# Conditions prevailing for Officers in PIR, 1960s

## **Introduction**

This document was probably written by Officers of the Pacific Islands Regiment in the Port Moresby area about 1962-63. (Lt Col K. S. McKenzie was CO of PIR from 1962 to 1965.) The typed information was updated manually and hand-written notes appear on some pages.

The three-page document which follows forms the <u>introduction only</u> to a 16-page Document issued during the 1960s to Officers being posted to the PIR for the first time.

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Honorary Colonel

Brigadier Sir Donald CLELAND CRE. O St J.

Commanding Officer:

Lieutenant Colonel K S McKENZIE.

Battle Honours:

"South West Pacific 1942 - 45"

"Kokoda Trail"

"Kokoda - Deniki"

"Nassay Bay"

"Tambu Bay"

"Finschhafen"

"Scarlet Beach"

"Liberation of Australian New Guinea"

"Sio - Sepik River"

"Bonis - Porton"

"Kaboibus - Kiarivu"

Pipe Banners:

The personal pipe banners of

The Late Lord Dunrossil

Lord Rowallan

The pipe banners of

"Eastern Command"

"Northern Command"

Regimental March:

"Bonnie Dundee"

Regimental Motto:

"To Find a Path"

Alliance:

7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles

Organisation:

Battalion Headquarters

Administrative Company

(includes Signal and Pioneer Platoons)

4 Rifle Companies

Recruit Company

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