



# Una Voce News Letter

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Dear Member,

This issue of the Newsletter is divided into two parts as follows:

(1) The Newsletter itself with pages numbered \*2\*, \*3\*, \*4\*, etc. totalling 24 pages.

(2) Membership Address List, the 1995 AGM Minutes and Financial Statement with pages numbered 2, 3, 4, etc., also totalling 24 pages. The Membership List occupies pages 1-17, and the AGM Minutes etc. pages 18-24. Thus enabling members to remove this section from the Newsletter itself if they so desire.

This means that there are 48 pages, all told, in this issue of the Newsletter. In addition there will also be a single coloured page insert, printed on both sides.

For printing purposes, copy for the Newsletter has to be organised into four page lots, so the Newsletter has to consist of 4, 8, 12 etc. pages and, likewise any insert, such as the Membership List.

## CPI ADJUSTMENT TO SUPERANNUATION

The increase in the Consumer Price Index for the twelve months ending 31 March 1995 was 3.9%. This means that superannuation pensions should increase by that percentage from the first pay period in July, i.e. 6 July 1995. ComSuper advises that the letters, notifying individuals of the change to their superannuation, will not be sent out until after the first pay period in July. Group Certificates will be posted as soon as ComSuper receives them from the Department that issues them.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Please note in your diary that the 1995 Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Mandarin Club on 3 December 1995. Members are reminded that this function is always held on the first Sunday in December.

## DEEMED RATE TO INCREASE

Since 1991, age pensioners are deemed to earn a specified minimum level of interest on savings of more than \$2000 (\$4000 for married couples).

The deemed minimum rate will increase from 4% to 5% from the first pay day after 1 July 1995. Where pensioners have money in bank, building society or credit union accounts, any adjustments will be made automatically without members contacting Social Security.

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## VISIT TO BLUE MOUNTAINS

The visit in May was a very pleasant outing which gave those who went the chance to enjoy for a few hours the clean, crisp mountain air.

The weather was perfect and luncheon at "The Hut" was something quite different, with magnificent views of the mountains and valleys from it's location on the escarpment, and we had lunch in front of a big log fire.

Those who enjoyed the visit were George and Rosemary Oakes, Meg England, Bill and Nancy Johnson, Roma Bates, Linda Evans, Pat Smith, Pat Hopper, Bill and Friedergerde Tomasetti, Aileen Giles, Anne Marie Bakewell, Dennis Compton, Gabriel Keleny, Jo Inders, Nick Straavs, Doug and Candy Parrish, Alison Marsh, Alan Gow, Harry West, Freddie Kaad, Kim and Elaine Kimmorley, Pam Foley, Joe Nitsche and Bob and Mary Pulsford.

## SPECIAL RATES FOR AIR TRAVEL WITHIN AUSTRALIA

As part of Australia's "Year of Remembrance" programme, Qantas have made special concession fares available between major Airports within Australia for Ex-Servicemen and Ex-Servicewomen who served in the Armed Services during World War Two. These rates, which also apply, for travel within Australia on major routes, to Spouses and War Widows, are available until 31 December 1995.

Our advice is that fares are fully refundable (unlike usual special fares to which the term "Conditions apply". Bookings and fare payments may be made at any time in advance but no later than one week prior to date of travel. Closing date 31.12.95.

Some examples of the Special Fares are:

Sydney/Melbourne	}	\$140.00/Return
Sydney/Brisbane		

Fares for other Main Route travel may be obtained by enquiry at Qantas offices in Capital Cities.

We understand that Special Fares are also available for travel by Ansett Airways, within Australia, however details were not readily obtainable. However, information may be obtained from Ansett Group Travel Department on 13 14 13.

## **RUGBY LEAGUE 20TH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS**

With the 20th Independence celebrations in PNG on 16/9/95, old items, photos with details or any other interesting stories on Rugby League are required to prepare a booklet. Please forward to Secretary Joe Nitsche. All items will be returned to sender.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

I regret to advise that, as at 17 June, there were some thirty four unfinancial members and a list of these appears later in the Newsletter under the heading of "LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS".

Members are always reminded in each issue of the December and March issues of the Newsletter that membership contributions are due on 1st January each year.

It is then economically impossible for the Association to continue sending copies of the Newsletter to members who are unfinancial. They will have already received a copy of the March issue for which they have not paid.

By publishing the "Lapsed Memberships" list it is hoped that financial members will jog the memory of those they see are unfinancial. Many of us are getting on in years and I believe that it is purely an oversight in most cases that members have not forwarded their subscriptions.

## MEMBERS GONE MISSING

The last Newsletters for the following members have been returned and it would be appreciated if anyone knowing their current whereabouts would contact the Secretary:

Mrs. J. McCubbery  
9 Ironside Street  
ST LUCIA QLD 4067

Mrs. O. Palmer  
39 Mitchell Street  
SUNNYBANK QLD 4109

Mr. B. F. Costello  
11/7 Judith Street  
MARSDEN QLD 4132

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## **"SHINE ON AWARD"**

On Wednesday 10 May 1995 one of our members, Freddie Kaad, was presented with a "Shine On Award" by Dr. Don Drover, President of the Rotary Club of Kings Cross. The award is for outstanding community service by people with disabilities Australia-wide. The award is sponsored by the Bank of Queensland and organised by the Rotary District of Queensland and Northern NSW.

While Commissioner in charge of the Madang District in Papua New Guinea, Fred was badly injured in a plane crash in 1964. His spinal injuries led to paraplegia, and the effects of his various injuries have caused continuous pain and regular treatment ever since. Life became more precious, and after a period of correspondence study, he completed a post-graduate Diploma and later a Master's Degree with Honours in Educational Administration. Freddie was the first student at the University of New England, Armidale, to live and study full time in a university residential college.

He has lectured in development studies, and at least twice yearly, returned to PNG for training, education and political development assignments. He has lectured and consulted in AIDAB, University of Sussex, and the Centre for Pacific Studies, University of California, and consulted in PNG, Cook Islands, Solomons and Fiji.

Fred's voluntary work has included Vice Presidency of Paraquad since 1972; member of Spinal Injuries Nursing Advisory Committee; Trustee Airmans' Memorial School, New Britain since 1961; International PNG representative with Scout Association of Australia; Chairman of Spinal Research Foundation; member Access Committee, Mosman Council; member of Advisory Council of Spinecare.

## ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION

by Bob Pulsford<sup>(1)</sup>

There was a round of laughter at the last committee meeting of the Association, when the Secretary said that he had received a Christmas card offering Yuletide greetings to the President and Staff. "You know," he said, "there are those out there who think we are paid!" Someone suggested that a short note should be put into *Una Voce* telling of the amount of voluntary work done that has made the Association the great success that it is at present.

Firstly, no member of the committee is paid anything nor receives an honorarium, nor does the Association employ any staff, even on a casual basis.

The Association owns two low end computers capable of word processing, which are heavily used by the Secretary for correspondence and the Assistant Secretary for maintaining the membership address list and typing onto disc draft material for the Editor to place in *Una Voce*. The Secretary writes scores of letters and makes a regular run from Killarney Heights to Roseville to clear our mail box as does the Editor and Assistant Secretary from their homes. The Secretary also keeps a close liaison with the PNG Consulate.

The Treasurer not only keeps the financial and membership records immaculately but, with the help of the Assistant Secretary, oversights the mailing of the Newsletter. This involves the printing of the address labels, their sorting into the numerous categories required by Australia Post and the preparation of lists showing the numbers in each category plus the postal charges. They then transport the sorted Newsletters to the Northern Suburbs Mail Centre at St. Leonards and carry them into the Centre, no mean task itself for two ladies.

The Caring Committee does a lot of letter writing and visiting that not many, except the recipients, hear about.

The Editor's role is a demanding one. He is continually collecting material for the Newsletter, then checks the detail and accuracy of the content where possible; he researches and prepares articles himself, which may be of interest to members; decides the format and composition of each issue; then prepares the copy and provides the finished article, together with a printing mock up, to the printer. The printer is only required to do the actual offset printing and collating of the Newsletter.

What is more, to do this he, at no expense to the Association, has provided himself with a computer and a laser printer. The only expense to the Association is printing costs, postage stamps, the cost of computer supplies, i.e., paper and toner and telephone calls; any repairs he carries out himself.

He also maintains contact with ComSuper in Canberra, prepares correspondence and makes a lot of phone calls because he helps most of the members with problems with their pensions.

The preparation of the Newsletter for posting, that is the folding and putting into envelopes, is done four times a year by most of the committee and some additional members, who spend a morning in one of our homes to do the job.

With respect to Association lunches, these return a small profit and no contribution is ever made to make up any shortfall, as an examination of the Balance Sheet elsewhere in this issue will confirm. Members of the Committee do all the organising of these functions.

And all this for an annual subscription of eight dollars!

(<sup>1</sup>) Bob is a member of the Committee and the Editorial Sub-Committee.)

## HAVE YOU HEARD ???..

Bruce DUNN has leased his 55 acre farm at Mooloolah on the Sunshine Coast and transferred to Mt Isa with the Queensland Fire Service as a Station Officer, where he plans to stay for the next 3 or 4 years. He says life is different but very interesting and he hopes when he drives down to the Birdsville Races in September that he will meet up with a few ex-kiaps. Also, he tells us that there is always a cold beer available for old friends passing through. His phone number is (077) 490 462.

Isobel IRELAND of Meadowbank NSW writes: "At the Christmas luncheon Alison Marsh asked me if I knew Gwen Jones. I did but I didn't know she had gone blind and was in a home/hospital. As it happened Ivy Stanmore was with me and heard this. It turns out that both she and Gwen worked for Sir Alan Mann, the former Chief Justice in PNG. Well, I contacted Gwen and four of us, Ivy and husband Peter, who kindly drove us in his new car, and Marie Day and myself all took afternoon tea to see her. We could not believe the happy easy way she greeted us. She's so young and bright in her outlook.

It transpired that Ivy was going to visit Lady Mann in Victoria. She is writing Sir Alan's memoirs and wanted any anecdotes that those who knew him could provide. I rang Gwen to tell her we wanted to come again but this time Ivy wished to talk about any recollections she may have about Sir Alan. Her reply to this was "Oh lovely, I've got something to think about till you come again."

We all went, but left the talk mainly to Ivy and Gwen. Since that Ivy and Peter have stayed with Lady Mann and helped her put some of the book together. On their return we had another visit to talk over that holiday and the Manns.

Gwen is an amazing person, so bright and intelligent and with it. She tells me I don't "look" a day older, bless her. Anyway I've asked her would she mind if I told you all this and even give her phone number for you to file or print. She loves to hear from people, though she says she's sometimes hard to reach as she has walking practice, exercises and all kinds of activities outside her room.

She lives now at: Burgess House Hostel  
63 Karne St. Beverley Hills.  
Private Phone No. 584 9520.

Burgess House is just behind Roselands. She is such an alive person, but I guess we can all imagine the loneliness blindness must bring. She would love to hear from anyone who knew her. That strange New Guinea bond is there quite strongly I think. We are definitely keeping up the contact. Sometimes a phone call is enough.

Nan PRIMROSE of Booragoon WA stayed with Gwen Bruyeres, on the Gold Coast, while on a visit to the Eastern States in January, and visited many of her old friends including ex-PNGites Nan BRIGGS and Gwen (Cobby) MAKIM. She plans to return in March to the Sunshine Coast for six months to be near daughter and son-in-law Jocelyn and Otto ALDER, who have retired to Cooroy QLD from Darwin. Daughter Penny and her husband Bruce BONIWELL of Perth are going overseas on long service leave.

Gwen BRUYERES of Broadbeach QLD travelled to Burnie, Tasmania, for her nephew's wedding in February and met Dr Ken CLEESY and his wife Gwen. Many will remember them in Madang and Port Moresby. On the way home Gwen visited Cherry and Lorna Lane (ex Goroka) and their daughter Margot and her four

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## HAVE YOU HEARD??? (continued)

children. Cherry is now 80 years old. Joyce JEFFRIES (ex Port Moresby) called in. On her return home Gwen's children Anne, Helen and Gary and their partners and the grandchildren had conspired to give her a surprise 70th birthday party at Gary's home. Among the many relatives and friends who came were ex-PNGites Peggy and Russ MERRETT Nan BRIGGS, Marj and Phil HEAD, Jenny and Terry TURNER, Pastor Ralph and Julie GOLDHARDT. Anne, Ted and baby Nerida are living in Townsville, Helen, Greg and son Stephen are in Toowoomba and Gary, Anthea and baby Jacquelyn reside in Brisbane. While on a trip to Borneo recently, Gary met John WILKINSON, son of Ernie and Florence, in Sandakan.

Joe SHAW of Mackenzie Qld reports that: Philip MORTIS and Rosemary EVANS organised a re-union of St. Joseph's School Boroko, at the Hotel in Mt Gravatt, and 136 attended. These kids had not seen each other for 30-35 years.

Joe says that he is still the National Squash Coach of Brasil, but Margaret will not travel anymore so Peter CHARD has gone over in his place. He still has three pupils at the Australian Institute of Sport, and has a special contract to coach them with Geoff HUNT and Heather McKAY, which he says keeps his old bones moving.

Chris WARRILOW of Boroko, PNG reports: "Re the 'Canberra Scientist to Retrace Historic Trek' in the last issue of the Newsletter, I have met Dr. Michael Bird and like him. However, just for the record I enclose a copy of an extract from the Sydney Sun 22-8-1957 which I obtained from Graham Pople's records." (Included elsewhere in the Newsletter. Ed.)

"Re Harry Jackman's request in the last issue of the Newsletter: In January or February last year (1994) before the wet had taken a grip (it was late) John MEEHAN (formerly PWD Engineer at Wewak, Madang and now with the EEC); Dave HENTON (formerly P.O. Gulf, ADO Milne Bay and Placer of Misima, now with Barracuda) and I went to the old cemetery near Badihagwa High School. We were looking for certain graves, especially Murray's and found several, including Murray's. It was in quite good shape as the headstone was engraved - any plaques or metal inscriptions on headstones have long gone. I took a couple of photos, but John Meehan took several, especially any graves of persons with a military history.

Murray's grave was very restorable 14-15 months ago, and hopefully still is. However, Dave Henton and I were both very disappointed, but not surprised, at the state of the cemetery and graves generally, but especially as we both (on comparing our thoughts later) had secretly hoped to find Murray's grave neat and tidy and lined with flowers and shrubs, courtesy of a Hanuabada group or the High School. Alas, no."

Barry CRAIG of Blackwood SA writes: "I note with interest the reference to Mike PRESS by Jim Toner in the March *Una Voce*. Mike may well have gone south in 1978 but he was certainly working for the East Sepik Provincial Government in the early 1980s. He was a tolerant and generous host - and his wife a marvelous hostess - when I was passing through Wewak during field trips from the PNG National Museum 1981 and 1982. I think he left PNG for Queensland in 1983 - anyway Mike could clarify these details."

Ken PARKES of Catherine NT, who spent many years in PNG with the Department of Primary Industry and later mining and other ventures, is now working as a Field Officer with the N.T. Department of Lands, Housing and Local Government and working for Bob Welsh mentioned on p.7 of the last Newsletter.

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# HAVE YOU HEARD??? (continued)

Bob PIPER of Higgins ACT writes: "In the March issue of the Newsletter, at page 44, there is mention of Carl Jacobsen of Lae who died some thirty years ago. It is not generally known that Carl worked for the Americans during the war and was one of the first into Salamaua in 1943, when it was retaken. Because of his experience and language skills he conducted an investigation there with local people and was responsible for locating Flight Lieutenant Newton V.C., who had earlier been executed by the Japanese. A water filled bomb crater was drained and Newton's remains recovered, identified by memory from an indelible dry cleaning mark on his uniform.

Re late Ron Galloway: on 21 June 1945 a young Lieutenant R.T. Galloway (P.O.) accompanied a U.S. search party to investigate the crash of an American B-24 Liberator on the Astrolabe Range above Jackson's Strip. The aircraft had gone in at night on 31 August 1943. I obtained a copy of Ron's excellent report on the subject in 1982 and was able to supply him with a copy. What he had not known at the time, and we then advised him, was that there was an Australian on board, Flying Officer Gerald (Gerry) Keogh. Keogh was a pre-war patrol officer and gold miner as well as friend of the coast watcher Leigh Vial. Only last year we found Keogh's son living in Newcastle NSW and were able to supply him with an abundance of information on his late father which included Ron Galloway's superb 1945 report. It's a small world but those well written reports, fifty years later, suddenly become very valuable again.

Jim SINCLAIR of Alexandra Headland Qld recently returned from a month in Lae, during which time he visited Bulolo and Wau. He reports that Wau is a ghost town with about a dozen Europeans and generally overgrown and decaying.

He has now commenced his history of Lae/Morobe District and would like all members who had service in the District and who would be interested in contributing their recollections to contact him. His Tel. No. (074) 43 6597 and his address is in the Membership List.

Jack KEENAN of Nambour Qld a pre and post-war Kiap in PNG writes: "Glad I was not in Rabaul for the eruption - 1937 was bad enough for me and it would appear that the 1994 one was about four times as bad."

Our very best wishes, Jack, from all your friends down here.

Bob HORNER of Toowong Qld, who worked in PNG for M.A.L., Ansett Mal, TAA and Air Niugini before returning to TAA in Brisbane and now Qantas, has been posted to Port Vila, Vanuatu, on secondment to Air Vanuatu.

John FOULGER of Bundaberg Qld has not been well and is undergoing medical treatment.

We sincerely hope, John, that the treatment is producing the right result and our very best wishes for much improved health in the future. His Tel. No. is (071) 52 7491.

Chips MACKELLAR of Kariong NSW has been having a rough time health wise and has had to spend a lot of time at home from work. Chips, we sincerely hope that by now you are well and truly on the road back to good health. His Tel. No. is (043) 40 1281.

Jess ROSS of Gordon NSW, who is also one of our nonagenarians, has not been well of late and we have missed you, Jess, from our luncheons. Jess, we have been thinking of you and hope that you are well and strong again. We sincerely hope that you may be able to make it to our next Christmas Luncheon and we look forward to seeing you there. Jess' Tel.No. is (02) 498 2131.

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## HAVE YOU HEARD??? (continued)

Lady Yvonne MANN of Mount Eliza Vic our heartiest congratulations on recently joining the rapidly growing list of our octogenarians. Yvonne, very best wishes from all your friends here, who all remark that "You look extremely well". Best of luck with the biography.

Marise and Bob LAYBUTT moved to Rocky Point Qld, which is in between Port Douglas and the Daintree and, when they notified their change of address, invited anyone who is up that way to call in and say "Hello!"

Bill COX of Woody Point Qld recently advised that Helen, his wife, who is a member, is now blind. Helen was well known in Port Moresby, where she worked as a Secretary in the Department of Civil Affairs and the Public Curator's Office. Also in Rabaul, where she worked at the Nonga Hospital and the Crown Solicitor's Office. I suggest that Helen's friends give her a call on (07) 284 1419 and keep in touch.

Helen, we were very sorry to hear the bad news and please ask Bill to keep in touch with us.

Ted BLAIR of Kilcoy Qld joined the ranks of our octogenarians last month. Ted, our very hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Alan VAGG of Elwood Vic, in March this year, also joined the ranks of our nonagenarians. Our heartiest congratulations, Alan, and we are very sorry to hear that you are losing your eyesight. Friends, please keep in touch with Alan on (03) 531 4941.

Heather SAVILLE of Burpengarry Qld reports that husband, Syd, spent most of last year away in the Philippines on an Australian aid project and returned to Rabaul for a short time in January. Heather, please tell Syd we would appreciate brief details of his work in these places as I am sure his friends who are members would be interested.

John MURPHY of Chapel Hill Qld, another of our octogenarians, writes that he is becoming a "bit forgetful". John, welcome to the growing group of our members who are sharing the same plight, myself included. Harry joins with me in saying "Hi!"

Derek BALDWIN of Farrer ACT advises that he and wife, Pat, are still among the working class, but increasingly giving thought to retirement. Their plans are to move to the Qld Gold Coast where they have already acquired a house.

Derek was recently home for about a month recovering from an operation (the one most men have to have over 60) but all tests were clear. Harry returns your kind regards and best wishes from the writer.

Ivor LOPEZ of Malanda Qld advises that he and wife, Gillian, were back in Rabaul just two weeks before the eruption last year and writes: "At that time it was still the same attractive place it always was. We spent two happy years there in 1971/72 and I have always had fond memories of the place."

Ken GORRINGE of Canberra ACT, having recently returned from a visit to New Zealand, was showering when the telephone rang. In a hurry to answer the call, he slipped and fell fracturing his pelvis. After a painful period in hospital he is now back home. Ken, we are all very sorry to hear of your accident and our very best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

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## HAVE YOU HEARD??? (continued)

Sister MARYANGELA, of Goroka PNG, who was the first Australian Holy Spirit Missionary to be assigned to PNG, has just undergone back surgery in Brisbane and we hope that the operation has been a great success. We suspect that on "coming to" her first request would be for her computer.

We can remember nearly forty years ago, when this brilliant teacher arrived in Madang. She took over the school, taught all subjects including music, fret work, gymnastics AND the training of the football team. These were only some of the talents of this lady. Sister, get well soon - PNG needs and loves you.

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## THE VULCANOLOGISTS

by M.F. Cichocki

In the last issue of *Una Voce* on page 22 re "PNG Vulcanologists", Mr John Best appeals for a "modicum of justice and recognition" with regard to the efforts of Vulcanologists. Mr Best may not be aware that Lady Rachel Cleland has expressed a tribute of praise to Vulcanologist G.A.M. Taylor in her book *"Papua New Guinea - Pathways to Independence"* where on page 84, in conjunction with the eruption of Mt. Lamington and unveiling of the Memorial Plaque, she mentions the Investiture of Honors for Bravery by Sir Donald Cleland "including the George Cross to George Taylor, the Vulcanologist who had daily risked his life."

Since I saw Tony almost every day in 1952 when he was stationed at Sangara Plantation staying with Mr and Mrs Henderson, I had a chance to experience what vulcanologists had to go through. I was intrigued by Tony's frequent visits to the top of Mt. Lamington and one day I asked him if I could accompany him. I knew that such a request was made by other people who were refused because of the danger involved. Tony tried to dissuade me but finally agreed to my request because I happened to translate for him a French book on the eruption of Mt. Pelee in Martinique and which early this century was the only recorded eruption of the same type (*nuee ardente*) as that of Mt. Lamington.

Tony took me there by a circuitous route which he considered much safer than the one he used to take when going alone. After a 4 hours march through kunai grass we started to ascend the fragile and treacherous slope. Sometimes my feet were sinking in soft pumice, sometimes the surface was alternating from a smooth slippery rock to conglomerate of razor sharp little outcrops while boulders of all sizes and shapes were perched on the slope. They gave you the impression that if you touched one of them with your finger it would start to tumble down the slope.

Finally, we came close to the dome which was forming on top of Mt. Lamington. The smell of sulphur was unbearable, I cannot remember the scientific terms but I think Tony called them "fumaroles" around which the rock was hot as a barbecue place ready for the sizzle of steaks and sausages. One had to be careful not to burn the soles of the boots.

Like a doctor looking after a sick patient, Tony was measuring the temperature of the "fumaroles" which he recorded with any other changes that occurred since his last visit. I have made such a trip only once and if anybody asked me to go there again, I would have refused.

Tony loved his volcanoes and I have never met a man so devoted to his profession. I never realised that it was a volcano that killed him.

For the interest of those who have a copy of Lady Cleland's book, may I point out that on page 77 Tony appears on the top photograph at the right hand side. Here Tony is unlucky again as by some sort of mix-up and printing error he is presented to the readers as Sir Paul Hasluck.

## NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

**Jim TONER** (Northern Territory)

Our Man in Morobe spotted **Jim SINCLAIR** in Lae during April and described him as looking lean, fit and well. Which is much as he would have looked when he first stepped off a plane there in 1948. Can we attribute his well being to the burgundy and bacon breakfasts he espoused in the Southern Highlands - perhaps not. Jim was researching for a new book covering the history of Lae town and Morobe Province.

In the same month another spy on a Moresby-Cairns flight identified **Ken TRESIZE** (better known on the Papuan side as Terasisi). He has now been a Minder to Waigani politicians for longer than he was a Co-ops officer in the PNG public service. However he still calls Port Douglas home.

Stuck in Darwin on May Day when offices are closed, **Norm WILSON** rang me at 9 a.m. suggesting I join him at the Hotel Darwin for a glass of breakfast. The ex-kiap, on Cultural Heritage business, expected to similarly call upon **John DAGGE & Co.** in Brisbane on his way home to Canberra. Norm is doing a History degree at ANU and plans to write a lengthy essay this year on kiaps in the Southern Highlands. Good luck.

**Richard ALLMARK** once of the Regional Local Government Office, Mt. Hagen, was until recently State Manager for ATSIC in the N.T. He has been promoted to Brisbane where he should meet plenty of Wahgis.

In the previous issue I mentioned a solo medical patrol around Mt. Bosavi by Harry Cox. In fact P.O. **Doug BUTLER** 'rode shotgun' with him for sixty days.

At the Papuan Premiers' Conference in Moresby, the Premier for Fly River Province said: "We are the masters and architects of this decentralised form of government. Let no one fool you that it can work". Not quite what he meant to say, I think. The good Premier also went on to appeal for unity within the Papuan region and admonished his counterparts that "We cannot dilly dally". Had some Cockney missionary or overseas volunteer been teaching music hall songs to Kiwai schoolboys, I wondered.

"My old man said 'Foller the van'

And don't dilly dally on the way....."

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**Alex ZWECK** (Henty NSW)

Unexpected callers here at Henty were **Robert** and **Val WEBSTER** on their way to Melbourne. Robert was a Cadet Patrol Officer and Val (Chapman) a nursing sister at Sohano when they met and married - I think it was 1961. Caught up with Robert at Mt Hagen when he was flying for one of the airlines. He is now based in Port Moresby and flies for Sir Julius Chan.

Went to Tasmania for a tour round recently - last there I think in January 1953 with the late **Bill CRELLIN** and **Mert BRIGHTWELL** - for Mert's information the old pub where we stayed, Heathorns, is no more. Anyhow rang the **GIDDINGS** - a long talk with Lynne mainly about Bougainville where she arrived as a new bride. Richard then came into town and we had a long talk and recalled old days - again emphasis on Bougainville.

Then to Perth recently - contacted **Lynne SCHUPP (ELLIS)** for news of her mother Frieda. Outcome was that she picked me up on Sunday morning and took me out to her home where I met Frieda who was spending the day with her. Present were Frieda, her daughter Lynne, granddaughter, I think her name is Anne, and her new great-granddaughter newly arrived. Frieda and I reminisced

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## NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS (continued)

with particular mention of 1948-49 when she was with Tom and family on No. 1 Gold and I was the young P.O. at Maprik.

Finally, watching Prime local news on Anzac Day - a segment on Wangaratta and one Carmel TRACZYK appeared on screen briefly and said a few words. So I looked them up in the phone book and rang and had a few words with both Carmel and Henry. Henry was with PWD in various parts of the Territory - says he still enjoys 18 holes of golf regularly. All their family well. Carmel says she sees Jean CAREY regularly.

Great to meet up with old friends again and thought your readers may appreciate news of them. By the way - anyone passing thru this neck of the woods, if going south to Melbourne or north to Sydney, detour thru Henty and give me a CALL. Always have a cold one in the frig or a cuppa if desired.

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### THE KIENZLE FAMILY

by Doug Franklin

Soccer and Robyn Kienzle and family are very well and live near Allora in Southern Queensland. They have a grazing property and what Soc. called a trade store - actually a supermarket in the local township, which is situated between Warwick and Toowoomba. Soc says they are into trickle irrigated asparagus grown under technology he had acquired from Israel. Their first harvest is due in six weeks and there are orders already from Japan.

They had remained at the Kokoda Mamba estate until 1983 as Manager for the company after it had been sold to the PNG Development Bank. In time, policy decided to disperse the magnificent Aberdeen Angus cattle herd leaving only the rubber, on which considerable work had been done with the introduction of high yielding clones. Later on the Commonwealth Development Corporation, which had come to the Sangara area of Northern Province and established the huge oil palm scheme, purchased Mamba from the Development Bank. They restarted the cattle side of the business - the yards and paddocks were already there, using what cattle they could acquire from local sources. They also started a cocoa component to Mamba although the history of cocoa in the area had its problems.

Asked about his father, Herbert Kienzle and those traumatic times more than 50 years ago, Soc said that even before Japan came into the war there were contingency plans for the evacuation of people from Northern Province. First, to Killerton, which was the pre-war port for Popondetta and secondly across the Owen Stanleys to Port Moresby.

Herbert Kienzle, who had been assigned to ANGAU, received word that he should look for and find a sensible trail from Kokoda to the Sogeri area going from village to village on the way. He did this and was the first overseas man to make this epic journey over unknown country. On arrival at Port Moresby he was instructed to return as quickly as possible to Kokoda and to lay a telephone line all the way, which became the first from coast to coast. He made a map covering the whole distance of the previously unknown route and he called it the Kokoda Trail.

The plans for the evacuation from Killerton were put in the hands of David Marsh, who is a relation of the Kienzles, and who was working with the family at Kokoda at the time. Dave of course went on to become District Commissioner and held a number of senior PNG Government appointments.

Soccer says that all his father's valuable 16mm film taken at Kokoda and on the Kokoda Trail had been sent to Canberra to the relevant Archives department. It was hoped that copies would be made before the films deteriorated too much. Meanwhile other war memorabilia of the Kokoda wartime days still remain with the family.

## OPEN DAY AT THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSULATE, SYDNEY.

The PNG20 Committee, which was formed to co-ordinate events for the celebration of 20 years of Independence in PNG, is organising an Open Day at the Consulate as part of the celebrations.

The PNG20 Committee has accepted that the event will open on Wednesday the 6th September and will remain open up to Independence Day. The Committee hopes this will be an event in which anyone who has worked and/or lived in PNG will be involved in various ways.

The theme of the Open Day at its broadest level is history-development. We would like members of the R.O.A.P.N.G. to participate by submitting any documents (private or public) which would show the development of PNG from as far back as 1884 for German New Guinea and 1873 for British New Guinea to Papua New Guinea today. The several categories that come under this theme of history-development are:

Education; Health/Medical; Aviation; Tourism; Culture; Commerce & Trade (Burns Philp, Steamships, Carpenters, etc); the early development of village Co-operatives, Copra, Coconut & Coffee Plantations, Resource Development (as far back as APC in the Gulf, the earlier Misima gold, Hornibrooks Construction in the timber industry and any others); Armed Forces (PIR/PIB, ANGB, RPAC, PIR and RPAC Band etc.); the development of Village Constables, Luluais, Tultuls, VC badges, caps, sulus, belts as well as personal histories that may include letters, photographs, news clippings etc, etc.

The net is cast wide because we have no idea what is out there nor who will respond to our request. We need items in all categories (and we acknowledge that most of these will be of a personal nature), that covers any part of Papua New Guinea's development stretching over 100 years of history.

If you think you have an item or items which we could include in the Open Day display please contact:

Dr. Dolly Guise on (02) 489 6922 after 7.30 pm any day or leave a message for her to return your call. We are hoping to have collected all the necessary material by August 15.

Since much of what will be on display will be both personal property and archival material from public libraries the Open Day Sub-committee is also calling for individual members of the R.O.A.P.N.G. who would be willing to man the Consulate for several hours each day during this period. We would greatly appreciate all the help we can get on this. The days and hours are:

Day 1 of Open Day is:	<u>6 September (Wednesday) 1995</u>
Duration of Open Day:	<u>6 September to 15 September 1995</u>
Hours of Open Day:	<u>10.00 - 11.00 &amp; 2.00 - 3.00</u>

If you think you would like to help in this area either on your own or with a friend or friends please contact Mr Joe Nitsche on (02) 451 2475 or Mrs. Pamela Foley on (02) 428 2078.

We hope to hear from everyone and look forward to seeing you at the Open Day.

Dolly Guise (PNG20 Sec.)

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## BOOK REVIEWS AND BOOK NEWS

### **"ITS NEVER DARK ABOVE THE CLOUDS" by Syd Johnson <sup>(1)</sup>**

Syd has written a book about his year on operations with the Pathfinder Force of Bomber Command flying Lancasters over Germany and Occupied Europe in WW2, and the inevitable peculiar characters he met on the way.

In 1991 the book won second prize in the Literary section of the RAAF Heritage Awards, and published in March 1994, the Library Board of WA acquired a number of copies and the Association for the Blind here made a talking book of it.

They printed 500, gave away 50 and sold the rest by September last year. They now have 50 people on a waiting list and have decided to go for broke and print another 500 which should have hit the streets in April. The following are a few excerpts from a number of reviews by the media and other interested people:

Air Commodore Peter Cribb CBE DSO DFC RAF (Retired):

"....a well tempered literary style ...fluent command of the English tongue...a compelling account of the forging of life-long friendships in the fires of war ... enjoyable reading for young and old...stirs the dust of memory in one who shared part of your story."

His Honour Nigel Clarke, Judge of the District Court, Perth:

...his diary excerpts, accounts of squadron life, his wry Oz perspective and anecdotes worthy of preservation make this a spritely contribution to the annals of war... (This work) won second prize in the 1991 RAAF Heritage Awards. The first prize winner's effort must have been bloody good..."

"The Sunday Times", premier Sunday paper published in Perth :

"Now 50 years and a DFC and Bar later, he has combined diary entries, letters home and remembered observations into an eminently readable book. Readers looking for accounts of heroism will be disappointed; those seeking the human and humorous aspects of wartime flying will be more than satisfied."

Ted Hemingway, Editor of the Perth Legacy Bulletin:

"...I bought my copy just before the official release - and that night I couldn't put the book down. If you have been involved with flying at all or had an association with wartime Britain, this book is a must..."

Gavin Green, ex Pathfinder:

"...this is the best presentation of life on a Bomber Command Station in wartime England that I have ever read..."

The book costs \$25.00 plus \$6.00 for packaging and postage to the Eastern States. Address for orders:

Mr. S. H. Johnson  
3 Peet Street  
TRIGG WA 6029

<sup>(1)</sup> Syd Johnson was for many years in PNG the Crown Solicitor and often Acting Secretary for Law.

## A TRIBUTE TO RAY CARLAW

by John Herbert<sup>(1)</sup>

I was sitting in my office in the Rabaul Police Station early in 1959 when the phone rang. I picked it up and spoke with Ray for the first time. He was studying, as I was, externally with the University of Queensland and he suggested that we meet and talk about the possibility of working together. Thus began one of the most important friendships of my life.

Following this talk I visited him at home and met Flo and the children and in tandem with him pursued knowledge not only for its own sake but in the hope that one day it would help me overcome my early lack of formal education.

We met twice weekly, always on Sunday mornings at his house and one night a week at my place. It was during the Sunday morning sessions that Ray and I became mates. With him I ploughed through economics and public finance. He always managed to make sense of it - I never did. We read Shakespeare, Donne, Yeats, argued over Austen and theorised about the future of Papua New Guinea. Ray had joined the Administration as a medical assistant, and had patrolled through villages in a number of areas, and as Johnny Appleseed spread apples across the USA, Ray planted clover in many of the villages he visited, thus ensuring cool green places for villagers to sit and children to play. I suspect he also helped many villagers by lifting the level of care way above what was permitted or expected. I also believe that this period of his life created his lifelong interest in health education.

They were halcyon days, perhaps the happiest of my life. We later went down to the University of Queensland and Ray studied French whilst I took German, our views on diverse topics usually coincided, but I knew then that Ray would go on to achieve levels of scholarship far and beyond our undergraduate days on the lawn of his house in Rabaul. Space restraints prevent me from writing further, except to say that his energy, his enthusiasm, his help and encouragement played a major role in improving my life during a critical phase. He was a rare human being, a man of many facets of which I saw one or two. He had the gifts of leadership and communication - he was a paradox, an achiever, yet modest about his achievements. He was a man who until shortly before his death (if I may paraphrase Kipling) "filled the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run" throughout his life. I never met his like when he was here, nor will I now he has gone.

<sup>(1)</sup> John spent many years in PNG, firstly as an Inspector of Police with the R.P.N.G.C., then he joined the Department of Labour and was Chief of Division, Industrial Relations, when he retired. Ed.)

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## HELP WANTED

On 30 April 1943 the late Lieutenant Eric Snook (postwar a Madang planter) was leading a party of 12 Lutheran mission teachers and 13 Seventh Day Adventist mission teachers from Kainantu to the south coast of Papua. Thirty miles south of Bena Bena they witnessed a crash of an American B-24 Liberator and with the aid of 300 Kesikena bowmen they found and buried the crew. These details appear in David Dexter's book, *The New Guinea Offensives*. On board the Liberator, and losing his life that day, was coastwatcher Leigh Vial. There has always been a mystery as to why the crash occurred. Snook's initial report at the War Memorial only places a cross at the site. I cannot find his later report. Please, can anyone assist, details may be found in a Lutheran or Seventh Day Adventist mission diary? Anyone with information please contact:

Bob PIPER, 7 Brazel Street, HIGGINS ACT 2615. Tel. (06) 254 8376



## RABAU AND KOKOPO

(The following are extracts from two letters from Gerry McGrade, the owner of the Hamamas Hotel in Rabaul, to Pat Hopper. The first was dated 26/4/95 and the second 11/5/95. Ed.)

1. "Many people I have met since the eruption have confided that they regret having delayed their long time plans to visit, and now their perception is that because of the eruption it is now too late. Certainly the place is in a mess, the streets strewn with flood material and uncared for buildings that are now in an advanced state of corruption. Rabaul is not a pretty sight.

I believe, however, that with some good housekeeping a pretty town can emerge much the same as a butterfly emerges from a cocoon. The harbour is undamaged as is most privately owned property in that region, the road from Tunnel Hill to the Hamamas is repairable and private residences that have not been abandoned are mostly in good shape. With an effort well within our capability this whole area will survive. Buildings in Mango Avenue are totally destroyed, with the exception of the two other hotels and what was once the Commonwealth (Percy Piggy) bank, and now the PNGBC.

Our hotel with some effort survived also. We are hoping that there will by default be a drift back to the town. The cost of rebuilding in this area will be much cheaper than in any other location because land title exists.

The road is still intact including kerb and guttering, storm water drainage, sewerage, power lines and so on. All the rest of Rabaul is gone. Very sad, I know, but the saddest part is my belief that apathy not nature caused most of the damage."

2. "I have just returned from Rabaul and expect to be on the coast for the next few weeks before returning. Among other things, I visited Vunapope Hospital which was sort of requisitioned by the Provincial Government when they hurriedly abandoned the Nonga Base Hospital. I found everything normal there despite the fact that two lots of staff were working side by side. I guess the dedication of the mission staff overcame the lack of dedication inherent in the public service system where buai (betel nut) chewing, slouching, absenteeism, late coming and early knock offs were the norm.

As it happens Nonga has only just been declared to be the Islands Base Hospital again. It may be that on my visit most of the Government staff had already vacated Vunapope hence the air of quiet efficiency which prevailed. Anyway, I had the pleasure of being introduced to Daphne White, the Health Secretary, who is a mission volunteer. I explained to this angel of a woman that I was searching for a worthwhile three or four hundred kina project on behalf of some very generous donor ladies from Sydney.

She had no hesitation "UMBILICAL CORD CLAMPS" she exclaimed "I've had fifty births at Paparatava, fifty at Naparpar and two hundred and fifty here at Vunapope." She then went further with this remarkable story. "This happens every month and although I managed to secure some locally, when my supply runs out here there will be a period when I won't have any left until the expected Government issue arrives."

So Pat, may I suggest to you that you send the available funds direct to Daphne, or better still post her say one thousand plastic umbilical clamps at your earliest possible convenience. Daphne went on to explain that traditional mission methods utilised binding materials however because of the environmental situation she deemed these to be unhygienic as evidence of infection was apparent in their use. Daphne believes the cost to be between 30 - 40 cents each depending on who you know....."

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## RABAU AND KOPOKO (continued)

"PS. The PWD engineer spoke with me last Sunday. The Gazelle Restoration Authority has some funds - K30,000,000. He will spend a little time and money in Rabaul starting now - tomorrow? But the bulk of the funds will be directed at projects away from the disaster area. The town will not be cleaned up. SUCH IS POLITICS."

(Pat Hopper's son, Paul, supplied the clamps free of charge and delivered them to the Health Secretary, Daphne White, a couple of weeks after Pat received the second letter. Ed.)

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## TIME TO REMEMBER

by Wandering Wally Doe

After hearing comments from people who have read my little autobiography of Ted Nichterline, I have been thinking such a lot about all the old timers from those days so long ago. People whose names should go down in the history books, but as far as I know have only received very brief mention in passing. How about an appeal to members to write a few lines about old friends and acquaintances. One whose name should go into the history books is Dr. Carl Gunther, Bulolo. It would be only a slight exaggeration to say that some of the things that Dr Carl did were miracles. There was a medical man who had a community to look after without the assistance of Flying Doctors or any other medical people. No matter what the complaint, from a sore toe to a sore head and everything in between, no matter the sex or colour, "em i fix."

While on the medical profession there was another little bloke who is worth a mention. Dr McQueen, who along with dentist Allan McKay, used to do Coastal Cruises, village and town to town along the north coast of the mainland attending to the medical and dental needs of those in need, including the Lepers on an island in Madang Harbour. This I know, as he invited me to go for a run out there while I was convalescing in Madang after he had removed my appendix. These were dedicated men. Lets hear about them. And if you run short of names have a go at Ma Stewart, Wau, Doris Booth, Wau, Joe Bourke, just to name a few.

Austie Ireland, Scottie Sutherland, and Mum Bowering and the others up at Edie Creek, 6666ft above sea level, "Pumpkin" Phillips, Lower Watut, O.B. Hart, and Chet Mayfield, Bulolo and Bulwa. And lets not forget the men who kept our supplies coming in, like Bill Wiltshire, Less Ross, Bertie Heath, to name a few. The Parers have often been mentioned.

And there was a little girl in Wau who grew up to be a big girl, and like her mum, helped a few lame ducks down on their luck.

There you go fellas. There are a few names from an oldie on the verge of that awful geriatrics disease. You know, like the bloke who went to his Dr. "I think I am getting that awful complaint old people get, forgetting things." "How long have you had this feeling?" asked doctor. "What feeling?"

(How about it folks? We can handle anything of a reasonable length you care to send in! Ed.)

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## WANTED TO BUY

Japanese swords and PNG artifacts

Alan JOHNSTON

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## GOROKA REUNION 5 AUGUST 1995

GUINEAS FUNCTION CENTRE  
EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE  
LANCASTER ROAD  
ASCOT  
BRISBANE

7.00 PM ONWARDS, DRESS SEMI-FORMAL  
TICKETS \$50.00, INCLUDES SMORGASBORD,  
LIMITED BAR AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES.

R.S.V.P. WITH PAYMENT, AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER  
THAN 1 JULY 1995

### YOUR ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS:

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## PNG REUNION - BUDGEWOI

This is to advise that a PNG REUNION including Western District Officers and Friends of Ken & Rosemary BROWN is to be held at BUDGEWOI PATROL POST on the occasion of District Commissioner (retired) Ken A. Brown's 70th Birthday on Saturday 15th July, 1995.

It is planned that returning officers assemble at 6 Woodlawn Drive, Budgewoi NSW 2262 (approx. one hours drive north of Sydney) on Saturday 15/7/95 from 2.00pm onwards. It is tentatively arranged for an 'Afternoon Get Together' followed by an 'Evening Barbeque or Dinner' (depending on numbers). It is planned to arrange motel accommodation which is nearby Ken & Rosemary's residence at Budgewoi for those requiring accommodation (possibly booking out the Motel to allow group to be together, \$75 per double & \$10 per extra person).

Sunday morning a 'Barbeque Recovery Breakfast' prior to departure of Officers and Friends to their respective Stations.

To enable preparation of arrangements you can contact:

ADC Colin Middleton  
ADO Jon Bartlett

Fax/Ph: 068 373940

Work: 069 592300

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Home: 047 542858

PO Paul Bourne

ASAP indicating your attendance and whether accommodation is required (stating numbers) or for any queries or registration of apologies to allow final confirmation of Reunion arrangements.

P.S. If attending and so inclined bring photographs/memorabilia etc.

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## BURNS PHILP (PNG) REUNION

The Inaugural Burns Philp (PNG) Reunion held the last weekend in January was a great success. What started as a suggestion for a casual get-together for former plantation staff snowballed into a Reunion for former staff from all parts of PNG.

Ex-Beeps staff, together with families and friends, began their invasion of Hervey Bay from all parts of Australia, PNG and Singapore on the Thursday (Australia Day). Friday night saw 88 people join in an informal "Look Who's Here" gathering at the Pialba Hotel.

The Saturday night Dinner held at the Sportsmans Club was attended by 130 people. Tim Wilson (who lost his Coffee Shop in Rabaul when the volcanoes erupted) gave us a very interesting talk on what happened when and since the volcanoes went up. Tim is now involved with the Red Cross at Vunapope (Kokopo).

The Sunday morning Brunch (which was added as an extra thought -- not expecting too many to stay on) saw 86 people delaying their departure to join half a dozen locals for the sausage sizzle. Everyone had a wonderful time. Lots of photos were taken and lots of reminiscing took place.

An employee of Burns Philp, Sydney (Jenny Price) brought greetings from Head Office and Burns Philp T-shirts which were presented to all ex-staff. (Jenny's husband, Bob, was with the Plantation Division in the late 60s, as well as with 7 Bridge St. before and after his sojourn in PNG).

A number of people enjoyed day trips to Fraser Island, either on the Friday or Saturday. Due to it being such a success, the Reunion may become a Bi-annual event.

(The above are extracts from a letter sent by the organizer, Gloria Hunter, of Hervey Bay Qld to our member, Russ Merritt, after the event. Russ, who had been unable to attend, sent us a copy of the letter. Russ, many thanks. Ed.)

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## THE RABAU 1942-1945 MEMORIAL

Reference page 12 of the December 1994 issue of the Newsletter containing a photocopy of this Memorial Plaque.

We are advised, by a member in Rabaul PNG, that the Plaque has been dug out of more than a metre deep layer of volcanic ash.

It is none the worse for wear and was visited last Anzac Day by members of the Rabaul Branch RSL.

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## Ex-DASF PERSONNEL - HELP WANTED

I am a Ph.D. student at the Australian National University examining Australian agricultural activities in post-1945 PNG. I am interested to talk to ex-DASF personnel (especially those who worked in agricultural Extension Services) about the activities of the Administration in the countryside. It is important that the experiences of those involved in the Administration of PNG are accounted for and I hope that relevant persons will be willing to assist in such an endeavour.

Wendy Timms  
18 Burnett St.  
KALEEN 2617 ACT

## VALE

*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. Robert Elliot (Bob) SEXTON** (10 April 95, aged 65 years)

Bob was a serving Police officer in PNG in the fifties and sixties, working in Rabaul and Mt. Hagen. He resigned in 1965 returning to Australia where he joined ASIO. In 1978 he left ASIO to pursue private business interests. He was a popular and well liked policeman respected both by the general public and his brother officers. In recent years he underwent major surgery and suffered poor health. He worked until a few weeks prior to his death.

**Mr. Edgar (Ted) Cameron MILES** (2 May 95, aged 68 years)

Ted was born in Brisbane on 6th June 1926, and attended Yeronga and Junction Park State Schools, before going to the Industrial High School. After leaving school he worked for British Empire Films in 1941 and in 1942 was apprenticed to Evans Deakin & Co as a structural engineer for five years. This was during the war years and Ted worked on many U.S. Navy ships and submarines doing repair work.

His ambition was to be in Ballistics and the first day out of his apprenticeship training he joined the Qld Police Force in December 1947. He was attached to Roma Street and had various duties with foot patrol in Queens St., bicycle beat at Spring Hill, despatch duties on a Harley Davidson and traffic duty before being sent to Sherwood suburban station. He later transferred to the Water Police and there he obtained his marine Motor Engineers certificate.

Ted finally achieved one of his ambitions when he was transferred to the Photographic section of the C.I.B. and was photographer in crime scenes and preparation of documents and scale plans for the lower courts as well as the District and Supreme Courts throughout the State.

In 1961 he resigned from the Qld Police and joined the PNG Constabulary. He was Police Photographer and later went to Sydney to do an extensive course in Ballistics. He was then Inspector in charge of the newly established Scientific & Ballistic Section at Headquarters in Port Moresby. His work took him all over the Territory, and he was commended by Sir Alan Mann on some occasions for the work which he had done. Ted also lectured and trained officers at Bomana Police College. He attended many Scientific conferences in Australia and received the Queen's Police Medal for long and exemplary service.

In 1971 Ted returned to Brisbane for leave and a medical check-up and as a result of heart problems was advised not to return to Police duties, so he retired after 25 years continuous service to both Qld and PNG Police. He resided at the Gold and North coasts of Brisbane and in 1982, after being told he had ten years to live, was given a by-pass operation. He was always grateful for his extended time of 13 years.

Ted has been a member of the Darling Downs Branch of the Qld. Retired Police Assoc., and also Branch Secretary/Treasurer for some years, a position he enjoyed whilst living in Toowoomba for the past five years. He died in St. Vincents Hospital Toowoomba and was buried with a Police Guard of Honour and Police Flag and Cap. He is survived by his widow Val and daughters Janelle Bapty (Cairns) and Robyn Prebble (Toowoomba), sons-in-law Greg and Jeff and six grandchildren.

**Mr. James Henry JACOBSEN** (16 December 94, aged 65)

Lae business tycoon and founder of PNG's biggest bakery group, Jim Jacobsen died of a massive heart attack on 16/12/94 at age 65. Known as the Big White Poppa of Lae, Jim was a legend in his own lifetime.

Apart from running "Suambu" his own plantation, he was the founding father of the Morobe District Planters and Farmers Association from which evolved the Morobe Agriculture and Show Society. Other achievements in his successful business life include being the chairman of Taraka Bakery, managing director of the Morobe Bakery Group of Companies, Director of Westpac Bank PNG, Director of Zurich Pacific Insurance, Director of the Australia-West Pacific Line, Director of Rice (Trukai) Industries, President of the Institute of National Affairs, Vice-President of the PNG Employers Federation, chairman of Salvation Army Morobe Province Advisory Committee, member of the Steering Committee on Food Processing and Preservation Unit at the University of Technology in Lae, Foundation Member of the Agriculture Technologists of Australia, Fellow at the Australian Institute of Company Directors, made life Vice-President of the Morobe Agricultural Society, founding member and made life member of the Lae Golf Club, life member of the Lae Game Fishing Club and a life member of the Papua New Guinea Amateur Turf Club.

Since leaving College in 1947, Jim has always been keen on all old boys activities and attended all his years reunions.

Jim is survived by his wife Glen, son Robert and daughters Julie, Suzy and Cathy and 9 grandchildren.

(There was a brief mention of Jim's death in the the "Vale" section of the last issue of the Newsletter. The above, which is an extract from the Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal March 1995, was provided by our member, Francis Xavier Ryan of Dora Creek NSW.)

**Dr. Leslie James TOPHAM** (3 May 95, aged 81 years)

Dr. Topham was appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to Papua New Guinea regions in August 1957 and served in that capacity in Rabaul, Lae, and Port Moresby. He left PNG in March 1965 returning to Australia whereupon he was appointed Consultant Ophthalmologist to the Townsville General Hospital, Townsville, North Queensland, and established his private practice there. Upon retirement in May 1982 he was made Honorary Consultant Ophthalmologist to the Townsville General Hospital, which appointment he retained until his death.

He is survived by his widow, Marjorie, of Dunnington, York in the U.K.

**Mrs. Marie BLACKLEY** (1 May 95)

Marie and her late husband "Snow" went to the Wau Bulolo area before the war. After the war they were at a coffee plantation near Goroka.

She is survived by two sons, Richard and Douglas and many grandchildren.

**Mr. Ken ADAIR** (4 June 95, aged 71 years)

Ken was with the PNG Public Health Department and when he retired I believe he was Chief Accountant with the Department. More information next issue.

He was the husband of Gwen, father and father-in-law of Terry and Leonie, Peter and Merridy, Heather and Lindsay.



**Professor Raymond W. CARLAW (13 March 95, aged 71 years)**

Ray went to PNG in 1948 as a Medical Assistant with the Public Health Department and served in New Hanover, Kavieng, Finschhafen, Rabaul and Port Moresby. During this period he became Health Education Officer and in 1964 became a Chief of Division in the Department of Information and Extension Services.

During this period he also completed studies which enabled him to go to Berkeley University in the U.S. to study for his PhD which he obtained in 1968. He then resigned from PNG and subsequently carried out a number of aid projects in Nepal, Indonesia, PNG and elsewhere.

He became the Professor of Health Education at the University of Minnesota but has resided at Washougal WA USA where he was when he died.

(The following was provided by Terry White, an ex-Kiap who served with Ray in the Finschhafen Sub-District.)

"I have no doubt that many members deeply regret the sad passing of a number of people over recent years who contributed so much to Papua New Guinea and bringing it over the threshold to Independence. Personally, it was so sad to learn of passing of a man I had the privilege and the pleasure of working with when I first met him at Finschhafen in the mid 1950s, Ray Carlaw. As a medical assistant of the Health Department this "lik-lik dokta's" efforts to overcome health problems in the sub-district were far from 'lik-lik'(small). This fine hard-working man was no desk-bound officer either. He frequently patrolled the rugged Huon Peninsula region to help indigenous people overcome medical problems, to select locals for Medical Orderly training and to establish village Aid Posts.

Following a serious outbreak of infantile diarrhoea in the Kotte area he fought hard to have a fully trained doctor posted to Finschhafen. With the support of the late Sir John Gunther he succeeded.

Ray's advice regarding overall development within the sub district was considerably sound and helpful as was his community support, for whites and blacks alike. He, and his wonderful wife Flo were strong supporters of the expanding Boy Scouts and Girl Guides movements. Their combined efforts at improving race relations were also substantial.

Following studies at London University Ray Carlaw served in Rabaul and in Port Moresby. He became a dedicated specialist in health education and following further studies at Berkeley University in California this much admired man's knowledgeable contribution continued for many years in Nepal, Burma and Indonesia. As a consultant to the Asia Development Bank he undertook further health surveys in PNG in 1992/93.

PNG would benefit considerably with continuing support from people with the capacity, dedication and calibre of the late Professor Raymond Carlaw. Farewell to a brilliant man whose prime aim throughout his working life was to contribute to the welfare and the happiness of others in developing countries."

Ray is survived by his widow, Florence, daughter, Florence and sons, Kenneth and Malcolm.

**Mr. Walter Percival SMART (30 April 95, aged 80 years)**

Percy joined the PNG Administration 4 March 1949 and when he retired 13 May 1969 he was Clerk of the House of Assembly. No further information available.

**Mrs. Teresa Ann JAMIESON (6 May 95)**

Widow of the late Kenneth John Jamieson, a Senior Technical Officer with the PNG Public Health Department. No further information available.

**Mr Sydney Stephen SMITH (12 April 95, aged 79 years)**

Syd Smith was born at Cooktown, North Queensland, on 7 March, 1916. His father, Sydney Smith, was a long time member of the old Papuan Administration, eventually rising to the position of Treasurer.

Syd was educated at St. Joseph's College, Nudgee. He joined the Papuan Administration as a clerk in 1935, serving in the Treasury, Customs, Postal and Public Works Departments until the outbreak of the Pacific War. He several times applied for transfer into the Magisterial Branch - where the Resident Magistrates, Assistant RMs and Patrol Officers were located - but there were very few vacancies, for Papua was a desperately poor country with a tiny public service. From 1942 to 1945 Syd served in ANGAU at Buna, Kokoda, Milne Bay and Oro Bay, reaching the rank of Captain.

After the war Syd rejoined the PNG Administration, as an ADO in the then Department of District Services and Native Affairs, being at last able to do the field work that he had always wanted to do. He carried out notable patrols in the Western District, some of them accompanied by Des Clancy, then a Patrol Officer. In 1947-48 he was ADO Goilala, and it was while he was in that wild mountainous region that he was chosen to go in and re-open the old Lake Kutubu station, in 1949. Des Clancy was again his companion, together with the late Ron Neville, P.O.

The Southern Highlands was then almost completely uncontrolled and Patrols from Lake Kutubu located the site of Mendi, headquarters of Southern Highlands Province, and also the site of Tari. Every patrol that went out encountered tribes not before contacted. Syd Smith was an outstanding patrol leader; the work he did in those early post-war years has never been adequately recognised.

In 1952 Syd attended the Long Course at ASOPA, and it was while at the School that he met his wife Ann, sister of those well known kiaps, the late Dudley and John Young-Whitforde. After his marriage Syd served for a long time in the Sepik District before being appointed Native Lands Commissioner in 1956. He spent most of the rest of his career in the New Britain District.

He was a mild, unassuming man, never one to talk of the remarkable patrolling he had done in his younger days. He was a close friend of the late Ivan Champion, Bill Adamson and Alan Timperley, all of course famous for the work they did in the field in Papua. He knew Sir Hubert Murray, and Jack Hides. A link, indeed, with the brave old days.

Some months before he died, Syd commenced to write his memoirs, mainly for the benefit of his family who were understandably curious to know more of his early life. Since I seem to be the literary kiap and Syd was a personal friend - he sent me his stuff for advice and comment. Fate allowed him only sufficient time to complete an account of that part of his life spent in the Goilala. He wrote vividly and well, and it is sad that he was not able to complete his memoirs, for I am sure they would have made a book to be treasured.

All who knew Syd will mourn his passing, and will feel deeply for Ann and her family in their loss. Farewell, Syd - it was a pleasure and a privilege to have known you.

(The foregoing was written by Jim Sinclair.)

Syd is survived by his widow, Ann, sons Ian and Greg, daughter Ailsa and son-in-law Les.

**Mr. John Manson TREMBATH (28 May 95, aged 81 years)**

John joined the PNG Administration 1 July 1947 and retired 6 March 1970. Survived by widow Beverley Alma. No further information available.

Mr. Desmond Norman ASHTON (16 February 95, aged 78 years)

Des was born in October, 1916, at Auckland, New Zealand. He was educated at Whangarei High School. He went to work for Dalgety & Co in 1932, and stayed with them until 1938.

As a boy Des was a dedicated yachtsman, and this love of the sea remained with him to the end of his days. He left Dalgety's to go adventuring in the South Seas on board a yacht, *Land's End*. The yacht hit a reef near Sudest Island in the Louisiade Archipelago, on a dark and stormy night in 1939 and was a total loss.

Des and his shipmates escaped without harm and made their way to Samarai. In his memoirs Des wrote: "I was enraptured by what I had seen of Papua and come hell or high water, that was where I was going to stay."

And stay he did. He got a job with Bob Bunting as master of his 75 ft auxiliary ketch, *Lady Jean*, and continued sailing the waters of Papua until the Pacific War began. Des joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1940 as an ordinary seaman and rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

I have always been amused at the thought of Des going to war as an "ordinary" seaman. Ordinary was not the word I would have used to describe him.

He married his late wife, Jeannie, in April, 1944. Daughter Lynn was born in 1946 and Jeni in 1950. He was a loving father and husband, and fond grandfather of Leanne, Debbie, Tamlyn, Nicola and Ashleigh.

After leaving the Navy, Des joined the Department of District Services and Native Affairs, in the PNG Administration, as a Patrol Officer. He subsequently served in a number of different stations in the Northern District, Western Highlands and Morobe Districts. Jeannie and the girls were his constant support. He was promoted in turn to the positions of Assistant District Officer and District Officer before becoming Acting District Commissioner Morobe District in the 1960s. He was then transferred to Bougainville. He finished his career as District Commissioner, Manus District, just before Independence.

I first met Des and Jeannie 40 years ago, when we were attending the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney. While at the school Des had his little racing yacht, *Lahara* built, and he had considerable success in events like the Sydney-Hobart and Sydney-Montagu Island ocean races. He was a very fussy shipmaster. Guests on his yacht were expected to take off their shoes, lest they marr the perfection of his deck. After the school, Des sailed *Lahara* back to PNG and subsequently used her as a patrol vessel in New Britain.

*Lahara* was the first of a number of yachts and motor craft that Des put into service whilst he was in PNG, and after retiring to Australia. I went fishing with Des on a number of occasions in his various small craft. I don't remember that we caught many fish, but we were good companions and I am glad that I had those times with him.

Des was my very good friend. We served together in Morobe District for some six years. I won't say that we never had a cross word, but our disagreements never lasted.

Des Ashton was a too-fisted he-man, a tough field officer, a good patrol officer and a very effective District Commissioner. His outstanding quality was, I believe, his willingness to come to generally sound decisions, and stick to them. He never shilly-shallied around. He did not suffer fools gladly and he stepped on a number of toes during his time in PNG.

We all have to go some day and at least Des went quickly, without a long illness, which would have been hard for a man of his character to bear. He was a straight shooter and a man of his word. That is not a bad epitaph.

**Mr. John Preston WHITE (24 May 95, aged 80 years)**

John died in Perth after a long fight with cancer.

He joined the then Mandated Territory of New Guinea 8 January 1938 as a Cadet Patrol Officer and served in various Districts in both Papua and New Guinea before and after WWII.

John saw war service in PNG, the Pacific and with ANGAU and rose to the rank of Captain.

He is survived by his widow, Mary.

**Mrs. Ancie SCHLINDER (3 May 95)**

Wife of Aubrey Schlinder, both were members. Full details next issue.

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I still have on hand a large number of articles which have been contributed by members. However, the Committee requested me to include the AGM Minutes and Financial Statement in this issue as well as the Membership List.

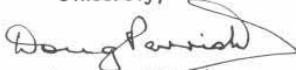
Therefore, little space remained for any articles of reasonable length to be included. But I will endeavour to include the majority of the remaining articles in the next two issues of the Newsletter.

So, members, who have not as yet had their contributions included, do not think that they have been rejected. Any contribution, which I have doubts about, I refer to the Editorial Sub-Committee and if the contribution is then rejected, the contributor will be notified and advised of the reason.

We are going to have another look at the format of the Newsletter, to see if we can improve it at no significant additional cost to members. You will be advised of the outcome in due course.

Our very good wishes to you all.

Sincerely,



Doug Parrish  
Editor