



Una Voce News Letter

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
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Dear Member,

Will you have the good or the bad news first ? The bad news is that it's June and the taxman is just around the corner. The good news is that, on our calculations, early in July we should receive an increase of 11.4 per cent in our superannuation payments as a result of the annual rise in the Consumer Price Index up to 31st. March this year.

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Some members have expressed fears that the Government might attempt to reduce our superannuation in some way, perhaps by reducing or cutting out entirely the indexation increases. So far there has been no official indication of any such move and we are liaising with our friends in the Superannuated Officers Association on this matter.

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Talking of taxes, I received a helpful note from Bob Tebble, formerly of Local Government H.Q. in Konedobu. Bob has a continuing problem with M.S. and like myself is in a wheelchair, but that doesn't stop him carrying on a business at Daisy Hill Brisbane as a public accountant (phone 208 5297).

Writing on the question of Undeducted Purchase Price being disallowed - Una Voce, p.2 March '83 - Bob feels that any such disallowance would result from Assessor error and therefore all that would be required is the lodging of a brief Objection, and he kindly enclosed a draft Objection which is set out below to help any Members who are caught in this way. In the most unlikely event of the Objection failing the next step would be to request referral of that decision to a Board of Review or for appeal to court. Many thanks and good luck, Bob.

N.B: The draft Objection will appear on the next page.

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Again on the subject of tax - I am reminded that Len Bailey who many will remember as an A.D.O. is practising as a public accountant at Dee Why, Sydney, phone 982 2378. (The Association expects a small commission from any work you get out of this free plug, Len !!!)

DRAFT OBJECTION

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation,
(address)

Dear Sir,

Re: (NAME) 276 425 971 (tax file number)
NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT 176542/21 1982

Objection is lodged against disallowance of \$..... claimed as a deduction against income.

The grounds on which reliance is based are :

1. Income declared in my return of income for the year ended 30 June 1982 was derived wholly (or partly) from an annuity paid by the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Fund.
2. The sum of \$.....has been calculated as undeducted purchase price (vide enclosed photocopy of memorandum) and this amount is an allowable deduction against the annuity under the provisions of Section 26AA of the Income Tax Assessment Act.
3. The action of the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in disallowing this deduction is contrary to law.

Issue of an amended assessment reinstating the deduction of \$..... is requested, please.

Yours faithfully,

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For those Members who may be travelling to Brisbane, Sydney or the Gold Coast or who don't know of the existence of any PNG group in those places the following notes may be useful:

The Gold Coast Papua New Guinea Club meets every second month - Feb, April June, etc. at Broadbeach Bowls Club, Surf Parade, Broadbeach. Meetings usually start at noon with pre-lunch drinks, lunch and a guest speaker. The Club publishes a newsletter "The Garamut". Contact Mrs. Ira Halliday, P.O Box 951, Surfers Paradise, Q4217, Phone 075 32 1374.

In Brisbane a group of ex-PNG ladies met each month for over 30 years. In 1982 it was decided to meet every six months with members bringing their daughters and grand-daughters so that the next generation could get to know each other as well.

The last meeting was in May and next one set for 17 November '83, 10 a.m at the Brass Rail Restaurant 5th Floor David Jones, Brisbane. Visitors welcome, contact Eileen McAdam 07 26 2124, or Gwen O'Brien 07 203 5501.

In Sydney: The New Guinea Club began in early 1942 with ladies evacuated from Rabaul, with another branch in Melbourne. The Sydney branch wound up in 1977 and its funds were distributed to several charities, but informal luncheon meetings are now held on the 1st Wednesday in alternate months (Jan, March, May etc.) at the Combined Services Club, Barrack St., Sydney (next David Jones). Conveners Mrs. Les Clark 02 94 2193 and Mrs. Joan Hay, 02 427 6965. In Sydney also, there is the PNG Club which meets irregularly at the Manly Civic Club. It publishes a Newsletter "Tok Tok" and celebrates Independence Day on September 16th every year. Contacts: Terri TRIX Peisley 02 977 3149 or Jill Nye 02 939 2608 for details.

Elsewhere - Perhaps there are other formal/informal groups which meet - we'd be glad to publish places and details. For instance, what has happened to the Melbourne ladies group? And Bruce Dun - what are you doing in Caloundra? Or Lyn and Gary Scott - let us know if you want publicity for the annual Easter get-together of x-Madang residents. What happens in Adelaide and Perth ???

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Elsewhere the passing of Dr. Vin Zigas has been recorded. We are indebted to a note from Sir John Gunther as the basis for the following: Vin was the youngest of a group of New Australian doctors who came to the Territory in the early fifties to help develop our medical services. He was enthusiastic and effervescent and his request to be given the hardest job we could find was typical of him. Whilst in the Fore area near Kainantu he began an investigation of Kuru (the fatal disease). His work created world-wide interest and Vin, working with Dr. Carleton Gadjusek of the National Institute of Health in Washington, carried out what was probably the most complete survey of the environment, habits and way of living of an isolated society in the Highlands. This resulted in the discovery of a group of slow acting viruses with different physical and clinical properties, and Gadjusek received the Nobel Prize for Medicine for his work on Kuru and associated diseases. Later Vin went on to investigate malaria and the anaemias, writing several articles for scientific magazines, and after his retirement continued his interest in problems of disease in the tropics. With the loss of Vin Zigas we mourn a good friend, a shining example and a truly great servant of the people of his adopted country, Papua New Guinea.

(Vin delivered the first European baby born at Kainantu - Catherine Foley, daughter of Mike and Pamela, the latter now the Association's Assistant Secretary).

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We have received a query from a Member who is suffering from a disease which, it would appear, could have been contracted only during his service in PNG. It is costing a great deal for doctors and the medicines necessary to keep the problem under control and very naturally he would like to have these recurrent expenses reimbursed. Unfortunately there seems to be no mention of this disease in his records as it was diagnosed after he had left the service. We would very much like to hear from anyone who has had a similar experience and claimed against the government, as it would be of great assistance in advising our respondent.

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Calling VK2ECJ - or any other Ham amongst our Members! I know we have plenty of actors but I don't mean them, but rather the amateur radio operators, Mac Rich

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operates under the above call-sign on a single side band unit frequency 7055 megacycles. He has a regular sched with a few ex-RAAF and ex-AWA friends at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, but any others are welcome after that session is over. Mac was Asst. Resident Magistrate at Kokoda in 1932, became bitten by the 'ham' bug and produced a home-made transmitter. Valves, dry batteries and Morse code were the order of the day at that time as he had no mains supply electricity. Not long after John Foldi (who retired as D.C. Rabaul in the mid-sixties) took up this new-fangled wireless thing and later AWA produced the pedal sets which were to become common in the Australian outback and in PNG. Sir Hubert Murray came along and one of Mac's first messages was from the Administrator to the Prime Minister which went via Samarai with a reply being received the next day.

Also while at Kokoda in 1932 Mac built the airstrip and expecting a Moth to try it out was surprised to see a Junkers landing, complete with cargo and two pilots - Orme Denny of Qantas fame and Frank Drayton, later killed in an aircraft accident. Sure enough the plane was bogged and next thing the Sergeant had all the police, prisoners, labours, and villagers in the area marching up and down the take-off strip - a variation on a theme to be repeated time and again in opening up the country. Mac retired in 1952 as Asst. Director District Services and after serving on the committee of the Public Service Association. He remembers the first stop-work meeting - and the remarkable absence of 'top brass' at that meeting in Moresby.

Returning to Sydney Mac worked with a refrigeration company and from 1967 with the Manly Council until his second retirement. During that time he was on the original committee of the R.O.A.P.N.G. when the Papuan and New Guinea Associations amalgamated. Mac also served as Secretary of your Association for some time after Hal Evans resigned and until he could talk Claude Champion into taking on the job. Well done, Mac Rich - keep that transmitter working !

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Doug Parrish - or 'the Black Prince' - will be remembered as a field officer in Native Affairs, or in the Department of Labour which he headed when he retired in 1972. He then worked with Bechtel, an international construction company, in San Francisco, Djakarta and Melbourne. In late 1975 he joined the Employers' Federation of NSW. During this time he has also been a valued member of your Committee. Douglas retired on 30 April as Manager/Administrator of the Federation but he will continue serving on the Apprenticeship Council of NSW, State Anti-Discrimination Committee, NSW Apprenticeship Review Committee, Occupational Health, Safety and Rehabilitation Council of NSW, State Council for Trade Union Training and the Management-Union Committee of the Foundation for Research and Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Dependency. He and wife Candy have spent a lot of time planning for retirement - a wise move which should be very productive. The only question I have is -- how will Douglas find that extra time for the golf, bridge, music and all the other things they have in mind ???

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It is with sincere regret that the Committee records the passing
of the following members and friends,
and our sincere sympathy is extended to their families.

George Bailey

21/4/83

George went to PNG in 1960 as a patrol officer, serving in New Ireland, East Sepik, Western Highlands, Madang and Milne Bay. In the 1970s he joined the Land Court Secretariat in Moresby and later transferred to Magisterial duties. He was Senior Provincial Magistrate at Mr. Hagen when he died.

Mrs. Lucy Blumberg

15/4/83

Widow of the late Alex Blumberg.

Ranald Denis Buchanan

6/6/83

Eldest son of Denis Buchanan, whose Talair planes have carried probably 80% of us at some time.

Mrs. Renata Cochrane

6/6/83

Renate was the widow of the late Percy Cochrane. Well known for her radio and film scripts in PNG, she was perhaps best known for her recipes and cookbooks.

John (Jack) Costelloe

2/6/83

Jack worked in Treasury in Rabaul from 1926, as a patrol officer from 1930 and as ADO just before the war. He joined ANGAU, serving mainly in the Highlands and Aitape. Post-war, Jack returned to Balranald as Pastures Protection Board inspector.

Bill Fleming

7/4/83

Bill went to New Guinea in 1928, working with PWD in Rabaul. From 1942-45 he was a Flight Lieutenant in the RAAF. Post-war, Bill returned to PWD, mostly in Wau and Lae.

Murray McNaught

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For many years a Police Officer, serving mostly in Port Moresby and Mount Hagen.

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Arthur Hyde

22/2/83

Arthur went to Rabaul in May 1922, and was made Mining Registrar in Wau, 1930. From 1937 - 41 he was Senior Clerk, Wewak.

Peter Moloney

18/5/83

Peter joined the Administration as a Patrol Officer in 1946, working in Menyamya, Saidor, Madang and Rabaul among other stations. Retiring in 1969, he lived in the Manly area.

Jack "Doc" Rogers

2/5/83

Going to PNG in 1947, "Doc" served mainly in Health Dept., and then as Assistant P.S. Inspector, retiring in 1969.

Walter Schacht

23/3/83

An old-timer from Forests, best known for his work in the reforestation of Wau and Bulolo.

Dr. Bruce Sinclair

17/6/83

Bruce, better known as "Daddy" to his friends, went to Rabaul in 1928, then on to Salamaua where things were "wild and wooly" and he earned the affection and friendship of all who knew him. Escaping with Bob Melrose and "Taffy" Jones by boat to Buna, walked to Kokoda and then flew to Moresby. Post-war, Bruce worked in Brisbane until retirement in 1949.

Mrs. Hazel Vertigan

14/4/83

Widow of the late Don Vertigan.

Dr. Vincent Zigas

25/3/83

Vin arrived in PNG in 1954, retiring in 1975 after working in Taipini, Kainantu, Goroka and Rabaul. See separate paragraph.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE 1983 A.G.M.

MILLER, Mrs. Margaret,	13 Diane Cres. BILAMBIL HEIGHTS,	NSW 2485
LIDDLE, Colin,	104 Chipping Rd., PERTH	W.A.6000
SPEER. Albert,	P.O. Box C374, Clarence St., Sydney	NSW 2000
MONCUR, Mrs. Evelyn,	68 Napoleon St., SANS SOUCI	NSW 2219
BOTTRILL, A.M. (Gus)	2/49 Fitzgerald St., GERALDTON	W.A. 6530
BIRKIN, John,	P.O. Box 59, YANKALILLA,	S.A.5203
SCHACHT, Mrs. Norma,	71 Barmore Road, TARRAGINDI	QLD 4121
GRANT, Neil,	44 Daly Ave., NORTH WAHROONGA,	NSW 2076
MURTY, Don,	58 Bower Street, MANLY	NSW 2095
BARRIE, Jim,	14 Camelot Court, CARLINGFORD,	NSW 2118
HOOPER, Mrs. Lyle,	34 Culbara Street, Mooloolaba,	QLD 4557
FLEMING, Mrs. Nan,	P.O. Box 9 WOODY POINT,	QLD 4019
GUNTHER, Sir John,	5 Chaplin St., TEMPLESTOWE,	VIC 3106
O'DONOGHUE, Capt. Stephen,	212 Park Regis, 27 Park St., SYDNEY,	NSW 2000
HIATT, Ron	P.O.Box 223 PORT MORESBY	PNG

LIFE MEMBERS

ZIGAS, Mrs. Jettie,	7 Arcoona St. SUNNYBANK	QLD 4109
COX, Mrs. Jean ,	P.O. Box 127, WAUCHOPE	NSW 2446
HYDE, Mrs. Kathleen,	Hillcrest Rd., PARK RIDGE,	QLD 4125

RETURNED NEWSLETTER

STEWART, E.J.	90 Boronia Drive, BELLARA	QLD 4507
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* Can anyone advise whereabouts ?

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT -

H.E. (Lynn) Clark is again in PNG - visiting the Central, Northern and Milne Bay Provinces. He hopes to contact many of the people he knew during his service - I suspect that chief among them will be the policemen who worked with him (I envy you the opportunity, Lynn, there are a few old ex corporals, sergeants and constables I'd like to see again too).

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On the 24th June nearly 50 relatives and friends were at the Sydney Hilton to help Mrs. Winnie (Gay) Holland celebrate her 90th birthday. Daughter and son-in-law Mick Wood from Norfolk Island, grand-daughter Helen Parsons from Darwin, son Fred and family from Melbourne were there. Others included Ted Bishton (ex AWA Rabaul Wally Lussick and sister Pat Turner, both born in Kavieng, Bruce Collett from OT was clicking away with his camera, Mr. & Mrs. Bell ex Kavieng and now at Shute Harbour (Liz is also a radio "ham" so perhaps she and Mac Rich will be in contact), and Heather and Bill Seale. You can imagine the Ohs and Ahs and the tales recalled!! Winnie and husband Harry were in Kavieng and Rabaul (AWA). Winnie was a founding member of the Melbourne New Guinea Club and was recently made a Life Member of the War Widows Guild - we hope to report the celebration of her 100th birthday in due course !

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Stan Christian, so well known for his work at the Malaria Control School at Minj, has completed 60 years in PNG !!! Surely this must be close to a record for surviving Members ? If anyone can beat it we'd certainly like to know. Stan came down to Canberra last October, and since has been in and out of hospital. In April he decided he'd had enough of Canberra's icy blasts. When last heard of he was spending a few weeks at Margate "de-freezing" before returning to PNG.

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Mrs. Nan Feldt, widow of Eric Feldt of Coastwatcher fame, is in a nursing home in Brisbane - New Farm Lodge, Bowen Terrace, New Farm.

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ON THE SICK LIST -

Campbell Fleay has not been out of hospital 5 or 6 weeks and is making a slow recovery. Keep at it Cam ! Jim Rudge (former Medical Assistant) wants to remind you that together you share the distinction of being in the only aircraft accident at Abau.

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Greg Neilsen has been having a difficult time but is now out of Greenslopes although confined to the house. "Life wasn't meant to be easy", Greg, but that's not much compensation is it ?

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Mrs. Cecily Perichon, ex secretary to the Govsec and many others in Moresby is in Sunnymeade Nursing Home, Caboolture. Roy Barwick, who was with the Department of Labour from 1946, is also at Sunnymeade.

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT -

Brian Holloway, well known as a police officer and finally Commissioner in PNG, is now mine host of the Sunseeker Hotel in Marine Terrace, Geraldton, Western Australia. He tells me that frequent visitors are Tony Normoyle and Gus Bottrill. If you're over that way, call in and try a "cold one". Its only about 4,000 km from Sydney.

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Marie and Des Clifton-Bassett are returning from a months holiday in Europe.

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Elsie Champion and daughter Ivane Plant recently took a cruise on the "Fairsky". highlight was a day in Samarai where they met several old friends including Sir John Guise.

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Former Rabaul Harbour Master Captain Stephen O'Donaghue, looking very smart - and perhaps a little pixie-like in his English hat - is now living in the centre of Sydney. Stephen worked in Botany Bay (literally) after Rabaul and has finally left the sea - but can often be found at the Ship Inn at Circular Quay !!

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Aileen Brazier, widow of Bill Brazier formerly of Rabaul, was recently in Sydney to celebrate her 80th birthday.

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Molly, widow of Toby Coleman, ex Elcom, and living in Redcliffe in sunny Queensland has just returned from a holiday in Japan, and now speaks Japanese - like an Australian ! A little bird tells me that the pride and joy of fellow Redcliffian Al Smith is a new Toyota Camry. Be careful, Al - too much rubbing will wear away the duco !

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David Marsh has returned to PNG as a consultant to the Asian Development Bank for two or three months. It seems there is a large area of land behind Abau to be purchased.

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Ian Holmes is having a very serious problem with his vision, but nevertheless is keeping an eye on fellow Committee members on behalf of Associate members.

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(BEING NON-
SUPERANNUANTS
AND FORMER
RESIDENTS OF PNG)

MINUTES OF THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCN. OF PNG
HELD AT THE BRITISH EX-SERVICES CLUB, 541 KENT STREET, SYDNEY
on Sunday 17th April, 1983.

Meeting opened at 11.30 a.m. with 55 Members present, and apologies received from 22 Members.

As the Minutes of the previous A.G.M. had been circulated it was moved that they be confirmed. Motion proposed by Sir Horace Niall, seconded Mr. Parrish.

Carried.

The President presented his address to the Meeting, in which he advised of the able social and financial position of the Association, and thanked the Committee for their work during the year, in particular the considerable efforts of Mr. Keleny as Treasurer and the work of Mr. and Mrs. Clout in processing the Newsletter. He noted that our organisation's important link with the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers Association is being maintained, and also welcomed several interstate Members.

The Treasurer presented his Report and Financial Statement, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clifton-Bassett and seconded by Mrs. Evans.

Recent correspondence was read by the Secretary, correspondence from earlier in the year being tabled and available.

The Editor of the Newsletter (Mr. Kaad) addressed the Meeting, asking for suggestions to be made to the Committee regarding the content of the Newsletter - the preferred balance of social news and service information etc. He also asked if members would recommend that notices published in the "Vale" section should record only the passing of members or be accompanied by comments as to their background, etc.

In response to the President's request for comments from the members present, Mr. Clifton-Bassett gave as his opinion that more effort should be made to provide some background comments in this section, and suggested that perhaps Members could be asked to forward a few details of their PNG background to be kept on file.

The Election of Office-bearers followed, and while this was in progress the President vacated the Chair and Sir Horace Niall presided in the interim.

The election resulted in the following Committee being formed :

President:	Mr. Bill Seale	Nominated: Mr. Parrish Seconded: Mrs. Oakley
Vice/President:	Mr. David Marsh	Nominated: Mr. Clifton-Bassett Seconded: Mrs. Foley
Secretary:	M. Harry West	Nominated: Mr. Rudge Seconded: Mr. Tebb

Treasurer:	Mr. Gabriel Keleny	Nominated: Mr. Clifton-Bassett Seconded: Mr. De Graff
Minute Secretary:	Mrs. Pamela Foley	Nominated: Mr. West Seconded: Mr. Rudge
Editor, "Una Voce"	Mr. Fred Kaad	Nominated: Mr. Parrish Seconded: Mr. Tomlinson
Auditor:	Mr. Tom Aitcheson	Nominated: Mr. Clout Seconded: Mr. Burfoot

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Doug Parrish	Sir Horace Niall
Mr. Jim Rudge	Mr. Clifton-Bassett
Mr. Les Clout	Mrs Truda Wood

It was moved that the various nominations be confirmed - Mr. Parrish
Seconded: - Mr. Tebb

It was further moved in conjunction with the above motion that Mr. Ian Holmes (subject to his confirmation of acceptance) and Mrs. Dot Oakley be co-opted to the Committee.

Discussion followed on the matter of Papua Fund widows, and Mr. Marsh reported on the action taken on behalf of the Association to contact existing widows.

The President then asked Mr. Parrish to introduce Professor Tony Redwood, who had spent a number of years in PNG as a Patrol Officer and in the Department of Labour. Since then he had pursued an academic career and is now resident in America, currently Professor of Economics at Kansas State University, and economic adviser to the Governor of Kansas. At present he is on sabbatical leave in Australia, accompanied by his wife and three daughters.

Professor Redwood spoke with nostalgia of his time in PNG and paid a gracious tribute to the officers with whom he had worked and of the influence they had exerted upon him. He gave a most interesting address on the current economic situation in the U.S.A. and Australia as he saw it and answered questions from Members.

At the close of this address the President thanked Professor Redwood and declared the Meeting closed at 1 p.m. - inviting all members to stay on for social discussion and luncheon.