

NEW GUINEA ONE:

- CU SIGN : Taurama Barracks, about eight miles from Port Moresby ...
headquarters of the Pacific Islands Regiment. Raised in
nineteen fifty-one, the regiment has a strength of six
- 4 MEN : hundred natives, two hundred each from Papua, New Guinea
and the New Guinea Islands.
- GROUP : Officers, warrant officers and senior N C O's come from the
Australian Regular Army, but training is thorough and some
of the natives themselves have reached the rank of Sergeant.
They become expert in bren gun drill, learning to take the
gun to pieces and reassemble it as WELL as fire it.
- TO CLASS : Because the natives speak a variety of dialects, all are
taught English for the first five months of their service.
The instructors are members of the Australian Army
Education Corps.....
- And the native recruits aren't the ONLY ones who go to school!
- WHITES : N.C.O.'s from Australia complete their normal courses, too, to
qualify for promotion.
- HOSPITAL : At the hospital at Taurama, medical orderlies are trained
under Royal Australian Army Medical Corps officers. This
orderly, has the N.S.W. St. John's Ambulance certificate.
Co-operation between the Australians
- BASEBALL : and the natives isn't confined to the hospital or classroom,
either. They spend one afternoon a week at sport... playing
cricket and softball, basketball and soccer. They take to
ball games quickly, too.

NEW GUINEA TWO:

- IN JUNGLE : The Regiment does its training in the Goldie River area, at the foothills of the Owen Stanley range ... traditional jungle fighters, now armed with modern weapons. Here, only
- TWO MEN : twenty miles from Port Moresby, they take part in realistic exercises.
- MORTARS : MORTAR FIRE
- SHELLS HIT: EXPLOSION
- GROUP : They learn the art of instant concealment... diving for cover
- BREN : at the threat of ambush. And they learn to hit hard, with
- MORTAR : weapons like mortars which are easily transported in this rugged terrain.
- MORTAR FIRE
- WITH RIFLE: The natives enlist in the Pacific Islands Regiment for an initial period of four years, and re-engage for two year
- PARADE : periods. And their efficiency can easily be seen when the companies at Taurama hold their weekly ceremonial parade. The
- INSPECTS : regimental Color is paraded, and the troops are inspected by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Norrie.
- CU TWO : These men carry out constant active patrolling over the
- MARCH : whole of Papus, including the Komoda Trail, and in the mountainous areas to the south, including the Sepik River area. Well-trained, smart, and proud of their precision parade-ground drill.
- LS BAND : The Regiment is affiliated with the Seventh Gurkha Rifles,
- MARCH : and members of the pipe band wear the tartan of Clan Cameron. Lord Rowallan has presented the Rowallan Pipe Banner, which is carried on the pipes of the pipe sergeant.

NEW GUINEA THREE:

PIPERS : The Pacific Islands Regiment is well-trained ... natives
MARCH : ready to take part in their own defence and to assist in keeping
the peace among their own people. Jungle fighters from many
tribes, now trained to fight together under a common flag!