the expedition faced in the '20s. They had no proper footwear, clothing or technical aid," Dr Bird said.

"We will have all the benefits technology can bestow on us, so just trekking across the terrain as such is nowhere near the achievement it was 70 years ago." While modern technology will assist next year's expedition, Dr Bird said the geography of Papua New Guinea will still present a number of obstacles.

"It's still a fairly ambitious expedition, but it will be a long time before anybody else plans to take this trip again, so while we have planned to do it, we want to cover as much ground as we can in a range of areas including archaeology, biology and history, and this time we'll be doing it with full Papua New Guinean participation."

The proposed expedition will travel up the Fly River to the mountain front in central Papua New Guinea, through the mountainous interior, and down the Sepik River. Shell PNG and the Australian Geographic Society are sponsoring the expedition, which is anticipated to take between two and three months. Ok Tedi Mining Ltd is providing logistical assistance in the form of helicopters and boats.

(From *The Canberra Times*, Wednesday, 2 November 1994.)

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Forty-fourth Annual General Meeting
of the Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea
will be held on **SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 1995, at 11.00 a.m.**

at the MANDARIN CLUB
Oriental Room, 4th Floor

Corner of Goulburn and Pitt Streets, Sydney

Leila Barnett
1st Floor
PwG Consult.
4-30 Pm
THURSDAY

Agenda:

1. Members present, and apologies;
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 43rd AGM;
(as circulated in September 1994 'Una Voce')
3. Business arising from the Minutes;
4. President's Report;
5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement;
6. Correspondence;
7. Sub-Committee reports;
8. Election of Executive Committee:
President, Deputy President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer,
Asst. Secretary, Editor 'Una Voce'. 5 Committee persons. Hon. Auditor.

Note:

Accompanying this notice is a Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers and it would be appreciated if nominations (signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder) could be forwarded to: R.O.A.P.N.G., PO Box 452 Roseville 2069, or handed to Pamela Foley or Elma Holmes prior to the commencement of the Meeting. NO nominations will be accepted during the Meeting.

9. Appointment of Patron.
10. Any other business.

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Members, Associate Members, their families and friends are all welcome - but **PLEASE** let us know you are coming by completing the booking form provided and returning it, with cheque, to R.O.A.P.M.G. PO BOX 452 ROSEVILLE NSW 2069 as soon as possible so that we may arrange seating and keep the Club advised of numbers. Cancellations advised to Elma Holmes on (02) 958 4996 or Pamela Foley on (02) 428 2078 by Friday 21st April will secure full refund, otherwise there will be no refund because the Association will have given the Club final numbers and will have to pay for those who have not advised of their inability to attend.

The cost for the luncheon following the Meeting will be \$20.00 per person, but this will NOT include liquor or soft drinks.

Parking is available at the Goulburn St. parking station (cnr Goulburn and Elizabeth Sts.) for \$6.00 flat rate between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. The parking station is only 100 metres from the Club.

Any of our elder members who would come if they had transport supplied please contact our Secretary, Jo Nitsche on (02) 451 2475, who will endeavour to arrange for them to be picked up and returned home after the luncheon.

FORM OF PROXY

I.....(please PRINT name) being a financial member of the Retired officers' Association of Papua New Guinea hereby appoint: *Inc*

..........to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 23rd April, 1995 or at any subsequent adjournment thereof.

(Signed)..... (Witness.....)

*NOTE: You can nominate the Chairman, President or any financial Member that you know will be attending the Meeting.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICE BEARERS, 1995 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(See notice of Meeting, Agenda Item 8 for details, etc)

I,.....(being a Financial Member) hereby nominate:

.....for the office of.....

I,.....(a Financial Member) second this nomination.

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I,.....(a Financial Member) accept this nomination.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LUNCHEON BOOKING

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I,.....(Please PRINT Christian and Surname) will attend the luncheon following the AGM, and will be accompanied by -

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Please print full name (For name card)

If possible I/we would like to be seated with.....

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The enclosed cheque/money order includes: My luncheon payment \$..20.00..

*My luncheon guest(s) " \$.....

*My subs for 19..... " \$.....

*Please delete if not applicable. **TOTAL** \$.....

Please post to: R O A P N G P O BOX 452 ROSEVILLE NSW 2069

Please assist by forwarding your cheques ahead of the day, as this will enable us to have receipts ready for you, thus avoiding much delay for members at arrival time. It is time-consuming collecting monies and writing receipts at the commencement of the function.

See note following the Agenda of the AGM Special Notice for information regarding cancellations.

THE GOILALA

by Harry Jackman

In 1977 I asked Ron Galloway to comment on the anthropologist C.R. Hallpike's book *Bloodshed and Vengeance in the Papuan Mountains*, about the Tuade of the Goilala. The following is quoted from Ron's written reply:

"In a report to Port Moresby on 14 March 1955 I also said...[that] court and other records at Tapini revealed one killing each six weeks and one crime of violence each four weeks over the past six years... I filed another report wherein I made a comparison between the rate of violent crime in the Goilala and New York, which was then reported to have the highest per capita violent crime rate in the world. It worked out that in the Goilala, for every 3,000 head of population, one man, woman or child, could expect to meet a violent death, whilst the figure for New York in 1954 was a violent death for every 12,000 on an annual basis. At that stage I was pressing for the imposition of capital punishment... [but because of] the pressures of the U.N. and all the other soft hearted liberals of the world, nothing happened and men, women and children continued to be murdered in the name of payback."

There are many Goilala members of Port Moresby's criminal gangs, Goilala squatters have made gardens in and desecrated the old European cemetery near Elevala. My repeated requests to the Australian High Commission and the National Capital Development Commission to restore the graves have been in vain. The Australian War Graves Commission has offered to move Sir Hubert Murray's grave to the Port Moresby General Cemetery, because he served with the New South Wales Irish Rifles in the Boer War. Maybe, a Port Moresby reader of *Una Voce* will be good enough to let the Editor know whether the grave is restorable.

HELP WANTED

Maxwell R. Hayes, who served in the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary 1959-1974, is endeavouring to compile a list of all expatriate officers who served as Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers, in any of the antecedent police forces which lead to the formation of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, and the names of such officers of that force up to and including Independence in 1975. Unfortunately, the list is not intended to include officers of the field forces, e.g. patrol officers, who whilst they held ex-officio title to being members of the RPNGC, were in fact, not uniformed officers and wore no badges of rank. A compilation of list of names of field officers is best left to someone within those departments, and is outside the scope of the present plan to list uniformed officers. Already he has several names from the German period, and some from B.N.G., Papuan and T.N.G pre-war forces. It is believed that no serious attempt has been made to compile such a list of names, to date. The list is not intended to be a history of the RPNGC, as that is best left to other more qualified persons to record.

Max would be pleased to hear from any former members of the Constabulary, and widows of former serving members, with information. Items of interest would be: date and place of birth; full name; appointment date to the police; PHQ file No if known, this is a 'P.....' No; places of service and positions held; promotions and dates; significant events during service; date of retirement, resignation or separation; rank on termination; prior military or police service; military or police awards and medals; what the member did after leaving the force and where; date of death/place (if applicable).

Max can be contacted at 41 Clay Drive, Doncaster, Vic. 3108.

THE GHOST OF KASSA TOWNSEND

by Ken Humphreys

Some members will no doubt recall the Wewak fracas between Colonel Woodman and Townsend which was described in Dr Ian Downs' *THE LAST MOUNTAIN*. Woodman, a keen stamp collector who carried his albums with him on patrol, had been posted to Wewak where Townsend was the District Officer.

Woodman's steamer arrived off Wewak in a heavy sea and he decided not to risk his stamps and cargo to a lighter. He refused to leave the ship, thus infuriating Townsend who resorted to a loud hailer to entice the recalcitrant ashore: "an entertaining exchange took place" - Downs. The ship's captain decided that the amount of return cargo was not worth the wait for a calmer sea so returned to Rabaul with Woodman's stamps safe and snug.

So ended the story as I thought.

But, lo and behold, a phone call from a stamp dealer dragged me back to Mandated New Guinea and the astonishing discovery that Townsend was also a stamp collector. Apparently in 1992, Townsend's daughter decided to sell a quantity of United Nations and New Guinea First Day Covers which her father had prepared. The dealer had no idea of the retail value so asked my advice. For the United Nations stock I directed him to a specialist dealer in Bundaberg, but was able to advise him on the New Guinea covers.

There were forty registered FDCs of the 1937 Coronation issue variously addressed to Townsend, his wife and daughter. The problem is that every drover's dog purchased the Coronation stamps that were issued by all members of the British Empire. For example, by May 1937, Rabaul had sold £32,000 worth, and in mid August the Port Moresby Papua sales topped £40,000. The result of such incredible sales is that today's philatelic market is still saturated. Even though the set of stamps had an expensive 1937 face value of 1/10, the set is worth a pittance today. An extremely fine, clean, unhinged set with bright colours may be purchased for under \$2. The retail price I recommended for Townsend's covers was \$2.50 each, which is a negative return for an investment spanning almost sixty years. But to ROAPNG members, the historical value far outweighs any philatelic worth.

On the other hand, because of Woodman's worldwide philatelic reputation and his interest in New Guinea aerophilately, even his most mundane, self-addressed covers attract high prices. Because Townsend kept his hobby secret, philatelists have never heard of him. Such is life.

Further reading: *THE LAST MOUNTAIN* - Dr. Ian Downs University of Queensland Press 1986; *DISTRICT OFFICER* - G.W.L. Townsend: Pacific Publications Sydney 1968.

HISTORY OF THE SOGERI SCHOOL 1944 - 1994

A History of the SOGERI SCHOOL (begun by ANGAU in 1944) is now being compiled. An important part of this book, to be released in 1995, will be a photographic record of the school from its foundation to the present day. If any readers (or their friends) have photographs of the school or any of its staff and students, and especially photos of the early Headmasters and staff - Frank Boisen, Harry Buckland, Len Unwin, Vic Sully, Lance Stamper, Charles Julius, Jack Dooner (Doonar?), etc., we would be grateful if they could get in touch. We would also appreciate any information about the school - its staff and students - in its early decades.

Photographs and documents will be returned after use and acknowledgment of your help made in the book.

Contact: Ms Marjorie Walker, 31 Josephine Avenue, Mt. Waverley Vic 3149
Tel: 03 803 9071

BOOK REVIEWS AND BOOK NEWS

RABAU'S FORGOTTEN FLEET - Authors: Monica Foster and Peter Stone.

Review by: Lieuwe Pronk.⁽¹⁾

This well-presented book - attractive cover, clear and interesting illustrations, readable style - will be of considerable interest to dedicated wreck-divers.

The diving notes and detailed descriptions of the positions and interiors of the wrecks must also be a valuable guide to would-be Rabaul wreck divers, and could conceivably save a life or prevent a serious accident.

Chapter I - "Operation Cartwheel" - the brief story of Rabaul during World War II, was of particular interest to me, as I had been involved with Allied shipping during the New Guinea Campaign.

Knowing ships, I could picture these Japanese wrecks and imagine the eerie, and sometimes quite beautiful underwater scenes. There is also a good description of Rabaul and its environs (before the recent earthquakes) in Chapter 20.

Obviously much diving time and a good deal of meticulous research has gone into this book. Full credit to the authors for their enthusiasm and dedication!

However, wreck-diving is not everyone's cup of tea, so the book will probably appeal to only a limited group of readers. As a non-diver I found the extremely detailed description of the interior of each wreck repetitive. Inevitable, I suppose - I guess the interior of one sunken wreck looks pretty much like another. I was also a little nonplussed by many spelling errors, many instances of two separate words joined together (printing errors?), reference to overseas vessels as "ships" (which they are) in one paragraph and "boats" in another, and other errors, which any proof reader should have picked up prior to publication.

To summarise, I doubt whether the reception which this book gets will be commensurate with the time and effort which went into the compiling of it.

The book, which retails at \$32.95 in the bookshops, is available to our members at the special price of \$25.00, including postage, and is available from Oceans Enterprises, Publishers & Distributors, 303 Commercial Road, YARRAM Vic 3971, Tel. (051) 825 108 Fax (051) 825 823.

⁽¹⁾ Lieuwe Pronk worked for the Dutch Shipping Co, KPM, whose Head Office was in Batavia (now Jakarta) and pre-WWII ran a monthly service from Singapore to NZ and Australia calling at Port Moresby, Samarai, Salamaua and Rabaul. He was also involved with this company's vessels during WWII and post-war he was for a time Shipping Superintendent for Burns Philp (NG) Ltd.

BLACK SUNDAY - When weather claimed the U.S. Fifth Air Force
Author: Michael Claringbold.

In New Guinea on 16 April 1944 the U.S. Fifth Air Force lost thirty-seven aircraft to a late-afternoon storm front which cut them off from their home bases. It was the Fifth's biggest loss of the war.

Eight years in the making, aviation author Michael Claringbold has compiled a 30,000 word depiction of the mission, including six appendices and a plethora of previously unpublished photos. The book provides an account for

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every loss and incident, including survival reports and post-war discoveries of aircraft missing from the day. The book was assembled from more than 200 sources, including declassified USAAF and Australian records, interviews with survivors, and field trips to Papua New Guinea.

The treasure-trove of history left by the Fifth Air Force has largely been ignored. Anyone interested in flying will find the magnitude of the losses in this mission absorbing. And, for aviation *cognoscenti*, the historical and technical detail will prove a bonus.

To order your copy, please forward cheque or money order for A\$28.00 (if resident in Australia) or US\$32.00 (if resident overseas), payable to: Aerosian Publications, 7 Rosedale Road, GLEN IRIS Vic 3146 AUSTRALIA.

NEW GUINEA - THE WAHGI IMPACT by Chris HARKNESS

Printed by Robert Brown & Associates, Coorparoo, Brisbane.

Review by Bill Tomasetti.

Expatriate women commenced publishing their writings on PNG at least as early as the second decade of this century. This book thus joins a growing list of books of such authorship - some scholarly and some of different rationale, such as this. PNG women also write, and hopefully some residing in Australia will publish impressions of their lives among us and of our homeland.

The book under review was written by an Australian woman. It is set in the period from mid 1965 to early 1968, during which she worked at a variety of secretarial tasks. The narrative centers on the Wahgi valley - a small and beautiful section of PNG - during the last decade of the colonial phase of PNG's history.

The author is fascinated by the Wahgi and other parts of PNG that she has visited - including Lae, Madang and Karkar Island, and some of the Sepik Province stations. This fascination seems to have four focuses, viz: the particular social life of expatriates; flying; PNG's striking scenery; PNG's plastic and graphic arts. There are references to PNG's progress towards sovereignty and its society and culture; and short comments on other topics (including international affairs) appear almost at random throughout the book.

These are the components of the -largely chronological- description of the author's sojourn in PNG and her return therefrom to Australia. Their mix varies to accord with the topic and perhaps the writer's mood: and the topic changes frequently -- sometimes from sentence to sentence. Her passages on the second last component are often lyrical, but those on the first are repetitive and sometimes banal. On the then important issue of sovereignty, the author seems to have shared the dilemma of many - how to define 'readiness' for it. Her opinions seem to have been variously composed of goodwill, concern, and some inclination to sympathise with the doubts of its opponents.

To support opinions in the review some detail follows.

First, some examples of faults in the text (and notes thereon). (i) "The Papuans are different people from the New Guineans, both physically and culturally ..." (p.16). The ethnic and cultural (including linguistic) variations in PNG have only very little, if any, correlation with the pre-1975 border between Papua and New Guinea. (ii) "With the advent of education and health hygiene, ..." (p.38). PNGians traditionally educated their children and had wide pragmatic knowledge of diseases and their treatment. Many now see

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advantage in western style schooling and public health services.

(iii) "... the German Mandate was handed over to Australia ..." (p.53). Germany's governance of New Guinea was not under a League of Nations mandate. (iv) It is an over-simplification to write that New Guinea and Papua were geographically separate (p.53). (v) It is a gross error and demeaning to write of Ivan Champion thus: "Kiap Jack Hides helped open up the country while Ivan Champion made the maps of the country from the air" (p.75). (vi) "... 900 Europeans, 553 Asians and other mixed races." (p.96). Most Europeans and Asians would not regard themselves as being of mixed race. (vii) "Karkar ... to the west of Manam ..." (p.97). Karkar is approximately south-east from Manam. (viii) "The Sepik was first discovered by the German explorer Dr Thurnwald ..." (p.102). It is probably true that New Guineans discovered the Sepik tens of milleniums ago.

Readers will find that cliches abound -- a few examples. "It wasn't the country for a weak woman." (p.43): "It was a rough country - a man's country." (p.44): "- an exotic tropical paradise ..." (p.44): "Since the dawn of time this area had been the centre of ancient mystical rites ..." (p.45): "... as we flew over the wild and untamed highlands ..." (p.59): "... we trekked inland up a track through steaming jungle, hanging vines ..." (p.82).

Words are occasionally used in odd ways -- some examples follow. PNGians are occasionally referred to as: "Indigenous boys", "boy", "primitive". Two other oddities are- "A weather road ..." (p.103). "The problem with our ... Sepik carvings, was that we could not get the jolly things to stand up. Their bottoms were convex ..." (p.181). In the past many traits have been falsely attributed to the Sepik people and their works: and does the author now suggest a cause/effect relationship that means that the Sepik could not stand on their feet because their buttocks were convex?

On p.134, referring to Tokpisin, the author writes- "I had to learn the hard way". However few of the Tokpisin entries are without mistakes: a few examples follow: (i) 'arse-grass' should be asgras (p.19): (ii) munki is Tokpisin for 'monkey', and Tokpisin for 'boy' is manki (p.232). Also, Tokpisin words are sometimes shown in a wrong type: for example kaukau (p.43) is not shown in italics. It is not clear if a number of expressions, e.g. "go South finish" (p.36), are intended as Tokpisin phrases. Finally, the Tokpisin text on p.91 contains a probable total of 23 mistakes.

The above comments on the use of Tokpisin in the book recognise that first- in expressing thoughts, speech and writing produce variant outcomes; and second- the forms of Tokpisin spoken by Highlanders differ from standard Tokpisin. However, those seeking guidance to an understanding of that language should be cautious of the book's offerings.

On p.39 is an illustration captioned "Tom Ellis DC, 1965 ...". But the face that dominates the illustration is that of a strong-featured Highlander. Perhaps the DC is in the car?

There are spelling errors and two examples follow: "Samuri" (p.79): "beetlenut" (p.82).

Many of the comments in the review would have been unnecessary if the book had had a thorough editing.

The author confesses "We were too romantic perhaps but who wouldn't be under the circumstances?" (p.155), and the narrative profusely supports the first clause. Thus those searching for reliable information and some understanding of PNG's recent history would be well advised to look elsewhere. Though many may well enjoy reading the book.

(The book is available from Robert Brown & Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd, PO Box 1299, Coorparoo, Qld 4151, at \$24.95 plus \$5.00 postage & packing, anywhere in Australia.)

PORT MORESBY MIXED DOUBLES by Michael Challenger, 1992. 246 pp. rrp. \$11.95, Pasa Press, P.O. Box 337 GPO, Melbourne, Vic 3001.

Reviewed by Jim Toner.

Readers of these eighteen short stories need not have visited or lived in PNG to find them entertaining but old Moresby hands will find them doubly so. Any anyone from other Territory towns who has had dealings with domestic servants (and their extended families) or National staff (and their defalcations) will find Challenger's narratives ringing true. Happily there are no stereotypes of the 'colonial' period for these tales are set in Moresby of the Eighties. All expatriates are with Private Enterprise and the younger ones have never heard of DNA Circular Instructions concerning Native Women.

As to the author and his background, the book stands mute. I use the legal term because it is London to a brick that he is a lawyer. And I use that expression because I suspect from his use of the word 'dustman', rather than 'garbo', that he is English. Whatever, his mastery of the language for the short store genre shows no flaw and his plots are, I believe, in the John Mortimer class. Numerous observations will tickle ROAPNG members.

An expatriate goes to the Boroko Police Station on a Sunday morning to bail out his office tea boy to find the place packed. "They were two deep on the public side of the counter with only one policeman attending to them. About a dozen other police skulked behind the partitions to avoid helping."

Another expat. being courted under the Native Regs. (!) for adultery goes to Courtroom No. 3 which looks out through the trees towards Ela Beach. "So many louvres were missing from the windows that the view was excellent."

There is reference to a stolen car impounded as evidence which went missing from the yard at the rear of the Boroko Station and is alleged to have been raffled for the Police Club Christmas Party. However, all incidents described in the book are said to be entirely fictional.

One expat. seeks "a cheap lawyer". It reminded me of Harry West's letter to Moresby stating that the Administration needed a legal adviser on the ground in New Britain, not at Konedobu, and asking if a lawyer, of lower grade, could be stationed at Rabaul. The irate reply from Crown Law informed him that there was no such thing as a low grade lawyer. Oh?

Expatriate marriages come under Challenger's microscope. One husband, in strife with the wife, gets home from the Club about nine, "not very much later than usual. He went to the fridge but it was completely empty - apart from food, that is. Not a beer to be seen." Club culture also gets a shaft and the author returns to the Seventies to describe some biff in what is obviously the old Public Service Club at the foot of Paga Hill, that venue for chaps not quite up to the Pap Club.

Some of the stories are narrated from a Papuan viewpoint and Challenger uses a kind of Hanuabada-speak to describe a sadly believable drinking tragedy amongst teenage boys at, I surmise, Barune village. Elsewhere a man with the head of a snake has been seen at Gordons Market although no actual eye witness can be found. But a crowd flocks to Taurama Hospital when it is rumoured that the man is waiting at Outpatients. Had the expat. lady who ruled that area with a tongue of steel in the Sixties been there, the tau gaigai would have received very short shrift.

Driving out to Tatana in the evening bearing a carton of "greenies" is now passe, de trop and probably life-threatening. Educated but unemployed kekene are apparently to be found languishing under shade trees in Angau Drive, etc. and quite willing to hop into an expat. car. This is not what the Administration had in mind when it took digging sticks from girls and gave them school uniforms, but, alas, it seems to be the picture. "Entertaining Mary" would make a side-splitting half-hour TV show - to be shown at a late hour - but the entire collection is well worth our readership's \$12:

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY

by Clive Baker

A few years ago we self-published a book on the Battle of Milne Bay and having been successful with that effort, we have now commenced publishing the manuscripts of other people.

Your readers may be interested in a book that was the brainchild of Geoff Masters before his death. We had agreed on a joint venture to publish General Clowes' report on the battle of Milne Bay together with some new photographs that had come to hand. The planned price was \$20 a copy including postage and packing, and that \$5 a book would go into a special 'Memorial Fund'. This fund would be used to contribute money to any worthwhile projects where memorials or plaques were being erected to commemorate the places where Australians had served and died - one of Geoff's driving aims. When he died we decided to continue his project and at this time the manuscript is almost ready for the printer.

If any 'Una Vocers' are interested in a copy, they could send a cheque to us and delivery will be made in April 95.

If anybody has a manuscript covering Australian military history, we will be very pleased to consider it for printing. We have just released a guidebook on walking the Kokoda Trail (\$20) and the story of a Bren Gunner with the 2/2 Battalion who was shot near Gona. (\$20)

Also can any reader please assist with a book that we are researching on the battle for Gona in 1942. This book will be in the same detail as the MILNE BAY - 1942 book and will look at the events from all sides.

We are keen to contact anyone who served in any capacity in the action from Kokoda to Oivi to Gona and its final mopping up. Anyone who lived north of the Owen Stanleys and can help with background to the civilian side of the story will also be most welcome. We are covering the murder of the Gona missionaries, the Church people as far north as Ambasi and Mamba, the plantation workers as far inland as Kokoda, Awala and Ioma.

Old photographs and maps of the area would also add much to the detail of the story.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS.

Full Time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings increased by 3.4% between August 1993 and August 1994. The three-years average has been an increase of 3.2% p.a., significantly more than the increase in CPI.

As at August 1994 the national averages were:

Males -	\$659.80 per week	(\$34,309 p.a.)
Females -	\$556.60 per week	(\$28,943 p.a.)
Overall average -	\$623.20 per week	(\$32,406 p.a.)

The majority of Australian workers receive less than the national average figures. Compare that with an age pensioner couple having a total income of \$32,200 p.a. fully owning their own home and car, with a small age pension and all the concessions and fringe benefits that go with it.

WHERE THERE IS A WILL.....

Sad to say, cases come to notice in which people have died without leaving a Will. Unfortunately, in some of these cases spouses (particularly second spouses and defacto spouses) have encountered real difficulties. In the extreme, claims on the estate by others have been known to leave the surviving spouse or defacto having to sell or vacate the family home. Some have even found their tenure in the family home terminated.

A Will is not expensive and, in most cases, can be prepared quite quickly by a solicitor or Public Trustee. Some solicitors prepare Wills free of charge for pensioners - but check for any "catch" e.g. whether the solicitor wants a continuing role in relation to the deceased estate.

Members can make their own Wills by buying a specially printed form from a newsagent but the absence of professional legal knowledge can lead to such problems that this approach is NOT recommended.

Having made a Will, it should be kept in a safe place e.g. held by the solicitor or held in a bank security box etc. But it is not much good having it secured away if nobody knows where it is.

When talking with the solicitor, it is a good idea to also discuss a "Power of Attorney" so that some trusted member of the family or friend can be given the proper legal authority to conduct your affairs in the event that you become temporarily or permanently unable to do so for yourself.

Apart from the importance of the Will, some vital information will be needed immediately after your death e.g. birth certificate information; marriage certificate, whether you have a pre-paid funeral plan and if so, with what firm; details to notify ComSuper, Social Security, Veteran's Affairs and probably others; where your bank account is held; any other investments and assets. What the Association recommends is that you prepare a list of all the things which might be needed upon your death. It does not have to become a public document - you can keep it sealed for privacy if you want. The outside should be clearly marked to show what it is.

The best thing is to tuck it away safely somewhere easily accessible for you to amend and for someone to obtain quickly when needed. Somewhere in the house is usual. A bank vault or solicitor's safe is not the best place in this case as it might be needed, say, over a weekend or on a holiday. Wherever it is kept, it is vital that your spouse and family and perhaps your closest friend know of the existence of this packet and precisely where it is kept.

(The above are extracts from "Super Time" February 1995)

Members are reminded that in 1993 the Association produced a "Personal Papers Update" folder covering the matters referred to in the second article above. These folders are still available from the Secretary and are provided free of charge.

EASY LIVING COSTS VITAL VALUES

by Dame Rachel Cleland

I've been musing about the whys and wherefores of stress. It is such a problem now, yet I can't recall anyone of my generation who was troubled that way. I live not far from where I was born in 1906 and my sisters built in the front garden of the house where we grew up. Around us live other octogenarians, with whom we played as children. We often talk of old times, what another age it was and what a happy time for children. Everyday life was tough. No bathroom or kitchen had hot water laid on. A baby and toddler would be bathed in a tub on the floor with a kettle from the kitchen stove to warm the water. But by the time we were three it was a cold shower, winter and summer. Ugh, that cold shower. How I remember pretending to go under, but mother was never fooled. There were no electric heaters or attempts to warm the house in the day and the fire in the living room was lit at dusk.

After morning tea at six o'clock we were off on our jobs. The three girls each did half an hour piano practice before 7.30. The two boys milked the cow and fed the ponies, while the two girls not at the piano fed the chooks and collected the eggs. Then it was cold shower, dress for breakfast at eight and off to school. Going to the primary school meant under a mile to walk in the morning, back for lunch and home in the afternoon. Lunch was a hot meal in the "work-room" where we also had nursery tea at five o'clock, did our homework, played games, made all sorts of things with paint, glue, tacks and scissors. It was our special place.

The infants' school, the "bubs", was separate and how proud I was and half-scared to go to the big school when I was eight. Sixty children, two to a screwed-down desk, in a big high ceilinged, high windowed room. A foot-high platform for the teacher's table in front of the blackboard and a big cupboard near the door. A map, a picture of the King and, I think, Lord Kitchener. Nothing else. No children's drawings, no heating, no covering over bare boards. On a shelf under our desks we each had exercise books, a writing book with copperplate sentences for us to copy, two reading books and an arithmetic book. We were well grounded in the three Rs and thereafter were well equipped and free to follow whatever learning interested us. We also learnt geography, history, grammar and English, which included memorising poetry, much of which I can still recite. This sounds dull now and against modern concepts of education. But I liked school and in any case just took it all as the way of the world. We knew what we had to do and we knew where we stood. Discipline didn't seem to be a problem, Good manners were expected and good behaviour was the usual result.

Anchored in front of the house was the boat, a broad-beamed 15ft rowing boat. We would all climb in and mother would anchor it near the shore. She sat on the beach, darning, while we happily rowed round and round the anchor.

Apart from the fun things, each child had jobs, such as cleaning knives on the back verandah, making butter by stirring a bowl of cream till it "turned", grinding wheat in a little mill, coarsely for tomorrow's porridge and, what we hated, fine for mother's wheatmeal biscuits. My reflections are that merely by the circumstances of the times, children learnt from their earliest years to cope with heat of summer and the cold of winter. They shared household jobs which no longer exist. Without knowing it, children learnt from a very early age to accept whatever came and to cope with life. With it came the natural capacity to stand up to the inevitable stresses which came later. It seems that the easier and more comfortable life becomes in the physical sense, the less there is of this unconscious learning. Modern education gives so many choices and many children are unable to choose wisely or to choose at all. So many just cancel out and are easily stressed as adults. But you can't put the clock back and easy living is here to stay.

(From 'The West Australian', October 29, 1994.)

ADDRESS BY PNG PRIME MINISTER

The following is an address delivered by the Rt. Hon Sir Julius Chan, GCMG, KBE, MP, Prime Minister & Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on 20 December 1994, titled "1994 - A YEAR PAST, 1995 - A NEW TIDE"

"Fellow Papua New Guineans and Friends,

Greetings - on behalf of Lady Chan and my entire family and clans and all those who work with me in Government - I wish you all a joyous peaceful period throughout Christmas and the New Year. Only a few days remain of 1994, the year that the United Nations has dedicated to the family.

What a year it has been.

It must be the most turbulent, painful and, at times, unpredictable year ever experienced by PNG in its 19 years as an independent state. The problems we faced were multi-fold, ranging from political and constitutional challenges to droughts, floods, landslides and even frosts which struck many parts of the country, taking lives, causing misery and destroying food gardens, property and livestock. These disasters have been natural and man-made.

The biggest of the natural disasters has been the eruptions of Mt Tavurvur and Mt Vulcan in East New Britain Province. The volcanic ash fallout has buried Rabaul, one of the oldest and most beautiful towns in the country.

Apart from the natural disasters, the Bougainville situation has continued to be an enormous drain on PNG's resources. Millions of Kina have been poured into reconciliation, peace and restoration efforts. No monetary value, however, could be placed on the tragic loss of life and suffering which has occurred over the past 6 years in Bougainville - though the past three months have seen a change in course.

On the other hand, these disasters have also drawn our people closer together with many people throughout PNG donating some of their hard-earned money and goods to help those in need. Overseas donations have flooded into Papua New Guinea in abundance to which we are forever grateful.

Similarly, on Bougainville, I have committed a great deal of time and personal effort to find a solution. I have been assisted by the dedicated efforts of the Bougainville Interim Authority Chairmen, chiefs, women's groups, churches, public servants, security forces, resistance fighters and other peace groups including national Members of Parliament - all aimed towards achieving peace in Bougainville.

We brought in, for the first time, a South Pacific Peace-Keeping Force to help with the peace process. Through the cooperation and assistance of our close neighbours from Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Australia, New Zealand and Solomon Islands, we were able to bring more than 6000 estranged Bougainvilleans together as human beings for the first time in 6 years at Arawa on 10 October.

Our commitment towards peace is absolute - there will be no wavering. The agreement under the Charter of Mirigini marks 1994 as the year for new spirit, a new deal for a new Bougainville.

Our efforts in Bougainville and, in managing the various natural disasters, have been hampered tremendously by another crisis. Immediately after taking office on 30 August, the Government was confronted with a drain on our cash reserves. To save the nation from utter ruin, we have moved quickly to take some very drastic but necessary steps.

We devalued the kina by 12 percent and floated the currency and ordered a freeze on expenditure and public sector wage rises.

These measures were not taken lightly and, to live up to what I preached, as Prime Minister, I made three overseas visits, one to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Summit in Indonesia and two trips to Australia, each time I had the smallest delegation of officials ever accompanying a PM.

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PNG PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS (continued)

I am very pleased to say that the measures we have instituted are taking effect and this policy of strict and responsible economic management will be maintained for 1995.

But, in any yearly review we tend to concentrate on the negatives and overlook the positives. The most positive result of this year has been that our democratic institutions have been tested but survived intact and have thrived during some very trying situations.

When I was elected Prime Minister, the transition from one government to the other was peaceful, dignified and passed without incident. It was a glowing testimony to the growing maturity of our democratic process.

Despite all the doom and gloom being broadcast from some quarters, economic realists can isolate the cash-flow problems from the overall performance of the economy. All the signs point to a buoyant economic future. Revenue is on the rise, with collections well above projected targets, most sectors are expanding and the early commencement of the Lihir gold mine next year will inject new, vital nutrients for economic recovery.

Little attention has been paid to these advancements and we have focussed heavily on the various crises. We tend to look at crises in only a negative light. We equate them to disasters but crises are not necessarily all disasters. Crises provide individuals and nations with the opportunity to tap into inner reserves to overcome obstacles and progress with greater confidence and this is happening in the country today. The natural resilience and tenacity of our people to overcome disasters and bounce back better than ever is largely responsible for this.

I salute each and every one of you for your contribution to the nation's inner strength and well-being and thank you for your patience and understanding.

1994 has not been an easy year for me and my family and I am sure it has been the same for you. We have lost our whole life savings in Rabaul and I know how terribly some of you are suffering there.

At the peak of the devastation in Rabaul, my father passed away in September. But, as surely as there are low periods in life, there are also highs and this year was no exception. I was honoured to receive the Queen's Grand Cross and the Pacific Man of the Year.

Before I round off my review of the Year of the Family, I would like to urge everyone to think of Papua New Guinea as one big family, and here I refer to all Papua New Guineans and others living here, from all walks of life.

As with all big families, there has been bitter arguments and differing views. Often these problems have grown out of hand and threatened the family unity. But, during the year we have been working hard to bring the bickering factions together. In this way, we have been living up to the ideals set by the United Nations when it declared 1994 the Year of the Family.

In order for our big family to progress, we must strive to achieve peace. Peace is a necessary precondition for unity, prosperity and progress. Peace brings a sense of accomplishment, tranquillity and frees us from fear, violence, stress and division.

After a traumatic, painful year, I think we all need a bit of peace in our homes, on our streets and in our countryside. There is no magic formula to achieve peace - it all begins within the individual. Look within yourself to find that peace and if you can't, pray - seek and you shall find. Once there is peace within the individual, it tends to radiate outwards to encompass others.

During this period of celebration, I ask that you maintain a positive outlook on life and renewal. Do not dwell on the past and all the mistakes it holds. Certainly, use them as a guide but not as a lead in your life.

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PNG PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS (continued)

Silently, I see a great future emerging from all of the disasters. I see a new generation of people - kinder, more giving, more caring and more generous. In many respects, this year has been a cleansing period for us all.

For this reason, I am confident Papua New Guineans will emerge from these difficult times with greater drive, new initiatives and firmer determination to meet the challenges of a new year and gear up for the new century.

But I cannot finish without a final plea to those whose motives are aimed towards spoiling the beauty and enjoyment of Christmas for others. Yes, I am referring to the rabble-rousers, trouble-makers and those who are planning criminal acts to destroy the very foundation of Christmas - the peace and joy it brings to the family and the world.

Why don't you join the rest of us and dedicate yourselves to peace? Welcome the birth of Jesus Christ and pray for the sick, the weak and the poor? Be happy too and be among your friends to enjoy the festive season. Don't be alone.

For the Government, next year, we will be working our guts out to turn the tide. We have programmed sittings of Parliament to cover 12 weeks and at least 15 Cabinet and Committee meetings which will take up to 70 days of discussions. The National Executive Council will be also travelling out of Port Moresby, holding meetings and getting closer to the Provinces and the people.

The Constitutional Review Commission recommendations come into effect in 1995 and this will herald a new start for all forms of Government in Papua New Guinea.

The Government will also organise a National Forum, bringing together representatives from Provincial and local Governments, including the business sector, women's groups, churches, youth groups and trade unions, to discuss the direction in which we all want PNG to go.

It is intended that the Forum will formulate a joint Open Strategic Plan for Papua New Guinea to map out our future for 1995 and beyond.

1995 - our 20th anniversary of Independence - has all the hallmarks of being a good, productive year. Join me and let's go forward on the path to peace, prosperity and happiness.

If we all work together as one, remain firm in our resolve and resolute in our commitment, we can transform 1995 into a great year for a new, stronger and better Papua New Guinea.

HELP WANTED - MID-WAHGI AREA

Michael O'Hanlon, curator of the New Guinea collections at the British Museum, would like to hear from members who have photographs or other recollections of local life in the mid-Wahgi area of the Western Highlands Province before the 1970s. Dr. O'Hanlon is carrying out long-term historical research on the mid-Wahgi area and people and would like to know of material on the topic.

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

Mr. Douglas Charles JOYCEY (30 January 95, aged 98yrs 11 months).

Doug was born on the 26th February, 1896 in London England and he led a full and interesting life, remaining active until the last six months when illness required him to have 24 hour nursing care.

He emigrated from the United Kingdom to Canada in 1910 at the age of 14 years. In 1914 he enlisted in Canadian Army and served in France with the 5th Field Ambulance Division until 1918 when he was repatriated after losing his right eye in the Battle of Somme at Vimy Ridge. He later named his plantation in New Britain "Vimy". After the war he worked in the timber industry in the West Coast of Canada before emigrating to Melbourne in 1926 where he was employed in the clothing trade. It was in Melbourne in 1930 where he met his wife Winifred. They had four sons - Douglas, James, Richard and Walter.

In 1933 the depression forced him to work in New Guinea with the Department of Health as a Medical Assistant, running native hospitals and patrolling from village to village in the New Guinea Highlands, the Sepik and New Britain Districts. One of his patrols on the Sepik River took three months. In 1937 he witnessed the Rabaul volcanic eruption whilst providing medical and supervision services. Fifty seven years later in September 1994, through television, he was also able to view and take interest in the second Rabaul volcanic eruption.

In 1941 during the Second World War, he enlisted in the Australian Army and became a Lieutenant in the Medical Division of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU). He was present at the surrender of the Japanese Army in Rabaul. He received a Kings Order for distinguished service for his work in this Unit.

In 1946 after the war, he remained in New Britain and recommenced employment with the Department of Health as a Medical Assistant running the Kokopo Hospital for approximately six years. During this time he purchased Vimy Plantation which was wrecked during the war and which he redeveloped. He left the hospital in 1952 and worked full time on the plantation, producing cocoa and copra until 1972. He was a member of the Planters Association, the Masonic Lodge and the R.S.L. in Rabaul.

He published a booklet of his Recollections of the First World War in France and Belgium, the 1937 Rabaul Volcanic Eruption and the Second World War in New Guinea.

In 1969 he and his wife spent six months travelling overseas visiting the United Kingdom, Europe and South Africa. They returned to Vimy Plantation where he worked until 1972 when he retired to Scarborough, Brisbane, on account of his wife's ill health. She died on 26th August, 1976 and he continued his life in St. Lucia, Brisbane.

He took a keen interest in the development of Brisbane and enjoyed getting out nearly every day into the city inspecting construction sites, buildings, etc. He was an active member of the Liberal Party attending meetings and distributing leaflets on Election Days. He is survived by his four sons, 11 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.

Mr. Jack TONG (2 November 94, aged 79 years)

Jack was an Instructor in the PNG Department of Education serving in PNG from 1958 to 1972. He is survived by his widow Nobuko.

Mr. Ernest Stanley HENRY (Max) DRYER (8 November 94, aged 69 years)

Born in England in 1926, he joined the Royal Navy at 15 as a cadet. Later, he managed Hostels in Adelaide & the Snowy Mountains before he went to PNG in 1963. Initially as Secretary, he became General Manager of the Electricity Commission. He also became a Lt. Colonel in the CMF before returning to Australia in 1976.

Subsequently, he was recruited to supervise the restoration of the electricity supply in Darwin following Cyclone Tracy. He is survived by his widow Ann, his son Maxwell and two grandchildren.

Group Captain Eric RAMSAY, DFC. (22 December 94, aged 74 years)

Eric born at Cottesloe WA and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his role as a combat pilot in the Korean war.

An accomplished pianist from an early age, he had to choose between tertiary studies and a career as a concert pianist. He chose the former and became an articled clerk with a chartered accountancy firm in Perth. He joined the RAAF in 1940 and received a King's commendation for meritorious service in the air.

After his discharge in 1945 he returned to accountancy, but kept up his interest in flying in the air reserve. In 1950 he rejoined the air force and served for the next 19 years in a number of countries. From 1967-1969, he was seconded to the Royal Malaysian Air Force as a senior officer.

By the time he retired in 1970 Eric had recorded more than 7000 hours of flying military aircraft in fighter and ground attack roles.

He then became Associate to a Papua New Guinea supreme court judge and in 1973 he was appointed staff manager of Air Niugini at its inception. After leaving the airline in 1980 he travelled widely. He divorced in 1975 and there were two children from the marriage.

Mr. Thomas Richard DARMEN (15 January 95, aged 56 yrs)

Tom Darwen was born in Lancashire, England, migrated to Australia in 1947 and qualified as an Electrician. Eventually he ran his own business in the southwestern suburbs of Sydney.

In 1971 Tom joined the PNG Administration as a Patrol Officer in training and was posted to Wau. In 1972 he was posted to Bulolo.

In February 1974 Tom and his family arrived on transfer to Finschhafen where he served as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to ADO in November 1975 and 1 July 1978 he took over as DOIC Finschhafen District - he was thus the last Australian to hold this Office.

With his experience in the building trades, Tom was a great asset on an outstation and was very highly regarded by the Finschhafen people. Notable achievements included work on the Hapahondong, Wareo and Nandu roads; he finally changed the famous Finschhafen 'Golf' Club to the Finschhafen Social Club and installed a TV set in the Clubhouse. Tom was very active in assisting with the Finschhafen Kabwum planning and Development Authority, Rural Improvement projects and Social Clubs and their activities.

Tom resigned in August 1981 and returned to Australia. His time since leaving PNG was marred by a series of illnesses and he died on Sunday 15 January 1995 at his home in Ruse. His funeral at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Leppington, was attended by some 100 relatives and friends.

He is survived by his first wife, Maria and children Karen, Christine, Stephen, Tommy and Katie; and second wife Joan and step children Caroline, Linda and Susan.

Mrs. Gwenyth DIETRICH (5 January, 1995)

Gwen went to Rabaul in 1936 with her family. She worked for District Services when 'Bobbie Melrose' was in charge. She was, of course, involved in the 1937 eruption. A couple of years later she married Jack Evans, Colyer Watson's accountant, but the Japanese had plans for PNG and Jack became Cpl. W.J. Evans, NGVR, and one of the many Australians who died on the Montevideo Maru as a POW.

Gwenyth was evacuated and spent some 6 years in Melbourne before returning to work in PNG again. This time it was with Dept. of Civil Administration when Steve Loneragan was boss. At this time Australian Services were withdrawing from Moresby but before they left, Gwenyth met Naval Lieut. Rex Dietrich. Some years later they were married and had a long and happy life together in Sydney, eventually retiring to a property near Grafton where Rex died a few years ago.

Gwenyth is survived by son Stewart, grandchildren Stephanie and James, and stepdaughter Valentine. She was also a sister of our member, Jean Cox of Dungog NSW.

Mr Lindsay McCallum WILSON (9th January 95, aged 55 years)

After a career in PNG Department of Education, Lindsay retired in Cairns, with his wife Sila Rutina and children. They were married in 1972 in Medina, New Ireland. Working again part time in Education he had also an artistic activity, mainly in pottery.

The funeral was conducted by Bishop George Tung Yep and attended by several PNG residents of Cairns area.

Survived by widow Sila, mother Gladys and children Anthony, Tangala and David.

Dr. Jan Joseph JANOUSEK (6 January 95, aged 95 years)

J.J., as he was widely known, came to PNG in 1950 with his first wife Dr. Marie Janousek, who was one of the continental medical practitioners engaged by PHD to establish the post-war medical service for the Territory. She was a very popular doctor, well known for her work in maternal and child welfare in the Port Moresby area. Her name and work is commemorated by the Janousek Clinic at Sogeri near Port Moresby.

J.J. was an attorney and judge in Czechoslovakia. They escaped from that country because of the post-war political changes and developments. After migrating to Australia, they came to PNG. In Port Moresby J.J. was appointed to the Department of Law. He was highly respected for his great courtesy, helpfulness and thorough legal knowledge. His major work was the preparation and editing of an annotated list of the Regulations, proclamations, notices etc. gazetted under both the pre- and post-war Ordinances of Papua, New Guinea, and Papua New Guinea. In recognition of his work, on his retirement he was called to the bar of the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea.

Shortly after their retirement to Sydney in 1968, J.J. lost his wife. Her illness and death probably the result of the difficult medical working conditions during the war. During his retirement, which he shared with his wife Vlasta, he maintained his wide interest in world affairs and his concern for PNG.

He will be remembered by his many friends and associates during his long and rewarding life for being one of nature's true gentlemen and a sincere friend. He is survived by his widow, Vlasta.

Mrs. Evelyn Therese ROSSER (January 12, 95, Aged 75)

Evelyn was the widow of Tom Rosser and together they owned a copra plantation at SIIVIGOLD on the KEMP WELCH River, RIGO, later interplanted with cocoa. He (Tom) also owned a sawmill in the area, and trade store at KWIKILIA with his late brother Harry. When they left PNG they settled at Tascott on the Central Coast and after his passing Evelyn moved into the West Gosford RSL Retirement Village which her late husband established while he was President of the West Gosford RSL for a number of years.

Evelyn was a mother to many, not only to her own children, but also to many a young officer of both sexes from the various Departments in the area. She was a good listener, comforter, helper and her home was open to all. She did not always have an easy life herself, but made the best of it. She is survived by her children, Thomas, Nicky, John, Maris and Ian.

(1) Mrs Lorna HOSKING (7 September 94, aged 89 years)

Lorna was the widow of Dr. Herbert Champion Hosking, who was in PHD Rabaul from the early 30s to the arrival of the Japanese in Rabaul in January 1942.

Lorna was a very private person, living only for her doctor husband and her two daughters. With her two daughters she was evacuated to Australia with all the other women and children of Rabaul in December 1941, and took up residence in Adelaide, her home town. Her husband was taken prisoner-of-war by the Japanese in 1942 and was one of those lost on the "Montevideo Maru".

Her main interest then was the historical Stow Memorial Church of which she eventually became Treasurer. She maintained her interest in this church when, later, in 1945 she joined the newly formed War Widows Guild and gave it her staunchest support. Stow Memorial Church is now called the Pilgrim Church and is a lovely old edifice. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the earliest churches; it used to be Congregational but is now Uniting.

With the formation of the War Widows Guild Lorna, became fully engrossed in it and worked most of the remainder of her life for the Guild and War Widow's homes. She was Vice-President, then Senior Vice-President and often Acting President of the South Australian branch of the War Widows Guild for many years. Often she represented the South Australian Branch of the War Widows Guild at national and interstate conference. For her lifetime of work she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

Mr. Ronald Thomas GALLOWAY (17 February 95, aged 72 years)

Full details are given in an article on Ron elsewhere in the Newsletter. Ron is survived by his widow Ronnie and son Anton.

Capt. Guy William Patrick (Steve) O'DONOGHUE (26 January 95, aged 85 years)

Steve went to PNG in 1953 and for many years prior to his retirement in November 1964 was Harbour Master at Rabaul with the PNG Department of Trade and Industry. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Edwards of Cheltenham, Victoria.

Mr. Thomas Peter MYCOE (4 February 95, aged 67 years)

Peter served in the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary over a period of more than twenty years having joined in May 1955 and eventually retiring with the rank of Superintendent.

Sister Annette HERBERT (3 December 94, aged 90 years)

Florence Herbert was born on 30th September 1904. Her parents were Henry Joseph and Mary Louise Herbert and her father was a building contractor. She was eventually to have 5 sisters and 7 brothers and she was very attached to this large and very united family.

Before entering the Congregation on 2nd February 1930 Florence, henceforth to be known as Sr. M. Annette, had worked as a nurse aide and it was to be in the field of nursing that she would spend the greater part of her long active life. Sister Annette pronounced her first vows at Bowral on 6th January 1932 and her final vows at Yule Island on the same date in 1935. She spent the first year after her profession helping in the College infirmaries at Bowral and Winstains, Queensland. The following year, 1933, she was appointed to Papua New Guinea.

Initially she was engaged in teaching under the direction of Sr. M. James, an experienced teacher. Soon, however, she transferred from Yule Island to Koki, Port Moresby to replace a Sister who was sick. At Koki a school and orphanage were conducted with few resources. Of this time it was said: Only by extraordinary ingenuity and self-sacrifice were Sr. Paschal and her companions able to keep the place going.

In 1942, owing to the danger of remaining in Port Moresby, the Sisters were evacuated to Yule Island. For some time Sister Annette worked in various schools and hospitals in the Waima-Mekeo area before being asked to accompany two gravely ill Sisters to Port Moresby. Here both these Sisters died in a military hospital. Their funeral was attended by some 20 Catholic chaplains. Of this time Fr Norbert Earl MSC declared that he owed his life to Sr. Annette. Always a great letter-writer she had written him a long letter. On receiving it he moved away from his two soldier companions and sat down under a tree to read his letter. Meantime the two soldiers he had just left were killed.

Conscious of her need for formal training, Sr Annette came to Australia to follow an eighteen months course in Midwifery at St Margaret's Hospital, Darlinghurst. She graduated in 1945 and was soon back in Port Moresby putting her new skills to good use. Concerned for maternal and infant health she envisioned a centre to equip local girls with the skills to help their own people. In 1947, with the support and encouragement of Dr Joan Refshauge, despite the difficulties and lack of basic facilities, Sr Annette commenced this work at the small health clinic at Koki. Sr M. Camillus, another trained nurse from Australia, helped in the development of a suitable syllabus and the first group of nurses proudly graduated in 1952.

When Sr M Camillus took over the direction of Koki, Sr Annette, after a holiday in Australia, set about establishing a similar training centre in New Britain at Paparatava. Here she managed to get a hill removed in order to have a site on which to build a maternity and infant welfare centre! Faith (together with hard work) can move mountains!

Sr Annette is survived by Monica, Tony and Ray, along with many nieces and nephews, plus grand nieces and nephews.

Mrs. June Lilian MYNARD (10 December 94)

June spent many years in Madang when she was married to Dave Robertson and after their divorce she went to Port Moresby, where she married the late Ralph Mynard.

She is survived by her daughters Leslie and Ann and son Ross.

Ms. Karel HOLINSKY (10 November 94, aged 74 years)

Karel was a teacher with the PNG Department of Education, went to PNG in November 1964 and retired in January 1976. No further info. available.

Mr. Murray McKENZIE (23 February 95, aged 47 years)

Following graduation from Lincoln Agricultural College in 1967 he worked in New Zealand and Australia before being appointed Rural Development officer to PNG in 1970. He was posted as a didiman to Wabag in the then Western Highlands District doing agricultural extension work among Enga people at Wabag, Sirunki and Kompam. He was instrumental in the first time seeding of the rivers of the area with Rainbow Trout and setting up many new cattle projects. He worked under Allan Harrold the RDO in charge at Wabag, and alongside Roland Freund and Darryl Niegel, both of whom now reside in the Hervey Bay area of Queensland.

Whilst in the Enga district he was in charge of the first election patrol into the Wapi Census Division in 1972, down the Ywat River. In 1974/75 he was posted to Aitape and became the OIC of the Agricultural office, working with Francis Mangila who later was promoted to DPI HQ Konedobu. In 1976 Murray took up a position at Popondetta Agricultural College as Livestock Lecturer. During his two years at the College he was able to pass on his wide knowledge to more than eighty didiman students. He was always keen and enthusiastic helping local farmers as far away as Kokoda. He regarded his time at P.A.C. as very special. In 1978 he returned to New Zealand with his wife Joyce, who had worked in DDA offices, and purchased a 640 acre farm in the Otago District of the South Island. While initially running sheep they took up deer farming and together have built the property up to 2600 head.

Murray is survived by his wife and two children, Scott aged 16 and Tracy 14 years.

Mr. Kenneth John FRANCIS (17 December 94, aged 76 years)

Ken Francis first served in a wartime AIF Engineers unit in Borneo. There he was involved in dangerous mine clearing operations. It was while on one such mission that he was blown up, resulting in his evacuation by allied submarine to Port Moresby and thence by air to a Sydney hospital. He went to PNG with Comm. Works in 1955 and over the next few years had postings at Rabaul, Bougainville and Kavieng. It was there that he met Marjorie who had gone to Kavieng as a school teacher from Melbourne. Their two children were born at Kavieng.

In 1961 Ken won an agricultural block at the Sangara Soldier Settlement Scheme at Popondetta to grow cocoa. This scheme was beset by insect problems including devastating attack by the Pantorhytes cocoa weevil borer. In 1976 he left Popondetta and after a brief period in Australia returned to PNG to Bialla in East New Britain. There he used his engineering knowledge and experience to lay out the roads and airstrip for the new Oil Palm project. He returned permanently to Brisbane in 1987. Ken was a tall, kind man, always ready to listen to someone else's problems and to give a hand to those in need. His wife died in 1981 and he is survived by his daughters, Valerie, Laura and Debbie in Brisbane.

Mr. Jim JACOBSEN (16 December 94, aged 65 years)

Jim was well known in business affairs in PNG generally and took a very active interest in community matters in Lae. He died suddenly of a heart attack and was buried at the old Lae Cemetery at the foot of the old airstrip beside his father Carl who died close to 35 years ago.

Jim is survived by his widow Glen, three daughters and a son. One of the daughters, Cathy, is married to Phillip, son of Jeanette and the late Mick Leahy. Phillip and Cathy live with their four children near Jeanette at Zenag, PNG.

Mr. John DENCH (19 January 95, aged 80 years)

Mr Dench entered the permanent Australian Army in 1932, served throughout the war, and proceeded to the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan in 1947. Returning to Australia, he served with Armoured Regiments until taking his discharge in 1952, after 20 years continuous service, with the rank of Brigade Sergeant Major.

Because of his army experience he was selected to join the R.P.N.G.C. in 1952, and thereafter served at the Sogeri and Kila Police Training Depots until 1958. He then pursued a career in Administration and Management, as a result of which he headed the Administrative College in PNG for a couple of years in the mid-60s. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (having celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary two years earlier), a daughter and a son.

Mr. Francis Clive MASON (15 January 95, aged 78 years)

Frank was born in Melbourne 25 December 1916 and he went to PNG with the PNG Department of Education in 1949.

His various postings were Keravat, Buin, Utu (Kavieng), Iduabada (Port Moresby), Malaguna, Kamere Street Primary School and Goroka Teachers College.

When Frank retired in 1970, he and his wife Kate went to Germany and settled in Bavaria. They had many visitors ex PNG and their hospitality was great, taking one to all the tourist spots possible. Jo Nitsche, our Secretary, said he was one of the tourists a couple of times, and got to know Munich very well, as they walked for hours throughout the city.

Frank is survived by his widow, Kate.

Mrs. Violet Gwendolene (Gwen) PRITCHARD (1 March 95)

Gwen was the widow of the late Guy Pritchard. They were soldier settlers at Popondetta in PNG and whilst there Gwen was a member of the CWA and a popular resident.

She is survived by son Peter, daughter Jennifer and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Keith Anthony (Tony) BOSTOCK (15 February 95)

Tony went to PNG in the mid 50's and worked for the Commonwealth Bank for some years in both Rabaul and Port Moresby.

It is believed that he was at one stage involved in War Reparations and later with Insurance in Rabaul, Solomons etc.

He was also very much involved at one time with Rugby League in Port Moresby.

He went to Brisbane in 1978 and was involved with Real Estate.

Tony is survived by his widow Margaret and seven children.

Mr. Alfred Samuel DAVIES (October 95)

Alf went to Lae 1948/49 to join the RP&NGC after serving in Japan with the Occupation Force.

He eventually transferred to Elcom as a linesman and was involved with erecting the major arterial electricity power lines throughout the mainland of New Guinea.

He is survived by his widow Audrey and the families of Bruce and Wendy and Christopher and Lynda.

Professor Raymond W. CARLAW (17 March 95, aged 74 years)

Ray passed away at Washougal WA in the United States and full details will be given in the June issue of the Newsletter. He is survived by his widow Florence, sons Ken and Malcolm and daughters Joan and Louise.

Mrs. May Webster O'Donnell (1 December 94, aged 83 years)

Widow of Geoffrey Thomas Roscoe who went to PNG in July 1947 and was Director of Education until June 1962. (No further information available)

Mrs. Yvonne Gabriel BARTLETT (2 March 95, aged 71 years)

Yvonne was the widow of Ralph Earnest Frederick Bartlett, who went to PNG in 1953 and when he retired in October 1974, was an Area Finance Officer with the PNG Department of Treasury.

She went to PNG in 1949 and resided in Bougainville at Numa Numa, Bonis and Sohano, then Madang, Wewak, Port Moresby, Goroka and Lae. Whilst at Wewak she worked for a time for the Department of Treasury. With Ralph she left PNG in 1974 and settled in Queensland. Ralph passed away in October 1988.

Survived by sons, Clinton and Grant and daughters, Prudence and Jacqueline.

Mrs. Lillian FERRIES (7 March 95, aged 84 years)

Lillian was the widow of Dudley Howard Ferries, who worked for the PNG Department of Treasury. Dudley retired in August 1965 and passed away in January 1973. (No further information available)

Mrs. Mary Raphael SAUNDERS (14 September 94, aged 81 years)

Widow of Christopher Joseph Saunders who was a Senior Health Inspector with the PNG Public Health Department. Chris went to PNG in April 1948 and left in December 1965. (No further information available)

Mr. Geoffrey Collin ELWORTHY (20 December 94, aged 77 years)

Geoff used to live in Chester Street in Port Moresby and was well known as an orchid grower and collector. He also owned a plantation on the south coast of Papua. Full details in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Mrs. Gladys Ivy DIGBY (3 January 95, aged 79 years)

Glad was the wife of Bruce Digby, who went to PNG in 1948 as an Engineer with the PNG Public Works Department. Bruce had to build a house for them before Glad could join him in 1949. Bruce later joined the Department of Labour and, except for a period at Lae, Glad and Bruce remained in Port Moresby until 1975. Then after a year in Australia they spent five years at Honiara in the British Solomons.

They were our neighbours in Moresby for a number of years and great friends. Glad was a gentle, very caring person and one of the kindest people we have known. She also used to teach at the Sunday School at St. Johns Church.

After returning to Canberra in 1981, both Glad and Bruce spent a great amount of their time working for disabled people and Bruce continues this work.

Glad is survived by her husband, Bruce, son Brian and daughter Fay.

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The Association has acquired a number of excellent films about PNG which were the property of the late Des Clifton-Bassett.

It is our intention to give these films to the National Film Archives, but we would like to look at the films ourselves before doing this. Having seen the films we would also like to explore the possibility of having the best ones put on video.

A showing of some of the films has therefore been arranged to take place at the Macquarie University on 18 May 1995. As numbers will be limited, would interested members please contact our Secretary, Joe Nitsche, on (02) 451 2475 or Asst. Secretary, Pamela Foley, on (02) 428 2078 for full details of the showing.

A reunion of ex A.S.O.P.A. students of the 60's is being organised by students of the 1965/66 intake on Saturday, 7 October 1995 (Labour Day Weekend in NSW) at Middle Head Mosman. For more details contact Heather Torrens/Morgan, 8 Calder Place, HOLDER, ACT 2611. Tel. (06) 288 6918 or Judy Creighton/Terry O'Keefe, 17 Sewell Place, MACGREGOR, ACT 2615. Tel. (06) 205 6166 (w) or (06) 254 5310 (h) Fax (06) 205 6135.

To all our members who are ill, have been ill or had operations recently, our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health again.

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