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Greetings,

Top of my list of 'things to get done' is the Rhodesia Regiment book. The time when we publish is drawing closer but the closer it comes the more work I see ahead of me. The written section of the Rhodesia Regiment book will close at the end of this month. We have until the end of the year to get the photos done but if you look at the box on the floor in my office containing yet to be scanned material as well as the five gigabytes of material on my computer which has to be catalogued and sorted, you may get some idea of how occasionally I wonder how the hell I will get it done. But get it done we will as every step we take with this book we know that we are doing it for future generations as well as for our mates who are no longer with us.

Of primary importance is the compilation of the record of Commanding Officers, 2 I/C's and RSMs of the Rhodesia Regiment Battalions and Independent Companies which is being done by Gerry van Tonder. We have a lot of gaps which can be filled in with your help. If you have any recollection of who your CO, 2IC and RSM were during your period of service in the Rhodesia Regiment please send in the details that you remember. We will not be including records of the companies within the battalions – that would be too large a job. Also remember that the Indep. Coys. were Rhodesia Regiment up until around October 1977 after which they were RAR, which is outside our focus as well. If you all put your thinking caps on I am sure we can get a good record.

Other sources of this information may be in copies of 'Assegai'. If you have any copies of 'Assegai' stored away please could you go through them and send any helpful bits in to me.

We are keen to contact a Wilfred Letcher (unsure of spelling) who farmed near Tengwe and knew the late Robert Anderson who we think may have been an RSM in a TF Battalion, but we need more information. Robert Anderson became a Member of Parliament in New Zealand in the 1980's/90's.

Indications regarding the forthcoming ANZAC Day parade at Hobsonville in Auckland on the 25th April are that we may be down on numbers this year owing to ANZAC Day falling on Easter Monday and so a lot of people will be going away for the weekend with family. Last year we had the biggest turnout ever in my experience. It would be good if we could at least match that and I ask that you consider coming along this year. Bring the kids – it is always well attended by all age groups and it is a ceremony that the younger generations should attend and give time and thought to. There is more detail further on in this newsletter.

And finally a little local humour sent in by Clive and Joyce Tunley:
*You know you are from Christchurch when.....
You put dirty clothes on the line to wash them in the rain
When you have to fight the cat or dog for toilet space in the garden
When a group of students turn up at your place and leave it in a better condition than when they arrived
Half the children come from broken homes
Your friends and family want you to move back to Invercargill and it sounds like a good idea
When your three year old can say "liquefaction" clear as a bell but can't tell you their home address
When you drive on the right side of the road and no one thinks it's wrong
You are happy two Policemen came for a visit
When your bike becomes your best friend
It is normal for a soldier to be stationed at the end of your street
You see armoured vehicles driving down the road
You smell
Every house is a crack house
If you are looking for it - it's on the floor
The earth moves and you are not having sex
You take a plastic bag when you go for a walk even if you don't have a dog*

Obituaries

Please Note that the Rhodesian Services Association holds a large Rhodesian flag for use at funerals. Please contact me at hbomford@clear.net.nz if required.



The following are from Bill Wiggill and the RLI Association:

*"It is with regret that we inform you of the passing away of **Colin Welch BCR**. Rob Sweeting (RhAF) Colin's brother in law reports "My brother in law Colin Welch passed away this morning 31st March 2011 at 0930 hrs, in Johannesburg / Northmead. He has been fighting the dreaded Big C for quite a few years Our condolences go to his wife Julie, his children Gavin and Nicolle, and to the rest of the family. We are a very close knit family.*

He was in 1 Commando RLI, and decorated with the Bronze Cross of Rhodesia. If you read a few of the books that came out after the war he is mentioned quite often.

He was a really wonderful man, never thought of himself, only of others. He was always charitable to others ahead of anything else. He will be missed dearly but not forgotten and this passing will leave a big hole in our lives."

The RLI Regimental Association offers our deepest sympathies to Julie, Gavin and Nicole.

Anyone wishing to send condolences please send these to me and I will pass on to the family.

Kind Regards

Bill Wiggill

CEO 1RLIRA

Email securarm1@absamail.co.za "

"The RLI Association regrets to announce that Mrs. Ann Rich, wife of the late Brigadier Peter Rich DMM, passed away this morning. Her son Mike sent the following signal:

"Hi All,

For the record Mum passed away in Bury St. Edmund's, Suffolk. Brave and uncomplaining to the last, she passed away with my sister holding her hand"

Ann passed away after a protracted struggle with cancer shortly before her 80th birthday (August 2011). Peter and Ann are survived by children Mike and Jane and grandchildren Matthew, Kirsten, Jack and Molly.

Condolences can be sent to Mike Rich at the following mail: mikerich@icon.co.za "

Off The Radar

A number of recipients find their copy of **Contact! Contact!** either gets completely rejected by their Internet Service Provider or it is consigned to their Spam Bin. It is extremely frustrating for me to have put the time and effort into production of this publication and then find that it is not reaching the intended destinations. If you are able, please check your systems or have your technical people check and ensure that these addresses are cleared as 'friendly':

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hbomford@clear.net.nz

In a lot of cases it is work addresses that are the problem. Please check with your mates and if someone is not getting **Contact! Contact!** help them to sort the problem out. Providing us with a private email address such as Gmail may be the solution.

The following people's addresses are now no longer working. If anyone has comms with them please get them to contact me.

- **Russell & Nola Dymond** – New Zealand
- **Sheryl Second** – Australia
- **Basil (Buster) Carlston** – South Africa
- **Rob Preston** - Australia

Please remember to let us know if you are changing your email address.

Pictures From The Past

Jon Gibbon kindly supplied me with a 1974-'75 calendar titled 'Greetings From Rhodesia' which is where this month's picture has been reproduced from. This picture is credited to Photomedia.



Sanctions busting Boeing 720's demonstrated Rhodesia's determination to succeed despite the odds. Air Rhodesia was unquestionably the best national airline of its day with service and professionalism second to none.

(Editor's note: This was not the original caption)

Everything I ever needed to know about life, I learned as a Helicopter Tech on Seven Squadron, by Beaver Shaw

This was sent in as extracted from the Rhodesian Air Force section of FaceBook

Written a long time back, re-living my pre-loss of innocent youth, I have just found it again while clearing files and it is published here for those who might understand.

1. Helicopters are cool!
2. A wallet in your trouser pocket can be a real pain in the arse.
3. Decisions made by someone over your head will seldom be in your best interest.
4. Once you are in the fight, it is way too late to wonder if this is a good idea.
5. There is no such thing as a small contact.
6. A frozen area has nothing to do with economics.
7. Happiness is a belt-fed weapon, especially if it is 20mm.

8. NEVER get into a fight without more ammunition than the other guy.
9. When you shoot your gun, clean it the first chance you get.
10. White phos can make a dull day fun.
11. The terms "Protective Armour" and "Helicopter" are mutually exclusive.
12. "Chicken Plates" are not something you order in a restaurant.
13. If you are wearing a flak jacket, the incoming will probably miss that part.
14. Dying can hurt a lot. So can Living.
15. It hurts less to die with a uniform on than to die in a hospital bed.
16. A sucking chest wound may be God's way of telling you it's time to go home.
17. Prayer may not help . . . but it can't hurt.
18. Flying is better than walking. Walking is better than running. Running is better than crawling. All of these however, are better than extraction by a Casevac, even if this is technically a form of flying.
19. It is a fact that helicopter tail rotors are instinctively drawn toward trees, stumps, rocks, etc. While it may be possible to ward off this natural event some of the time, it cannot, despite the best efforts of the crew, always be prevented. It's just what they do.
20. The engine RPM, and the rotor RPM, must BOTH be kept in the GREEN. Failure to heed this commandment can affect the morale of the crew.
21. If everything is as clear as a bell, and everything is going exactly as planned, you're about to be surprised.
22. Loud sudden noises in a helicopter WILL get your undivided attention.
23. The BSR (Bang Stare Read) Theory states that the louder the sudden bang in the helicopter, the quicker your eyes will be drawn to the gauges.
24. The longer you stare at the gauges, the less time it takes them to move from green to red.
25. If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.
26. The further you fly into the mountains, the louder the strange noises become.
27. Running out of pedal, fore or aft cyclic, or collective, are all bad ideas. Any combination of these can be deadly.
28. It is a bad thing to run out of airspeed, altitude, and ideas all at the same time.
29. Gravity: It may not be fair, but it is the law.
30. Landing in Buffalo Beans is not a good idea.
31. Eat when you can. Sleep when you can. Visit the loo when you can. The next opportunity may not come around for a long time, if ever.
32. Combat pay is a flawed concept.
33. Medals are OK, but having your body in one piece at the end of the day is better.
34. Thousands of Rhodesians earned medals for bravery every day. A few were even awarded.
35. Hot FAF food is better than hot rat packs, which, in turn is better than cold rat packs, which is better than no food at all. All of these, however, are preferable to cold sadza (given to you by the RAR) even if they do have the little pieces of fish in them.
36. Always make sure someone has a 9mm Star.
37. Girlfriends are fair game. Wives are not.
38. Everybody's a hero on the ground in the pub after the fourth drink.
39. Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media, for they will steal your HONOUR.
40. Pilots always ask you to keep your eyes open?

Rhodesian Services Association Profiles

It is time that our readers and members got to know a little more about who is involved with the running of the Association and those behind the compiling and production of **Contact! Contact!**

It has always been the intention of this Association to welcome anyone who was associated with or has empathy with Rhodesia. While our base is formed from ex service people, this should not discourage people who have no services background from joining us. A cross section of the membership is well represented in the committee as you will see with people from a wide range of backgrounds and birth places, some of whom were not born in Rhodesia but who hold our beliefs and values.

Our financial membership is around 160 world-wide, which is a record. Financial Members have voting rights. Subscribers to the newsletter number over 1,500 with countless more receiving it second hand. It takes around three hours for me just to send out each issue!

Please contact our Secretary, Chuck Osborne by email thesecretary@rhodesianservices.org to check on your status and for payment details if required. Payments via PayPal can be directed to our registered account using thecgstore@rhodesianservices.org or we can bill you. This year's annual subscription is NZ\$10.

Rhodesian Services Association current committee:

John Glynn – President



John was born in England. His hometown was Que Que, and he went to school at Guinea Fowl. John was employed by the Customs Department and International Freight Forwarding. He served with 2RRR, 3RRR, 7RRR, 9RR and 2 RDR. John is retired and lives in Auckland, New Zealand

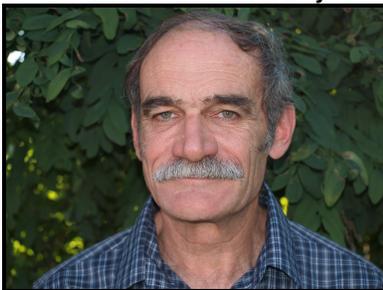
Wolf Hucke – Vice President (one of these pictures below is our Vice President and the other is an animal)



At school Wolfgang was the short arse with a terrier attitude who loved to attack big bullies. Consequently he spent a fair amount of time in the classroom corner! He had a good sense of humour - not always appreciated by the teachers.

After school he could not become a goldsmith so he went to Coalmining College, qualifying as a coalminer in gas mines. Next came the French Foreign Legion (six years in the paras), then the Belgian Congo (three years). After that he spent six months on a fishing trawler in the North Sea, followed by a spell in Angola ('spooking'). Then off to Rhodesia and the SAS Selection Course which he passed despite the age gap! Wolf's service as a Medical Training Instructor is legendary – he was an Instructor at the Medical Training School and did a period at Mpilo doing Advanced Medical Training. Wolf always remained an ex Regimental Employee (passing all annual SAS physicals) He moved to New Zealand in 1979 and spent nine years in the NZ Army then the Air Force Territorials. Wolf is now retired and shooting arrows!

Chuck Osborne – Secretary



Born and bred in Salisbury, after various schools Chuck finished up at Marandellas High. He joined Customs and Excise for two and a half years, then joined the Rhodesian Air Force in 1973. He left the Air Force of Zimbabwe in 1984 and held various aviation jobs in Bulawayo, Mafeking, Johannesburg and Durban, before moving to another aviation job in Hamilton, New Zealand, in 2008. He was a MOTH in Durban, holding the position of Adjutant (Secretary) in his Shellhole and KZN Province.

Tinka Mushett – Treasurer



Born in South Africa, Tinka lived in Bulawayo and worked for the DRG Group for a few years until she married Ray. They have three daughters. When their first child was six months old, Ray had to do his National Service which went on to the indefinite period of call-ups. Once Ray had finished with his regular six weeks in, six weeks out (after a medical discharge) they opened a Mobil garage - R & W Service Station on Grey Street (where all the Yorks taxis

parked). They left Zimbabwe in 1985 and trekked south for a number of years before moving to New Zealand in 2000, where "we have met up with the nicest bunch of Rhodesies ever."

Tony Fraser – Curator



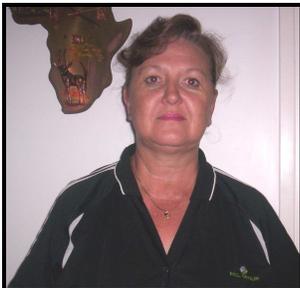
Born in Rotorua, New Zealand, Tony did go to school to swap bicycles and get lunch, after which he joined the New Zealand Army. His interest in the military history of Southern Africa and a desire to see some action saw him travel to Africa in the early 1980's. He made his way from Nairobi to Harare, with a short delay in Lusaka Central. He worked on a tobacco farm in Rusape. Rejected by South African Immigration he returned to NZ. Tony was the driving force behind the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regiment's Museum in Tauranga and he formed the 1RNZIR Museum at Linton Army Camp from scratch. He is Curator for the Rhodesian Services Association. He has two children. His son is a serving member of the New Zealand Army.

Hugh Bomford – CQ Store, Webmaster and Editor



Born in Salisbury and raised on Eirene Farm, Marandellas, Hugh went to Ruzawi then Guinea Fowl schools following which he was in National Service Intake 152 from April 1976 to October 1977 serving as a Rifleman with 1 and 4 Indep. Coys Rhodesia Regiment. After N/S he spent almost a year working at the Marandellas CSC after which he ran cattle on Safari Farm and did call ups with 4RR. In the last few months of Rhodesia he was attached to local area PATU sticks before moving to New Zealand in 1981. Hugh is married to Diana and they have two daughters.

Lila Griffiths – Committee Member



Lila was born and bred in Umtali, She met Tony when she was fourteen and they have been together ever since they got married in 1977. They had two children who were both born in Umtali where Lila was at home alone most of the time during the war. After Independence in 1980 they all moved to South Africa where she worked in an accounting position. Their third child was born in South Africa. In 2004 they moved to New Zealand and live in Mount Maunganui.

Tony Griffiths – Committee Member



Tony was born in Salisbury and moved to Umtali aged eleven. He went to Umtali Boys High School. After school he spent a year in the RLI, following which his call ups were with 4RR. He did nine months 'continuous' with F Coy 4RR then finished up with the Mortar Platoon. Tony came to New Zealand ahead of his family to get set up and got involved with the Rhodesian Services Association almost immediately. He is a fitter and turner and puts his skills to use on a number of museum projects.

Brandon Mitchell – Committee Member



Brandon was born in Canada. He served in the Canadian infantry and then with the Black Watch in Northern Ireland, following which he lived in the UK and NZ, working in sales and marketing. He recently left NZ for a promising future in South Africa in sales. He is currently studying Afrikaans and living in Cape Town.

Mike O'Rourke – Committee Member



Mike was born in Salisbury in 1960. He went to Allan Wilson where he was head boy in 1988. He served in 3 Indep. Coy. RAR which later became C Company 3 RAR in late 1979. He went to University of Cape Town in 1980. Mike is an Ophthalmologist in Tauranga, New Zealand, with two boys aged eighteen and twenty.

Grant 'Grunter' Robertson – Committee Member



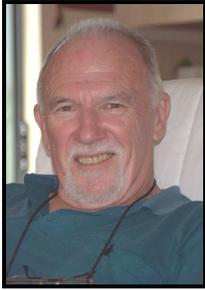
Grant was born in Salisbury in 1964. He attended Umvukwes Junior and Prince Edward schools. On leaving school he was an apprentice diesel mechanic at Farmec for four years on Massey Ferguson tractors. Once qualified he went farming which included an Agricultural Diploma at Blackfordby Tobacco Training Institute. The family lost their farm in 2002 and moved to New Zealand in 2003. He is married to Philippa and they have a son Jason (16) and a daughter Lisa (13).

The newsletter team consists of:

Hugh Bomford – Editor

See Committee Profiles above

John Lomas – Proof Reader



John is a Kiwi who left school and joined the NZ Army, served for five years and then took off on the Great OE (Overseas Experience). Some while later he found himself in Johannesburg where he met Rona, a true blue 'Flame Lily', and had the great good sense to marry her and off they went to farm in Rhodesia. This they did between Melfort and Bromley on the road to Marandellas where he also joined the local Police Reserve in 1965 (manpower registration had assigned him to 22nd Battalion Rhodesia Regiment!). Fourteen days training a year didn't seem too arduous, but by the beginning of 1977 - by which time he had been in PATU for quite some years - the commitment had grown to 202 days a year, with all the implications that had for running a farming business.

Consequently, another change of direction into journalism, writing for, first, the Rhodesian Farmer and later working for the Rhodesian Financial Gazette. At the end of 1977, however, the family (John, Rona and three children) made the hardest decision it has ever faced and moved to New Zealand. A career in writing, editing, publishing and public relations/communications, all in the public service, followed until retirement at the end of 2005 to 'Lotus Land', otherwise known as Tairua on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Stompie – Columnist



Stompie prefers to keep a low profile (probably on account of owing too many people too much money!). What we can tell you is that Stompie's favourite gatt is the FN.

Grunter Robertson – Columnist

See Committee Profiles above

Rhodesian Services Association Museum News

As you can appreciate, we all have paying jobs so have to fit 'museum time' in when we can.

Current planning is to revamp the display at the Garrison Club to be illustrative of the Rhodesia Regiment.

We are also working on moving the Alouette from Hamilton to the Classic Flyers hanger. We are all struggling with finding time for the project, whereas the Classic Flyers have a number of people with the time and skills as well as a place to work. The Rhodesian Services Assn. will retain ownership of the chopper and have access for members wanting to assist. This move is still in the planning stages, but we will keep you posted.

The full size Rhodesian medal collection is being worked on by Tony Fraser in preparation for framing and public display. We have an almost complete set of medals where we will be showing the obverse and reverse (where it is of consequence) of every medal. We are short of a President's Shooting Medal. If anyone has a 'specimen copy' of this medal we would be very keen to hear from you.

Over the last few months we have had a number of visitors who have been given a 'Cook's Tour' of the displays and collection. From their reactions we know that what we are doing is well regarded and that they are going home to spread the word, which is great for us.

Regimental Rumours by 'Stompie'

Stompie is still incommunicado so sadly no piece this month. However, this request was sent in by a researcher referring to an old Stompie piece so if you can help Helen Jobson please contact her directly

Helen writes:

"I am doing some research on the murder of Peter Parnell and Michael Lodge, for an article I am writing. I found this piece you published in 2009 in which you wrote:

“A chap called Peter Parnell (he was killed by terrors on the Zambezi in the early/mid 70's) had imported the ex Graham Hill Lotus Cortina from the UK and wowed spectators with his three, and sometimes, two – wheeled cornering, again the ‘esses’ was the place to watch his antics.”

I am having difficulty finding anything other than his motor racing results. Would you know of anyone around at the time that I might contact who has more information, or anything already published on the web.

Your help would be greatly appreciated

Kind Regards

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Grunter's Good Oil

Greetings Everyone

There is a lot of sport on the go at the moment (as is a lot of turmoil in the world). At the time of writing this the World Cup Cricket is at Semi Final stages, Super 15 and Aussie NRL seasons underway, Six Nations Rugby, as well as all the usual annual events on the sporting calendar, the TV does not move off the sports channels in our house these days! Fortunately both Philippa and my daughter Lisa enjoy sport as well. How sad it was to see how far Zimbabwe has fallen as a cricketing nation at the Cricket World Cup.

I am not overly impressed with the new format of the Super 15 so far, hopefully the competition will improve because it's all a little flat at the moment. The new format appears to benefit Australia who don't have a provincial competition of any substance, so this suits them down to the ground. What we are seeing in SA and NZ are local derbies that one expects to see later on in the season in the Currie Cup and the Air New Zealand Cup respectively.

The decision has been made and Christchurch will not be hosting any RWC matches. As sad as it is for the region, there was no option really. While all the pool games scheduled for Christchurch have been moved to grounds around the South Island, the two Quarter Finals have been moved to Auckland. This is where I think the NZRU have missed a trick. As I have said before, Hamilton has the best stadium in NZ for viewing rugby and should have been given these two games just to spread it around the country a bit more. After all, the pool games are when most of the supporters from around the world will arrive to watch the RWC and, apart from two games in Wellington, all the rest will be in Auckland. It just doesn't seem right to me. Time will tell.

In the Northern Hemisphere and the Six Nations, for me two games stand out – Ireland's emphatic victory over England to deny England a Grand Slam, and Italy's victory over France. The Irish turned it on against England and didn't just win, they hammered them, while emotions got the better of the Italians who were openly weeping with joy at the final whistle and even coach Nick Mallet was seen to wipe away a tear! It shows you what it meant to them.

Send us your views on both the Super 15 format and the RWC to fourstreams@clear.net.nz I would appreciate your feedback.

Till next month go well and stay safe.

Regards

Grunter

What's On In New Zealand?

ANZAC Day 25th April 2011

This year ANZAC Day coincides with Easter Monday. As usual, many of us will be marching at Hobsonville, Auckland. We encourage as many of you as possible to come along. For those taking part in the march please - no shorts and tackies! The Hobsonville RSA accord us the privilege of marching directly behind the New Zealand Veterans which puts us at the head of the column, so please show respect by being decently attired – longs and a jacket. A number of us wear our berets as well, but this is not compulsory.

Assembly begins after 9am at the Hobsonville RSA on Hobsonville Road. The following is the timing advised by Hobsonville RSA:

10am assemble at Hobsonville Primary School

10:30 Fall in

10:40 March Off

11:00 ETA Hobsonville RSA

12:00 Service Concludes

12:10 Rhodesian Service starts in lower car park

George Walls will be laying the Rhodesian Services Association wreath as well as addressing the Rhodesian Service.

A number of us from the Bay of Plenty and Waikato areas usually stay at the Hobsonville Arms Motel which is directly opposite the RSA. We have a reservation which currently is not fully taken so we have plenty of space for more people to join us. In the past we have paid only around \$35 per head per night. If you want to be part of this deal or want more information please contact me urgently hbomford@clear.net.nz

AUCKLAND

If you reside in the Auckland area please email Wolf and Alison Hucke at whucke@slingshot.co.nz for more details of the monthly social meetings. Generally these are on the third Saturday of the month either at the Hobsonville RSA or the Massey Archery Club, Redhills Road, Massey. All are most welcome.

Wolf and Alison are going to be extremely busy over the next three months, so if any one else would like to organise some social evenings or events, please contact Alison.

TAURANGA

The Garrison Club run by the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. 'Graze and Movie Evenings' are held on the 2nd Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum. Email me at hbomford@clear.net.nz to get on that mailing list to see what is on and notification of any changes. As noted elsewhere in this publication, other social meetings take place which are advertised locally via email.

HAMILTON

Hamiltonians - please contact Tinka Mushett email mushett@slingshot.co.nz or cell +64 21 722 922 for details of socials being planed in your area.

OCTOBER RV – TAURANGA 21st – 23rd October 2011

This year we clash with the Rugby World Cup so it is very important that you get your accommodation sorted out early. We are currently planning this event and hope to have a special guest for you who is a well known Rhodesian with a strong rugby connection. All will be revealed in time, but rather than miss out on something memorable – make a plan to be at the next RV. So I suggest that you get your note on the calendar right now in case your other half books a shopping trip to Parnell (larney place in Auckland) or invites the mother-in-law to stay that weekend.

CQ Store visit www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm to see what is in store for you

Please give our CQ Store consideration when buying a present for friends or family. Above is the web page link and below is a list of our stock.

Rugby jersey competition – 3 prizes:

You can enter all three competitions but only one entry per competition and the photo must be clear enough to identify that it is a Rhodesian Services Assn Rhodesian rugby jersey (we know what our authentic copies look like).

Photos to thecqstore@rhodesianservices.org

1. Send in a photo of yourself wearing one of our rugby jerseys in attendance at any Rugby World Cup game.
2. Send in a photo of yourself wearing one of our rugby jerseys in attendance at any Rugby World Cup gathering – i.e. a pub where a game is being shown.
3. Be able to demonstrate proof that you were seen on TV wearing one of our jerseys at one of the games and if you were waving a Rhodesian flag there will be a bonus. Entry for this is reliant on credible witnesses - video evidence would be perfect.

Prizes for each part of the competition will be a 'Quartermaster's Braai Pack' consisting of a braai apron, cap and polo shirt each with the embroidery of your choice i.e. Lion & Tusk, Rhodesian Coat of Arms or Flame Lily.

So lets have your orders for our authentic Rhodesian Rugby jerseys (as pictured below being 'modelled' by Mike Matthews) in short or long sleeve, all at the excellent price of NZ\$125 plus postage.



We have had a whirlwind month with fantastic sales – thank you all very much. There is an inventory below but to see our full store, please go on line. The new name badges have been very popular as well as the posters, clothing lines and, of course, medals and badges in preparation for ANZAC Day.

Below is a sample of CQ Store inventory, for more details go to the webpage.

ITEMS EXCLUDING POSTAGE	PRICE in NZ\$
4RR Hackles	\$17.50
Bumper Stickers, Rhodesia/NZ or Australia flags; Rhodesian flag; Rhodesian Services Assn Lion & Tusk	\$3 each or 2 for \$5
Bumper Stickers – Unit	\$5ea
Business Card Holder – stainless steel with Lion & Tusk engraved	\$20
Berets	\$50
Cuff link & tie pin boxed set	\$55
Dog Tags	\$30
Embroidered Aprons	\$30
Embroidered Baseball Caps	\$25
Embroidered Beanies	\$22
Embroidered Polar Fleece jackets	\$65
Embroidered Polo shirts	\$38
Embroidered T-shirts	\$30
Embroidered Women's v-neck stretch shirts	\$30
Lapel pin - Para Wings – gold plate or Enamel	\$15
Lapel Pin – Rhodesian Flag	\$10
Medal Ribbon Devices – MFC, Commissioner's Commendation, bars etc.	\$30
Name badge	\$15
Number plate surrounds – 4 styles to choose from	\$12
Pocket Insert Medal Holder	\$15
Poster "Be a man among men"	\$25
Poster "Rhodesian Bush War"	\$30
Poster – Rhodesian Map accurate as at Oct. 1977	\$60
Poster "Terrorism Stops Here!" 2 in series	\$50 ea
Regimental Cap Badges – RLI, Intaf, RAR, RDR, BSAP, Grey's Scouts, RRR, RR, Service Corps, Staff Corps, RWS, DRR and more	Priced from \$20 – inquire for details
Regimental ties – Rhodesian Light Infantry	\$40
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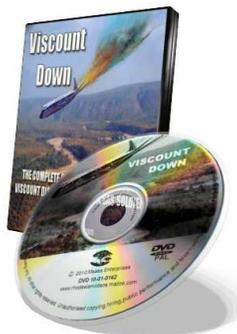
Rhodesian General Service Medal copy (silver plate bronze) full size medal with ribbon	\$100
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Rhodesian General Service Medal ribbon - miniature	\$10/length
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Various medal ribbons – please inquire	POA
Various full size & miniature medals – please inquire	POA
Zimbabwe Independence Medal copy - full size with ribbon	\$65
Zimbabwe Independence Medal full size ribbon	\$5/length
Zimbabwe Independence Medal miniature with ribbon	\$35
Zimbabwe Independence Medal miniature ribbon	\$5/length
'Zippo' type lighter – “Rhodesia 1890 – 1980” with Lion & Tusk	\$25

Books for Africa

I again remind you that all the books and audio visual disks that I stock and sell are listed at www.rhodesianservices.org/Books.htm these sales are my own hobby and income from sales is directed to me and not the Rhodesian Services Association. However, the Association does benefit indirectly from these sales. A great selection of books, many with a Rhodesian connection, can be found on the link above.

Viscount Down DVD

My stock is arriving soon. Price will be NZ\$55 plus postage. Please email me to book a copy.



I have watched this DVD and it is one of the most riveting documentaries I have seen. The main feature is 45 minutes long with an additional interview with Keith Nell who is writing the book by the same title. There is historic footage along with modern interviews. Msasa Enterprises who made this DVD are to be commended for their truly professional finished product. I showed a section of the DVD one night at the Garrison Club in Tauranga. The audience consisted of Kiwis and Rhodesians. They were all stunned. Never before has Rhodesia's equivalent of America's 9/11 been shown this way. It is a fitting memorial to those who were murdered by terrorists on the two Viscounts and is a piece of history that must not be forgotten.

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The Rhodesia Regiment – Book Project



This book is being compiled for the Rhodesian Services Association. Over 160 people have submitted material so far; seven very dedicated people are involved with in depth research and assembly of this material; then there is the publishing team who are aiming at publication in 2012. This project has turned into a true team effort and the individual contributions are amazing. I thank everyone who has put their shoulder to the wheel.

We have reached the point of deadlines which are:

- All written material must be received before the end of April 2011
- All photos and illustrations must be received by the end of October 2011 – scans at 300dpi please

We need your help with the compilation of the following records. These lists have never been attempted before. All details are important to us and so anything that you can assist with will be of value.

- A complete Rhodesia Regiment Roll of Honour 1898–1980
- A complete list of Honours and Awards made to soldiers serving in the Rhodesia Regiment 1898–1980
- A full list of all Battalion and Independent Company OCs, 2ICs and RSMs

The task of compiling this book to the standards that we have set ourselves, in particular the lists above, is considerable and we are aware that we will not get it perfect, but it must be attempted and we will deal with resultant additions and corrections post publication by means of a Rhodesia Regiment website.

The domains www.rhodesiaregiment.org and www.rhodesiaregiment.com are currently linked to the Rhodesian Services Association website but will be linked to a Rhodesia Regiment website in due course.

These domain names have been in the safe hands of Chris Whitehead of Rhodesians World Wide for a number of years and we owe him a big 'thank you' for making them available to us.

Please send any material to Hugh Bomford hbomford@clear.net.nz

We owe it to our forefathers, our mates and ourselves to produce this book. Don't live to regret not being involved.

The Global Forked Stick – Snippets and Requests

Australian ANZAC Day Parades

Brisbane – all services and civvys contact Brian Cornish cornishbj@yahoo.co.nz

Sydney – RLI 50th Anniversary Reunion contact Tony Young at aussie-rli@skymesh.com.au

Roan Antelope Music

Dear Friends, Rhodies and Countrymen,

Zim is very much in the news of late – sometimes it's good and interesting and sometimes sensational. One thing's for sure, the people that are still there are wonderful (with a few exceptions, one in particular!) and the people that come from there are great. Those things never change. News from Kariba is that the lake is full and most of the flood gates are open – maningi manzi! We hope *Nyami Nyami* will look upon the dam wall with favour.

It really would be nice to be *Rockin on a Rollin' Houseboat* on that beautiful lake! Upstream at the Falls it must be a wonderful sight to view all that water from *The Bridge of Steel* and white water rafting on *The Great White Water* would be awesome!

On the 7th of April John, Teresa, John Ross and Pat will be celebrating the 17th anniversary of their aircraft's forced landing at Binga and how the Lord spared them. John says "I certainly had *Angels on my wingtips* that day" That's what inspired him to write that song.

Of course the World Cup Cricket has been in the news too and Zim at least participated. We're proud of the guys who did so well in the world cup in England. Remember *Chia Lo Six Zimbabwe!* The song John wrote about the Flower brothers and the Zim team and the time the Zim rugger guys participated in the rugby world cup - it was a *Zim Rugby Party*. (Here's a bit of sport trivia: Did you know that there is only one nation in the world that the All Blacks have never beaten at rugby - Rhodesia!). (Editor's note – not quite correct, see chart below for full details of all games NZ vs Rhodesia.)

Actually, Zim is still a great place for a holiday so *When are you coming home Shamwari?*

And oh yes! We at Roan Antelope Music think the CD **Zimsongs** containing all these song titles highlighted above – and many more - would be good to put on a special for the month of April.

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Till next time
The Kunkuru Team

Editor's insertion. This chart below is extracted from the New Zealand Rugby Museum website www.rugbymuseum.co.nz If you follow the blue coloured links on the dates you will get more information on the game

Date	Teams	Result	Ground	City	Country
21/07/1970	New Zealand vs Rhodesia	27 - 14	Rhodesian Police Ground	Salisbury	Rhodesia
2/07/1960	New Zealand vs Rhodesia	29 - 14	Glamis Park	Salisbury	Rhodesia
29/06/1960	New Zealand vs A Rhodesian XV	13 - 9	Kitwe Ground	Kitwe	Rhodesia
30/07/1949	New Zealand vs Rhodesia	3 - 3	Old Hararian's Ground	Salisbury	Rhodesia
27/07/1949	New Zealand vs Rhodesia	8 - 10	Hartsfield	Bulawayo	Rhodesia
14/07/1928	New Zealand vs Rhodesia	44 - 8	Bulawayo Athletic Club	Bulawayo	Rhodesia

Win a DVD and signed copy of the forthcoming book 'Viscount Down'

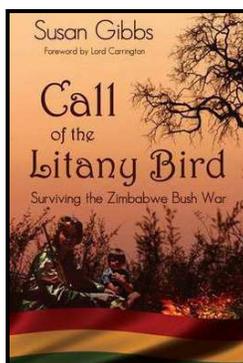
From Keith Nell, author of Viscount Down:

"This offer is for the best photo scanned in PDF format, 300dpi minimum, preferably in colour, of the Elephant Hills Casino Hotel on fire - also of a typical Matopos mountain scene. This is two separate prizes.

The winner will be acknowledged in the book.

Please submit to info@viscountdown.com before 9th April 2011. Winners will be announced on 30th April 2011."

'Call of the Litany Bird' by Susan Gibbs



As a trained nurse, newly married to the son of the Governor of Rhodesia during the UDI years, Susan later found herself, post independence, at the centre of an area of dissident activity which was met by extremely violent reprisals from Robert Mugabe's North Korean trained Praetorian Guard, the notorious Fifth Brigade. Susan writes compellingly about life on their farm in Matabeleland in the midst of the unfolding terror and growing number of atrocities.

Above all it is a human story. Sometimes shocking and always moving, there is also warmth and humour as Susan creates a gripping picture of the conflict and tells of her family's survival when many of her friends and neighbouring farmers didn't.

Call Of The Litany Bird will be published by Loose Chippings Books on 11th April 2011 in two formats:

ISBN 978-1-907991-00-4 Hardback £17.99

ISBN 978-1-907991-03-5 eBook £17.99

You can pre-order it from local bookshops, Waterstone's etc or

<http://www.bookdepository.co.uk/book/9781907991004/Call-Of-The-Litany-Bird>

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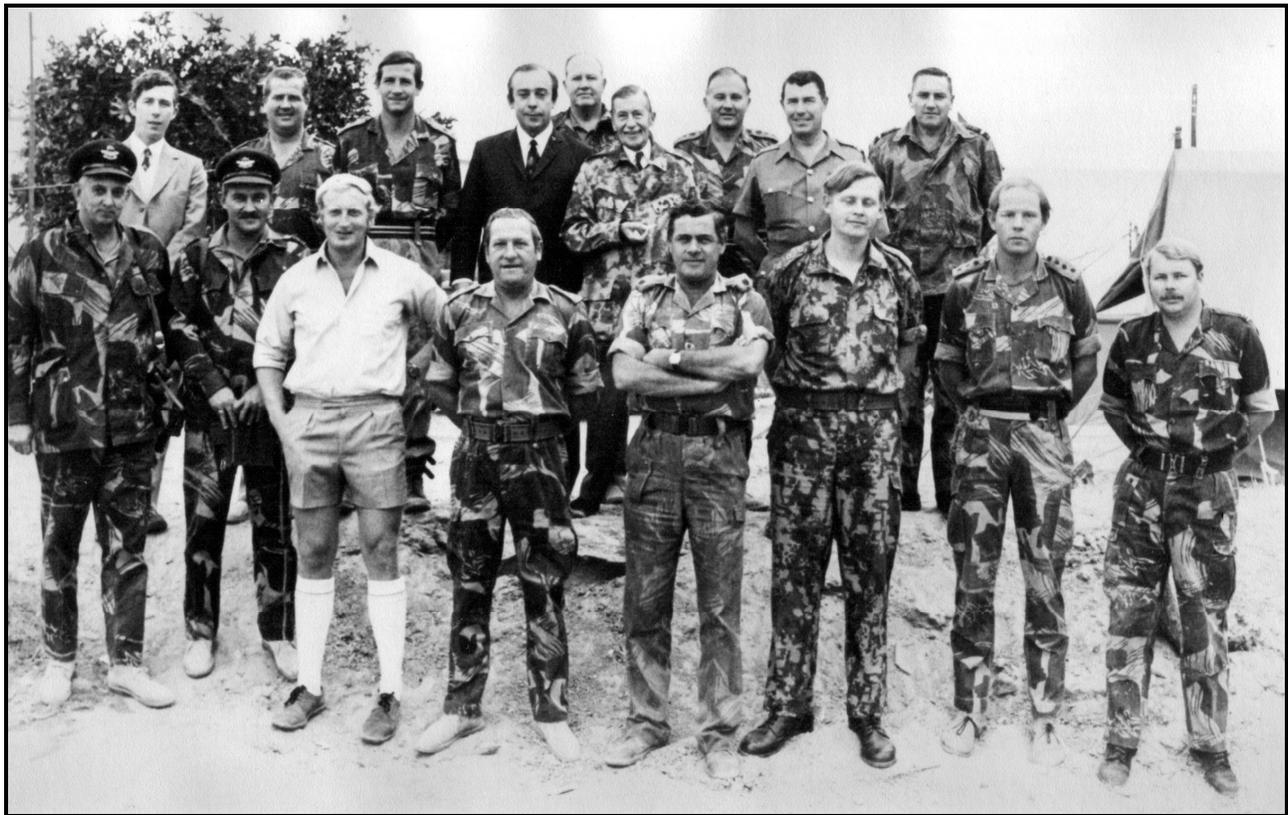
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JOC Mount Darwin photos.

Gerry van Tonder is seeking names of the people in the following photos in relation to the History of INTAF book project. We are limited in how large we can publish these photos in this newsletter so if you need a better copy or if you can identify the people in it please email Gerry at g.van-tonder@sky.com



JOC Mt. Darwin in May 1974 L-R (believed to be) DC Jim Latham, unknown, unknown, unknown, Lt Col David Parker, Ken Flower



JOC Mt Darwin 1975 – in the back row is DC Malcolm Pratt (in suit), unknown, President Clifford du Pont, General Peter Walls

Cemetery records – information from Rhodesians Worldwide

For all the budding genealogists (family historians); here are a couple of websites which have gravestone photos and transcriptions from various Rhodesian/Zimbabwean cemeteries:

Plumtree and Masvingo: http://www.eggsa.org/library/main.php?g2_itemId=1248098&g2_highlightId=1619159

Jewish Cemeteries: <http://www.zic.org.il/showpage.php?pageid=14>

Bulawayo Town Cemetery: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gsr&GScid=1968298>

The Great War East Africa Association

During the course of our research for the Rhodesia Regiment book project, we have entered into communication with a number of very helpful people who have a common interest in the WWI campaign in East Africa where our own 2nd Battalion Rhodesia Regiment served with distinction and great sacrifice. A recent email from Howard Chinner advises:

"I bring to your attention the new website of The Great War East Africa Association at <http://gweaa.com/>

We are currently a small, but select bunch, who share a keen interest in the little-known 1914-1918 Campaign in East Africa. We are still largely just a Forum of like-minded enthusiasts, but our longer term objective is to explore the possibilities of developing a "battlefield tours" programme and to mark the Centenary of the Campaign in 2014-2018.

The Group currently comprises safari tour operators, military and political historians, local area leaders etc. You will see more detail in our Newsletter No. 1 of 28th February 2011.

If you (or any of your members) would like to participate in the Forum, could I invite you to subscribe and to introduce yourselves on the "New Members" page. A little personal background would be welcome, plus any thoughts that you may have as to how you might contribute to the project.

Many thanks!

Kind regards Howard Chinner"

Rhodesiana for sale

Mike Botha is reluctant to part with this great piece of memorabilia. It is a cased, full set of cap badges as pictured below. Mike will give a donation to the Rhodesian Services Association upon sale so please make him a good offer. Email Mike at mikebotha@dodo.com.au



Assistance with BSAP men KIA

From Rob Bressler:

"Please can you assist me regarding details of the action where the following three BSAP men were KIA in the Chibi area on 23rd March 1977:

Field Reservist Graham Evason

Detection Patrol Officer Johanes Gideon 'John' Terblanche

Det. Const Samuel Killian Mashonganyika

Information is sought on the location and details of the action by Sheila Allen of Cape Town, sister of Field Reservist Graham Evason who was from Salisbury and was on call up. Detection Patrol Officer Terblanche came from Bulawayo CID property Section and Det. Const Mashonganyika was from Special Branch.

Regrettably the Police History Section cannot come up with the details.

I first saw Sheila's request on the Police website and have been trying since then to get the relevant information. I hope that I can help Sheila with closure on this issue.

Thanking you.

Kindest regards

Rob Bressler

Email robresler@gmail.com

Rhodesia Railways Security Branch

This request is from Craig Viljoen:

"With your vast network, I wonder if you could dig up any information, names, locations, history etc., of the Rhodesia Railways Security Branch with whom I served from 1976 to 1978 when I re-joined the BSAP. During my service with the RR Security Branch, I initially served at Buby River, then Vic Falls and later Beit Bridge. Percy Hadfield was in command of the Branch in Matabeleland. I enjoyed my time with the branch and although I was earning much more than a junior Patrol Officer in the BSAP, I missed the work and camaraderie that I experienced in the force during my previous service 1972 to 1976.

I'd like to make contact with anyone who served in the Branch with a view to writing a book or at least publishing a collection of photo's and memories of a small unit of men who took an active role in protecting the major rail lines in Rhodesia during the war. They also came out with an interesting array of rail mounted vehicles.

Many thanks and all the best,

Sale gahle

Craig Viljoen

Johannesburg

South Africa

Email chobehts@yahoo.com

Rhodesia Regiment Belt Buckles from Buckles and Tees

As reported last month, Mike Vivier has been working on the production of a Rhodesia Regiment belt buckle. The refined artwork is shown below



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The buckle will be approximately 80mm x 68mm. The buckles will be ready for sale later this month and will retail for NZ\$24.95 (buckle only) or NZ\$42.95 for a buckle with a black or brown, plain 100% full grain leather belt.

From each sale Mike will make a donation to the Rhodesian Services Association. Please support this project and email Mike at mike_joVivier@xtra.co.nz to reserve a buckle as we expect them to move fast – I have my birthday present all sorted – have you?

Until next time - go well.
Cheers Hugh



Celebrate 'Rhodesia Day'* on the 11th November each year.

*The concept of 'Rhodesia Day' was brought to my attention by Eddy Norris and family. During the 90 year life of Rhodesia we experienced the best of times and the worst of times. I encourage everyone to use this day to remember the good times and to spend time remembering those who are no longer with us.

You can make a donation to the Rhodesian Services Association by clicking on our 'Collection Hat' below which is a typical slouch hat of the type used by the Rhodesian Army up until the 1960's. Click on the hat (or this link https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=MLMB2B8Y2UY3G) and if you are registered with PayPal the process will be immediate. If you are not a PayPal member you will be given instruction on how to make a credit card payment via PayPal. Thank you - every bit helps.



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