

Battleground photos



CHARLIE Lynn meeting with an original "fuzzy wuzzy angel" who was proudly dressed in the uniform he wore during the war as a constable.



THE first photograph of the claimed Australian graves with the Efogi elder who says he helped bury the Diggers in 1942

A LOST graveyard — claimed to hold the remains of 72 Australian soldiers killed in World War Two — has been found in the jungle highlands of Papua New Guinea by Bradbury resident, Charlie Lynn.

Charlie, a retired army major and Vietnam veteran, made the eerie discovery last week while leading a pilgrimage along

Local man finds Kokoda graves

By JEFF MCGILL

the Kokoda trail in the lead up to Anzac Day.

The village of Efogi was the site of bloody battles

against the Japanese and Charlie says he was shown the unrecorded gravesites by a village elder who had buried the bodies as a

young man in 1942.

The Office of Australian War Graves believes the graves are empty, but has nevertheless joined with the Defence Department in approaching PNG authorities to have the site investigated.

"It is unlikely that such a high concentration of graves would have been overlooked by the unit responsible for burials and records at that time," a government spokesman

said.

But Charlie told the *Advertiser* the elder who buried the bodies had insisted that no one had ever come to investigate the site.

"The landowner told me he had helped bury the Australians and one Japanese soldier" he said.

"A couple of days before we arrived last week, the villagers cleared the site in dense jungle and inserted sticks with red cotton to mark the graves.

"Regardless of whether its true or not, we had to report it immediately."

Members of Charlie's group were drawn from all over Australia and included two other local participants — Ingleburn High School student, Adrian Blinman, and Campbelltown tax consultant, Harry Lamerton,

Big Anzac Day rollup

HUNDREDS of proud veterans donned their war service medals and gathered in a range of ceremonies throughout the local area last Saturday to commemorate Anzac Day.

Secretary of the Campbelltown RSL sub-branch, John Davies, said the annual

fit enough to take part in the march.

Mr Davies particularly praised a speech made at the formal service by St Patrick's College student, Jacqui Clancy, in which she spoke about the young people's attitude toward Anzac Day.

Similar large turnouts were recorded throughout the area, particularly Ingle-