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Greetings,

October was a very busy month due to the October RV, for which there is a report further on in this newsletter.

I do not seem to be able to get on top of the cataloguing of the illustrations for the Rhodesia Regiment book project as no sooner do I clear up one set of files than more material arrives. So once again there will be no January issue of **Contact! Contact!**. Hopefully this will buy me the time I need to complete the job and deliver the files to 30 Degrees South Publishing for the next phase of this project, which has taken in excess of ten years from inception.

On Friday the 11th November I will be declaring myself unavailable for work. I hope that as many of you as possible will also be able to do this. I plan to take my Mum to the Waihi Beach RSA for lunch and invite anyone else to join us. Contact me for details.

You will note from the report on the AGM, further on in this newsletter, that we are in need of a new Treasurer. Please can anyone with book keeping skills, as well as the time and motivation to take on this job, make contact with Chuck Osborne, Assn Secretary on thesecretary@rhodesianservices.org. The right person will find it a very rewarding job as we have a lot of positive things going on with the Assn.

As you know, we have a Facebook group which is "closed", but all are welcome to join. We have loaded up a lot of photographs of various events, as well as others from our museum displays which people find interesting. We have used Facebook as another platform for our purpose of preserving Rhodesian history. If you want to find us, search for Rhodesian Services Association.

Please use these links to our website www.rhodesianservices.org for the following resources:

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Guest Map <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/guest-map.htm>

Events <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/events.htm>

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.



Brian Joseph Finlay died in Mansfield Woodhouse, England. He had served in the Royal Rhodesia Regiment and then from 1978 to 1981 with the Ulster Defence Regiment. Very little is known of his service in Rhodesia. If anyone remembers him please could they email Paul Hallett pwhallett@hotmail.com and myself hbomford@clear.net.nz

Chris Dixon lost his battle with cancer at 05:00 on October 21st 2011 in Harare, Zimbabwe. Chris was the Canberra bomber pilot whose voice is recognised world wide from the famous 'Green Leader' cockpit recording. Messages of sympathy can be sent to Gail on dixon@zol.co.zw. This Association extends our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Lt. Gen John Hickman CLM, OLM, MFC, MC was hospitalised and succumbed to kidney failure at 10h:15 on 28th October 2011. This Association extends our sincere condolences to John's family and friends.

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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October RV 21st – 23rd October 2011

A personal thank you to all those who attended all or part of the weekend activities, and an especially big thanks to everyone who pitched in to help out with the running of the event. Please mark your calendars for next year's October RV which is over the weekend 19th – 21st October 2012.

We were down on numbers this year with just over forty attending. This was owing to a number of factors, most of which were the unstable economy and the Rugby World Cup depleting people's disposable incomes.

The weekend began on Friday 21st October 2011 at the Garrison Club, 6th Battalion Hauraki Group with an excellent graze put on by Colin and Terri Logie after which we watched the DVD 'Viscount Down', followed by the Australia vs. Wales rugby game on the big screen.

Saturday morning kicked off with the golfers heading for the hills. Greg O'Carroll was not able to attend as he had driven back from watching the Aussie/Wales game live in Auckland, so Paul Nes was the chief organiser.



Note the stunning views from the course – more of you should go along next year.

Pictured above L-R Steve Kennedy (with his three clubs) Terry McEnergy, John Glynn, unknown, Paul Nes.

On the 18th green – Paul Nes, Terry McEnergy.

Photos thanks to Terry McEnergy and Barry Morgan

Owing to the 6th Battalion Hauraki Group HQ being full to the gunnels with servicemen and women working on the clean up of the oil spill created by the Greek owned, Liberian registered, Philipino crewed container ship that decided to take a short cut across a well marked reef, following which has been New Zealand's biggest marine environmental disaster, we were restricted to the Garrison Club area. We began to assemble at 2pm. At 3pm the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Julian Sewell welcomed us to his unit. During the course of the welcome ceremony Lt. Col. Sewell was presented with a specially inscribed copy of *Three Sips of Gin* by Tim Bax. Winston Hart, who had served with Tim in the Selous Scouts, made the presentation.



Lt. Col. Julian Sewell receives a copy of 'Three Sips of Gin' from Winston Hart. Photo by John Graham.

The CO's wife, Mrs Maria Sewell, was once again in attendance at this RV. It is impossible to hold Maria back, she loves to get stuck in with helping the cooks and caterers and socialising with everyone attending. Rhodesian Services Association President, John Glynn presented Maria with a copy of *Mansovo – Place of Elephants* by Gary Albyn and Craig Bone.



Maria Sewell receives a copy of 'Mansovo – Place of Elephants' from John Glynn. Photo by John Graham.

Doug Jardine formerly of the 1st Field Regiment Rhodesian Artillery, came over from Australia for the RV. He brought with him the 1st Battalion Royal Rhodesia Regiment and 1st Battalion Rhodesia Regiment flags that his father, Col. Norman Jardine ICD, OBE, TD had left to him. Col. Jardine was the Commanding Officer of 1RR from 1962 to 1966 and subsequently Honorary Colonel to 1RR, 5RR and 8RR.

Doug placed these flags in the care of the Rhodesian Services Association in recognition of the extensive work that has been done with various museum displays and also with the compilation of the history of the Rhodesia Regiment. Hugh Bomford accepted the flags on behalf of the Association and stated that they would be properly framed in order to preserve them and then they would be placed in the sanctuary offered by the 6th Battalion Hauraki Group, along with other Rhodesian memorabilia on display. It was noted that the Rhodesia Regiment was formed in the same year (1898) as the Hauraki Regiment and that both regiments had common links through the British Army's Kings Royal Rifle Corps, now known as The Rifles.



Doug Jardine with the 1st Battalion Rhodesia Regiment flag. Photo by Sue Osborne.

The final presentation was from Lt. Col. Sewell to our Curator, Tony Fraser. Tony was presented with the New Zealand Army Reserve Warrant Officer's Coin in recognition of his work forming the museum displays for the 6th Battalion Hauraki Group in Tauranga and also 1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment at Linton Barracks, Palmerston North. His service record of twenty two years and twenty two days was also recognised.



Tony Fraser is presented with the New Zealand Army Reserve Warrant Officer's Coin by Lt. Col. Sewell surrounded by the museum displays that he created. Photo by Diana Bomford

Once the formalities were completed it was time to relax, catch up with people and have a drink or two, during which the auction took place.

Prior to the commencement of the auction a minute's silence was observed in respect of the death of Chris Dixon (better known as Green Leader) a few hours previously.

This year Paul Nes once again organised the auction goods and Mike O'Rourke took on the responsibility of auctioneer. The total amount raised from the auction and the raffle was just under NZ\$2,000. Well done folks – a magnificent result.



L-R Mike O'Rourke, Paul Nes.

**Photo by Sue Osborne, who captured the attention of the auctioneer,
who saw her finger move on the camera and accepted it as a bid!**

The catering and cooking was organised by Lila and Tony Griffits who had a number of willing helpers. The braai had a minor setback when a "monkey's wedding" rain shower passed through and some of the golf prizes were put to good use.



**L-R above – Ashley Stober, Chantelle Sim, Charmaine Sim, Helen Noble,
Maria Sewell, Chuck Osborne, Ray Mushett, Tinka Mushett.** Photo by Sue Osborne.

On Sunday thirty members assembled in the Boeing Room at the Classic Flyers Museum for our AGM. Notable points were:

- The current committee was re-elected with the exception of Brandon Mitchell who has returned to Canada.
- The position of Treasurer urgently requires to be filled as incumbent Treasurer Tinka Mushett is standing down.
- Diana Bomford, Hugh Bomford and Paul Nes were made Life Members.
- The auctioning of the Fish Eagle painting donated by Craig Bone will be dealt with by the new committee.
- The draw for the flight in the AgCat was won by Mike O'Rourke.
- Annual subscriptions for membership remains at NZ\$10

Following the AGM it was time to relax and partake of another good graze. Members were also able to tour the museum complex. We are most grateful for the support from the Classic Flyers Museum for allowing us to use their facility at a discounted rate, as well as subsidising the AgCat flight.



First priority – raise the Green & White. Photo by Rob Bates.



Fish Eagle by Craig Bone. This giant painting measures 1.6m x 1m.
It has been framed in oak and is a stunning example of Craig's artistic talent, hard work and generosity.



A good portion of the attending members gather on the deck under the Green & White during which a Strikemaster jet made a low pass overhead.



The engine room – L-R Lila Griffits, Sue Osborne, Tony Griffits, Ray Mushett.

Grunter's Good Oil

A semblance of normality has returned to NZ. Our foreign visitors have left and people have got their week-ends back to themselves. The World in Union 2011 has finished and what a memorable tournament it was, especially if you are a Kiwi. The French did their level best and came very close to crashing the party in the final game. What tension, pure unbridled gripping tension in a test match for the rugby purist. All the NZ media had for a week been telling the country that it was a mere formality. All the AB's had to do was turn up, chuck the ball around and lift the cup. I couldn't believe how naive they were being. A RWC final is just that, a final. It is like no other game, except to a lesser degree the semi-finals. Anyone thinking a final would be one sided was quite simply wrong.

Remember in 2007 when the Boks smashed England 36 - nil in the pool game? The English limped through their remaining pool games, beat Australia and then France, and suddenly they were in the final. Were the Boks going to smash them off the park again like they had done a few weeks earlier? No way, because it was a final and you can never take that for granted. New Zealand were very close to having to try and put the corks back into the champagne bottles all around the country. The media would do well to learn from that mistake and give the opposition a bit of respect in future.

On a personal note the World Cup for me was an opportunity to catch up with so many friends from Zimbabwe and South Africa. I haven't laughed so much for such a long time. We certainly have a unique humour and to be able to listen to someone like Grant Paterson in the pub again was priceless. Anyone who has ever met him will know just what I am talking about. It was quite sad to see everyone go.

Now we look forward to England in 2015 where Australia, NZ and the Boks will be vying to see who will be the first team to win three titles (not that I am making the mistake of writing the French or the English off), but one of the big three would have to be favourites. At least this time around the Springboks will have a coach and I hope politics do not put a spoke in the wheel. I think the time is right for SA to appoint a foreign coach. The players deserve to be looked after by competent coaches and I think they would thrive under that environment where the coaches are working with individual players, pinpointing their weaknesses and then working on them. Just imagine the Boks under Henry, Deans or Gatland. It is a mouth watering but easily achieved prospect.

One negative aspect I picked up during the tournament was the unhappiness with the IRB. Everyone has had enough of their arrogance and apparent unwillingness to listen to what the public want. I heard a number of times people comparing them to FIFA. While I know there have to be rules, for the IRB to fine the French for their crossing the line during the haka was pathetic. I haven't heard anyone who agrees with this. There also appears to be a bit of unaccountability when it comes to finances and also the rules laid down by them. I think we will hear a lot more about this before England 2015 and I will try to keep you posted.

For those of you that are rugbyed out, let me know what else interests you or what you would like to read about. I value your feedback and suggestions, so please send anything to fourstreams@clear.net.nz

Till next month

Regards

Grunter



Dateline Rhodesia 1890 – 1980 by Gerry van Tonder



October

Newsflash Headlines +++ 20 November 1914 troops of First Rhodesia Regiment leave Salisbury Station for the front +++ 07 November 1922 Rhodesians vote for responsible government at a national referendum+++15 November 1940 First RAF pilots pass out under Empire Air Training Scheme in Southern Rhodesia+++28 November 1953 Prime Minister Garfield Todd, responding to criticisms from UN member states, accuses that body of hypocrisy+++03 November 1965 Premier Ian Smith in a message delivered to Buckingham Palace, promises the Queen that he will find a solution to the independence issue+++05 November 1965 Minister of Law and Order Lardner-Burke proclaims a state of emergency in the country+++12 November 1965 Britain imposes economic and political sanctions on Rhodesia as Prime Minister Wilson declares independence illegal+++25 November 1971 Prime Minister Ian Smith tables a White paper in the House of Assembly on Anglo-Rhodesian settlement proposals+++28 November 1976 Government extends call-ups from 18 months to two years.

In Brief

On 13 November 1890, recently promoted Major PW Forbes led 48 officers, other ranks and civilians in an attack to recover Mutasa's kraal in Manicaland from the Portuguese who had claimed it as part of their territory. Rezende, Gouveia, and d'Andrade were captured, with the latter two taken all the way to Bechuanaland as prisoners, where, in Macloutsie, Dr Jameson ordered their release.

On 11 November 1965, Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith, in a broadcast to the nation, stated:

"In the lives of most nations there comes a moment when a stand has to be made for principles, whatever the consequences."

He ended the historic announcement by declaring:

"We have struck a blow for the preservation of justice, civilisation and Christianity - and in the spirit of this belief we have thus assumed our sovereign independence. God bless you all."



On 28 November 1977, Minister of Combined Operations and Defence, Roger Hawkins, announces that Rhodesian Security Forces had conducted successful raids against ZANLA bases in Mozambique, killing 1200 terrorists. The attacks on Chimoio and Tembue were essential to pre-empt large-scale terrorist incursions into Rhodesia. In addition to the capture or destruction of large quantities of war material, it is estimated that a further 700 terrorists were wounded.

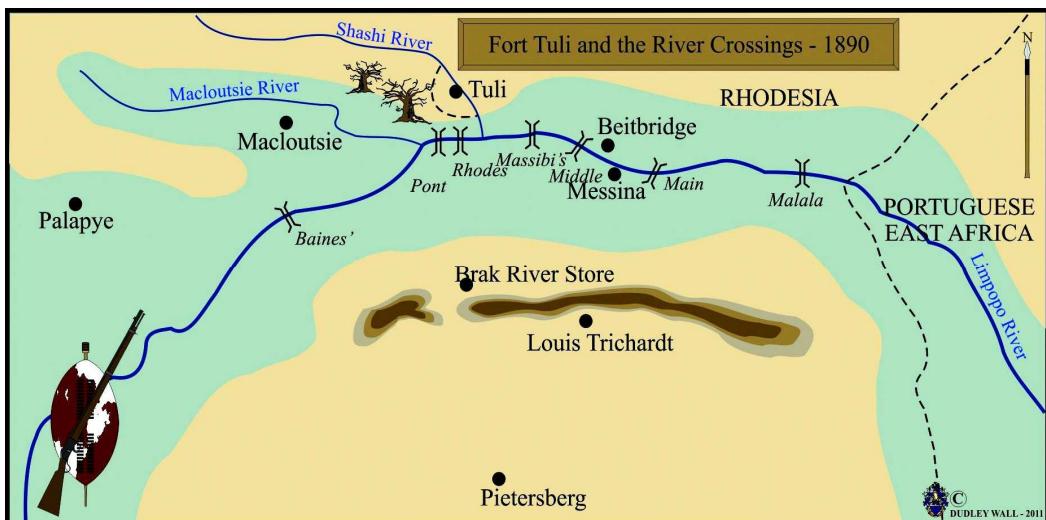


Typical ZANLA heavy weaponry Rhodesian troops faced during attacks on camps in Mozambique; the above captured during *Op Miracle* on display in Salisbury.

Plumer Defends Rhodesia (Part 2): November 1899

On 02 November 1899, a 400-strong Boer commando, with two guns, crossed into Rhodesia at Rhodes Drift, heading for Fort Tuli. They circled around Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Spreckley's squadron, which was camped about a mile north of the drift, and continued towards their objective.

Near Bryce's Store, the Boers encountered a convoy of eight wagons bound for Spreckley, easily overwhelming the escort of twenty-six men, resulting in the loss of an officer, Chaplain Rev. J.W. Leary and six prisoners. The remainder, including four wounded, managed to evade capture and headed for Tuli.



The map above shows the Limpopo River border area, indicating the various drifts.

Later day place names have been used to provide added perspective, for example, Louis Trichardt at that time was simply known as Trichardtsdorp, a small rural settlement at the foot of the Soutpansberg.

Spreckley's position was now critical, with his line of retreat cut off and his rear defences exposed. Shell fire decimated nearly all of his animals and defeat seemed inevitable as the squadron waited for nightfall under sustained rifle fire from the Boers.

However, the Boers did not press home their attack, and as darkness fell, Spreckley's men made their way downstream towards Massibi's Drift. From there they struck north, moving around the Boers, and arrived at Tuli early the following morning. The Boers had lost three men, but had taken nine wagons, seventy horses and one hundred mules, the extra wagon being one from Major Bird's detachment at the Macloutsie confluence.

After shelling Spreckley's evacuated position and discovering their quarry had left during the night, the Boers entrenched themselves at Bryce's Store, in anticipation of the assault on Tuli. Plumer also recalled Major W.D Bird and his squadron back to Tuli, in anticipation of an attack that he believed was inevitable. However, procrastination and divided counsels, factors which would significantly hinder the Boer's prosecution of the whole war, stalled any further northward movement of the commando.

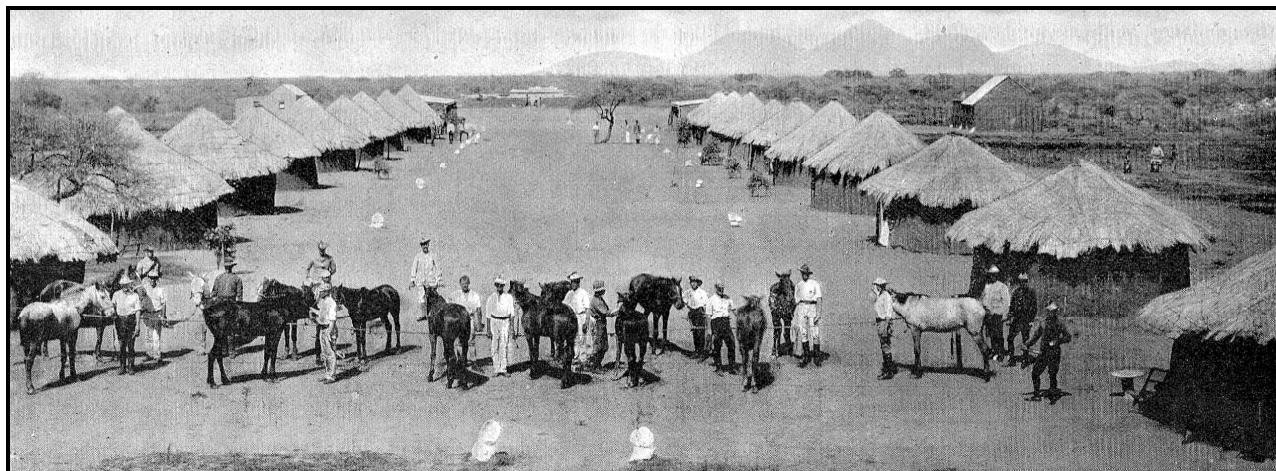
Assistant General Grobelaar strongly advocated the capture of the Rhodesian forces in Fort Tuli and the destruction of the western rail line, thereby securing the northern frontier. Pretoria however believed that this was of no real strategic value and that the Boers efforts had to be concentrated in Natal and the Cape Colony. Grobelaar was instructed to merely observe the river line, even losing his commando which was ordered to ride to Pretoria. He had to content himself with three static deployments of four hundred men and a gun each at Saltpan, near the Zoutpansberg, Palala River opposite Selika, and Matlabas River opposite Palla. Patrols would connect the three hundred mile gap between the post at Sekwani and Rhodes Drift.



Steam-generated electric searchlight at Fort Tuli

The Boer detachments were subsequently further redeployed elsewhere, and by 27 November, Plumer's scouts found that all the drifts had been evacuated, with only a small remnant of the original force lingering in the Brak River area. Plumer led a reconnaissance patrol across the Limpopo towards Pietersburg, finding the parched and bone dry country clear of the enemy.

After an exhausting march, Plumer returned to Tuli to consider his next course of action. Based on the distance to Pietersburg through countryside with very little water, Plumer made the decision to repair the western line in anticipation of re-establishing communications with the besieged town of Mafeking.



Macloutsie Camp, 130 miles south of Bulawayo

Above and beyond

A Government Gazette of 04 November 1977 announced the awarding of the Silver Cross of Rhodesia (SCR) to Flight Lieutenant Kevin (Cocky) Benecke DCD for conspicuous gallantry.



The Silver Cross of Rhodesia (S.C.R.) and Bar

His citation, in part, reads:

"Since the award of the DCD in August 1976, Flight Lieutenant Benecke has continued to employ his remarkable ability to find terrorists from the air and then attack them with courage and precision. The demands for his special skills have resulted in his spending long periods in the operational area and he has taken a leading role in twenty contacts since his last award. He is acknowledged to have been directly responsible for more successful contacts with the terrorists than any other single member of the Air Force."

Early in 1980, Benecke was awarded the Bar to the Silver Cross following further acts of outstanding gallantry in an engagement with the enemy in October 1979.

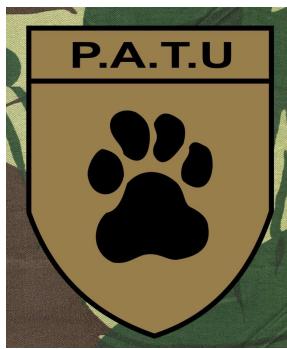
At the Going Down of the Sun

20 November 1977 turned out to be a tragic day in the lives of the small farming-based community of Melsetter, when three of its members were killed in a vehicle ambush in this Op Thrasher area. They were all Police Anti-Terrorist Unit (PATU) Field Reservists, on active duty at the time. We remember:

■ ■ Peter Leonard Hanson (31)

■ ■ Harald Holstenburg (40)

■ ■ Robin Charles Hunt (26)



Across the globe

- On 18 November 1922, Benito Mussolini is appointed as Italian premier
- On 03 November 1957 the Russians launch a dog into space aboard Sputnik 2
- On 24 November 1963, Jack Ruby shoots and kills Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of American President J F Kennedy

And...

In November 1968 Russia imports Vodka from the USA due to major shortages.....

The First Rhodesian Pioneer To Die - by Stephen Lunderstedt

The Pioneer Column led by Frank Johnson that left Kenilworth in Kimberley on 6 May 1890 (1) to settle in Mashonaland later that year, had already suffered their first fatality – and this while they were still assembling prior to departure.

The unfortunate Lt. Hitchcock had left Cape Town for Kimberley by train (the line had reached Kimberley by 1885) on Thursday 17 April 1890, but he never even made it beyond Tulbagh. (2)

Lt. Hitchcock was thirty five years of age and for ten years had been a "colonist and exploiter". Returning from a holiday in England, the same day he caught the train from Cape Town to Kimberley to join the Pioneer Corps. He had arrived at noon on the Thursday afternoon on CRMS Norwich Castle, then refreshed at a local hotel, before going to the railway station to catch the train northwards at 8pm.

Just after midnight, after four hours travel, he had somehow fallen out of the train, and had died on the railway tracks, presumably from injuries received from the fall, which is exactly what the inquest suggested the following day.

His body had been discovered at 6am in Tulbagh Kloof by railway employees (platelayers) walking the line, and they had called for assistance, his body being taken to the nearest station, that of Tulbagh Road. After the inquest his remains were interred at Tulbagh town on Sunday 20 April 1890. (3)

The local newspaper in Kimberley, the Diamond Fields Advertiser, said at the time that it was too late for a replacement in the Pioneer Column and that it was probable that an NCO would be promoted to take his place.

Lt Hitchcock had been appointed as an officer and a member of the Pioneer Column before his tragic death, but had probably not yet attested into the Column. However, as all press notices in the period named him with his rank and that he was part of the Column, this makes the unfortunate Lt Hitchcock the first member of the Rhodesian Pioneers to die, this even before the column had left Kimberley.

His burial spot in Tulbagh has been visited and there is no headstone, so sometime in the future a suitably inscribed stone shall be placed thereupon, mentioning that he was the first member of the Rhodesian Pioneer Column to die, despite the fact he never made it to the country that would become Rhodesia.

- (1) Diamond Fields Advertiser 5 May 1890
- (2) Diamond Fields Advertiser 25 April 1890
- (3) Ibid

Modellers Section

I have been sent a number of pieces that I will be using over the next few issues. I am grateful for the material and I marvel at the skill of the modellers and the details that they are able to portray in miniature. I hope that I can do justice to the photos that have been sent in because the details are amazing and I am limited in the size and quantity of photos that I can reproduce in this newsletter.

Building the 'Jackal' - by Paul Napier, New Zealand.

Ask most rail fans what they know about the railways of the former Rhodesia and I'll bet they talk about the magnificent Garratt locomotives, wonderful scenery, and the occasional man eating lion.

Then ask them what they know about the armoured trains in Southern Africa and I'm sure they will discuss their use during the Anglo-Boer War of the late 1800's - but few will know about the new breed that appeared in the 1970's.

The subject of my model is the 'Jackal', an armoured rail car built by Rhodesian Railways. The Reverend E.D. Hammer in 'Locomotives of Zimbabwe and Botswana' explained it was built in great secrecy to carry 35 soldiers. Powered by an under-floor mounted Leyland 680 diesel engine, it was not very successful and drivers said it was grossly underpowered.

Initially it was used to precede the Salisbury mail train by ten minutes to ensure the line was free from mines, ambush or sabotaged track. Later it was used to patrol the Bulawayo - Plumtree line. Craig Viljoen of the Rhodesian Railways Security Branch explains "*I recall that the Jackal was very cumbersome and slow. He continued "It was a self-propelled vehicle with the driver sitting at the front. The whole journey took about 12 hours. Because of manpower constraints, the Jackal was never fully manned as its design allowed. The crew consisted of myself, one other Security Branch member and the driver".*

After retirement to the Bulawayo Railway Museum it was called back into service in the 1980's to patrol the Beira line, but rumour has it that it was so disliked by the workshop staff that it was quietly parked in a siding at the workshops and forgotten.

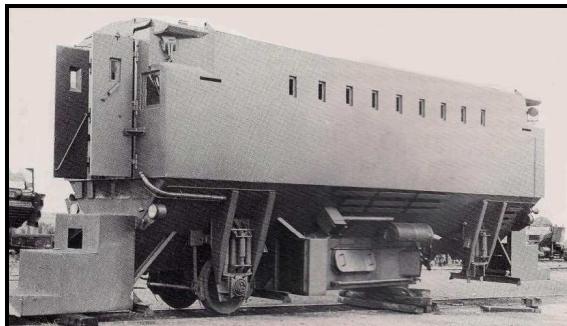


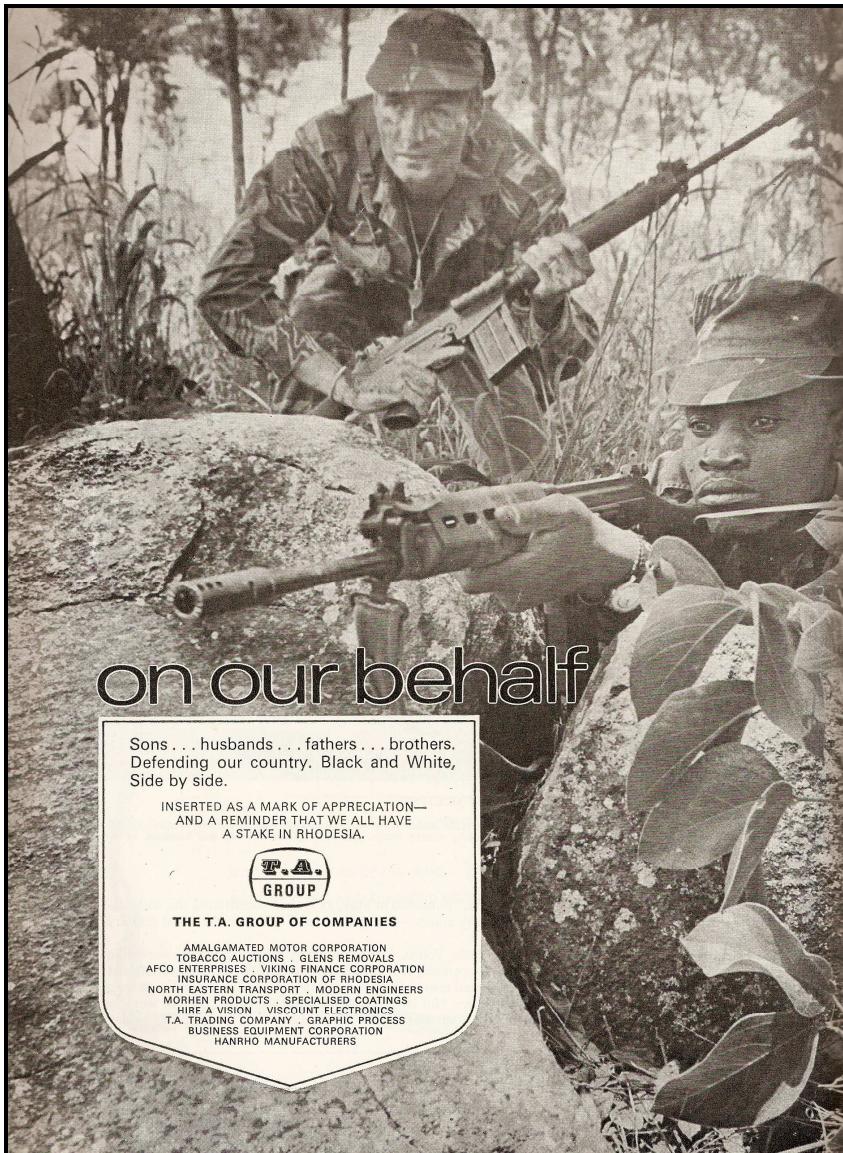
Photo above left of the Jackal from which the model on the right was made. The cabin must have been like an oven in the African sun. It is a unique piece of railway rolling stock as it features the 'V' shaped lower body which was common on mine proofed road vehicles. The photo of the model also shows the smaller rail trolley, which is a Cougar which has the same body as the road version but mounted on a Universal Rail Chassis. The steps on the front are made of mesh so that any mine blast would pass through and not lift the Jackal off the tracks.

Flash Back

In reference to last month's photo of the "rugby pitch invaders" with Rhodesian flag who I believe were the Gatooma front row, John Smit wrote:

"The three, Fred Beattie, Rob Edwards and Jute Read are all from Gatooma. Jute has passed on, Fred is in the UK and Rob Edwards is still in Gatooma. I knew them very well during the Hartley/Gatooma rugby days round about 1965/70"

This month we have a widely used advert by the Tobacco Auctions.



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Museum News

We have changed the display area in the Garrison Club, 6th Battalion Hauraki Group in Tauranga, New Zealand, to represent the history of the Rhodesia Regiment. Along with the new display we installed a strip of LED lighting. This method of lighting is not cheap (over NZ\$500) but it is the most suitable method as there is no heat generated and no emission of ultra violet light, both of which will deteriorate materials.

Also on display during the period of the RV was the .303 SMLE rifle used by Fred Morgan who served with the 2nd Battalion Royal Rhodesia Regiment and among other notable sporting achievements won the King's Medal for Shooting an incredible six times. In a future newsletter we will show you this display.

We have a number of other items on their way to New Zealand, some of which we hope to add to the display. We expect to receive a 4RR Roll of Honour in the New Year, which together with the 5RR Roll of Honour that we already have, we will hold a small service when we officially place them in the display area. Please can anyone who served in 5RR who lives in or near Tauranga or is prepared to travel to Tauranga, please email hbomford@clear.net.nz

The photos below were taken before completion of the display, so it is not a completely accurate representation. A few more items have been added including the beret and hackle worn by Lt. Col. Peter Browne OLM, CO of 4RR.

The covering description of the display states:

"The Rhodesia Regiment, formed in 1898 under Lt. Col. Herbert Plumer, was at the Relief of Mafeking; was at the Battle of Eland's River with the Australians, and took part in other operations during the Anglo-Boer War. Col. Plumer went on to become Field Marshal and commanded the British Second Army in World War I and later served as High Commissioner of the British Mandate for Palestine."

At the outbreak of WWI in 1914, the 1st Battalion Rhodesia Regiment was deployed to South-West Africa under Lt. Col. FR Burnside where fighting the Germans involved long, hard marches on short rations and with little water.

Bugler Harris of the 1st Battalion Rhodesia Regiment confessed many years afterwards, when he had become Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, that the long treks in South-West Africa made him resolve to keep his feet off the ground as much as possible for the rest of the war - so when the campaign in South-West Africa was over, he joined the then Royal Flying Corps.

Immediately the campaign was won in South-West Africa the 2nd Battalion Rhodesia Regiment was formed for service in East Africa under Col. Algernon Essex Capell DSO. They had a gruelling time and suffered many casualties to German fire and a great loss of life to the various tropical illnesses that were prevalent in the harsh environment.

Also during WWI an alliance was formed between the Rhodesia Regiment and the Kings Royal Rifle Corps with many Rhodesians serving in the KRRC.

The Rhodesia Regiment was granted the following Battle Honours:

- The Great War
- South-West Africa
- Kilimanjaro
- Beho Beho

After WWI the Regiment became a territorial unit with the introduction of National Service in 1926 with weekly parades and an annual camp.

During WWII by arrangement with Britain, and owing to the high leader content, the Rhodesia Regiment did not leave home as a unit and the men were drafted into the British, Dominion and Colonial Regiments. It thus came about that there was no battle front throughout the world, and throughout the war in which the Regiment was not represented; while the regimental organisation in Southern Rhodesia was used for training.

In 1947 His Majesty King George VI conferred the title "Royal" on the Regiment and became the first Colonel in Chief of the Regiment. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the second Colonel in Chief upon the death of her father in 1952 and held the position up until 1970 when Rhodesia became a republic.

During the 1960's and 1970's the Rhodesia Regiment formed the base for training National Servicemen at Llewellyn Barracks, as well as eight Battalions of territorials and six Independent Companies of National Servicemen. The soldiers of the Rhodesia Regiment served with distinction throughout what was known as the Rhodesian Bush War. During this period 305 Rhodesia Regiment soldiers gave their lives combating the communist trained insurgents. The Rhodesia Regiment was disbanded at the end of 1980 when the country had been renamed Zimbabwe."



L-R Rhodesia Regiment Display; Cap and replication of the Commander of COMOPS, Lt Gen Peter Walls' medal group,

Col Herbert Plumer, above which is a photo of the Royal Rhodesia Regiment brooch presented to the last Commander in Chief of the Royal Rhodesia Regiment, HM Queen Elizabeth II.



L-R Various photos and 1RRR Slouch Hat; Dress uniform jacket of Maj. VP Odendaal and other 4RR items.

What's On In New Zealand?

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. All are most welcome.

The next social will be on the 11th November. It is intended that it will be another "Barn Party" at the Hucke residence. Please contact Alison or Wolf for more details.

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 normally 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.

The next Graze and Movie evening will be 12th November. This will be the last for the year with a break over Christmas and New Year with the next one in February 2012.

HAMILTON

Contact Tinka Mushett email mushett@slingshot.co.nz or cell +64 21 722 922 for details of socials being planned in your area.

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. Use the link above to go to the CQ Store page and from there you can navigate to the different sections which are also duplicated below for your convenience.

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[Clothing](#) - shirts, jackets, caps, beanies, aprons, and regimental ties.



[Berets & Badges](#) - most Rhodesian units available.



[Medals & Ribbons](#) - an extensive range.



[Posters & Maps](#) - high quality reproductions.



[Other goods](#) - flags, bumper stickers, lighters, and more, as well as quality products direct from our contributing supporters.

Rhodesian Rugby Jersey wearers competition:

Please send in your entries ASAP, the competition closes on the 20th November 2011. Winners will be announced in the December newsletter.

Reminding you that 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.

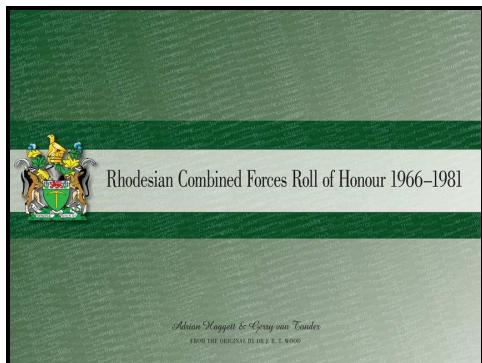
It was reported that someone may have been caught on camera near David Pocock with a Rhodesian rugby jersey. If anyone saw this please come forward. Also, I saw a male wearing a Rhodesian rugby jersey on TV in the lead up to the final game – if he comes forward with verifying details he has a valid entry.

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.

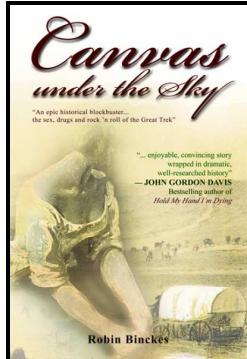
The following titles are expected to arrive in November. Prices not confirmed yet – book a copy now:

Rhodesian Combined Forces Roll of Honour 1966–1981 by Adrian Haggett & Gerry van Tonder.



The intention of this publication is to honour all who lost their lives in action, or while on active service, with the Rhodesian Security Forces during the period 1966-1981. This publication represents the single most comprehensive Rhodesian Combined Forces Roll of Honour covering the so-called Bush War. Many people have researched the casualties of the Rhodesian Bush War and it is highly unlikely that a single researcher will ever compile a definitive list of all those who perished. Dr JRT Wood produced the first 'most comprehensive' Roll of Honour of the Rhodesian Combined Forces while many others, including Gerry van Tonder and Adrian Haggett, have used his roll as a base for expansion, correction and addition. It is, therefore, thanks to Dr Wood's original work that the Roll of Honour has been improved to this point.

Canvas Under the Sky by Robin Binckes.



Fiction, paperback, 448 pages

It is 1834. The Eastern Cape frontier is burning. Rauch Beukes, a young Boer of 17, returns to the family homestead to find it razed, the livestock gone and his mother and sisters slaughtered by the marauding Xhosa from across the Great Fish River.

So begins a tale of violence and warfare and love and lust across racial divides, painted against the grand backdrop of the Boer migration north into the hinterland that became known as the Great Trek, the result of British duplicity and injustice. The dramatis personae are Boer and Brit, Xhosa, Zulu, Matabele and Cape Malay slaves: from the Xhosa chief Hinsta, Colonel Harry Smith, the Zulu tyrant Dingaan, to the Boer trekkers Potgieter, Retief, Maritz, Trichardt and Cilliers. And in young Rauch's life are three astonishing women: Amelia, the daughter of an English settler; Marietjie, the beautiful meisie from Graaff-Reinet; and Katrina September, the sensual ex-slave.

"... enjoyable, convincing story wrapped in dramatic, well-researched history" — John Gordon Davis, bestselling author of *Hold My Hand I'm Dying*.

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When buying for someone else you cannot beat a good book as a gift.



The Rhodesia Regiment – Book Project



We have expanded our research in order to compile a list of details of all National Service intakes which includes all services – Rhodesia Regiment, Intaf and RLI intakes. The Rhodesia Regiment information will be used for the book

and the balance will be retained for record and further research if required. Gerry van Tonder is in charge of compiling these rolls, please email him at g.van-tonder@sky.com The details required in part or in full are:

- Intake Number
- Unit (Royal Rhodesia Regiment, Rhodesia Regiment, Intaf, RLI etc)
- Course detail (A, B or C Coy, Training Troop, IANS)
- Basic training dates (from – to)
- Training base (Llewellyn, Cranborne, Chikarubi etc)
- Full duration of N/S (3, 6, 9, 12, 18 months)

We have had an excellent response to this appeal with the gaps being plugged on a daily basis.

We are still seeking information for the roll listing the CO, 2I/C and RSM of each battalion and OC, 2I/C and CSM of the Independent Companies, noting that the Indep. Coy. records are only up until the end of Rhodesia Regiment administration, which was around November 1977 when they became part of the RAR. Your recollection of any names and dates, or knowledge of someone who may be able to assist would be most welcome - please email me.

We still need:

- Photos of 6th Battalion Rhodesia Regiment soldiers wearing the full size silver Rhodesia Regiment badge (shown below) on their berets. It has long been recorded that 6RR wore silver badges (not to be confused with the silver collar badge, smaller than the full size badge) that officers wore. We only have one photo showing one soldier with the silver badge and we want more as well as any background or account as to why 6RR did this.



- The question over the date of the Independent Company's transition from Rhodesia Regiment to RAR has still not been resolved with reports from 6 Indep. soldiers that it may have been late 1978 by the time they were aware that they were RAR. The general thinking to date has been that it was after October 1977 that the Indep. Cos. became part of the RAR. Your recollections would be most welcome – when were you issued with an RAR badge for your beret? Anything else of significance? We know that RAR soldiers had been attached to the Indep. Cos. well before the change to RAR, some time in late 1976 as was the case with 4 Indep. from my recollections.

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

This book is being compiled to honour our forefathers and our mates. Don't live to regret not being involved.

The Global Forked Stick – Snippets and Requests

Roan Antelope Music special for November 2011

Dear Friends, Rhodies and Countrymen,

We at Roan Antelope trust that 2011 was a good one for you all, albeit it was another hard one financially throughout the world. It was also a hard call for SA rugby. Sorry bokke, we still love you, you were the best team, such a pity a Rhodesian - David Pocock - upset the applecart!

Now that 2011 is coming to an end we would truly like to wish you and yours a new start in 2012 with many exciting plans, happiness and faith! Once again our thanks for your support through thick and thin; the emails and tit bits of news from time to time, your parties, get togethers and celebrations playing John's music, and your Facebook participation with photo's with blasts from the past that have brought back fond memories. This year the Roan Music team will have done four live concerts. Two for Rhodies at When Weez Bar at Hartebeespoortdam, one at Kunkuru at the 4th Kunkuru Rhodie Weekend at Pretoria East, and one up and coming UDI concert at Westville Country Club in Natal on 12th November. So all you "Sweet Banana Rhodies" - if you'd like to attend this UDI Celebration, contact Eddie de Beer for details. Tel 082 893 14430 or 031 903 5405. We would love to see you all!

From our October newsletter, you all know about Roan's new release - "The Boer War in Song" - the first one of its kind featuring a great collection of eighteen songs pertaining to the Boer War. This album, which one could call an historical Troopie songs CD, has been enthusiastically received in all quarters, by museums, military historians, battlefield "nuts" (we are too), South Africans and Rhodies that are passionate about their heritage and even relatives of Boer War Vets from as far away as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the UK. It is a great gift for Christmas, filled with facts, stories and the best music ever.

Other releases this year, by popular demand, were "From the Pen of John Edmond" and "The Hidden Tracks". The Roan Team dug into the archives and with the help of record collectors came up with these two great albums.

Whilst digging around the archives they also came up with some tracks that many folk have asked for: Johnny Haswell's Chilapalapa stories and two of Wrex Tarr's hidden tracks "Radio Ranga" and "The Poacher's Lament" - most appropriate these days! We also found three of John's live comedy tracks (recorded at the Bless 'em All Show in Umtali in 1978). The album was aptly titled "RTV Fun Channel". John and Johnny Haswell (The Two Majohnnies) will be performing some of these funnies live at the Durban show on the 12th of November. Come and enjoy the fun and have a good laugh.

As a special for the months of November and December 2011 Roan are offering these four newly released albums as well as all other products that you might want to purchase for Christmas on special. All products less 10% and if you buy more than three CDs you will get one single CD free. We at Roan would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a blessed, safe and joyous festive season with extreme happiness and better days in 2012.

To order:

Roan Antelope Music www.johnedmond.co.za

E-mail: info@johnedmond.co.za

Tel: +27 (0)14 735 0774 / +27 (0)71 699 0362 Fax: +27 (0)86 273 5492

Editor's Note – I have had the pleasure of listening to the whole of John's "Boer War in Song" CD and I can thoroughly recommend it. The songs are for all sides of that conflict. My favourite one is "The Siege at Elands River" probably because that battle was part of the Rhodesia Regiment's history where Rhodesians, when called on by De La Rey's Boers to surrender, yelled back "Rhodesians never surrender!" For more detail of that battle, and also to learn how Rhodesians were let down for the first time by General Lord Rupert Carrington, grandfather of Lord Peter Carrington who presided over the Lancaster House process eighty years later, you will have to wait for the release of the Rhodesia Regiment book. Until then, I recommend that you get one of John Edmond's CDs and enjoy the music.

Norman Robert Lamb follow up

Last month we advertised for information about Norman Lamb whose Boy Scout Cross for Gallantry and Rhodesian General Service Medal were pictured.

We received this reply from Ken MacDonald:

"My old friend Norman "Norrie" Robert Lamb, Born Natal 2/9/1928, as a 14 year old school boy and Boy Scout went to the assistance of a party of Royal Naval men in difficulty in the surf off Amanzimtoti Beach and on 9/12/1942 he was awarded the Scout Gallantry Cross. He asked me to try and obtain a copy of the citation which I was unable to do either from SA or the UK."

Norrie for many years was a resident of Bulawayo where he was employed by "The Chronicle". He served as a Territorial out of Brady Barracks latterly and finally settled in Richmond with his partner Dilys Bassett who pre-deceased him. Dilys' two daughters, Kerry and Sally, both resident in Natal and their families, looked on Norrie as a father."

It is very rewarding to get positive results for requests in this publication.

If anyone has any more information please email Craig at rhodesia@telkommsa.net and copy to hbomford@clear.net.nz

Robin Leonard 10RR

Did anyone serve with Robin Leonard in 10th Battalion Rhodesia Regiment? His details are:

Robin Leonard date of birth 16/03/1956, service number 101022, served from May 1973 – 1980.

Billy Wiggill

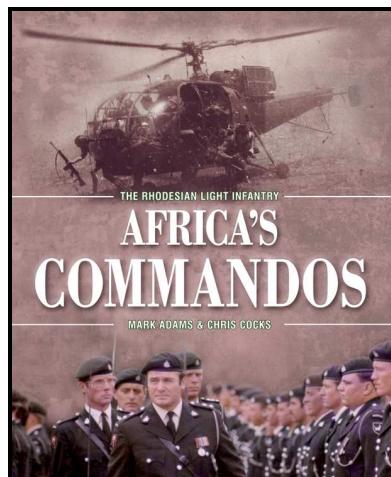
Many of you will either know Billy Wiggill or have seen his name associated with the RLI Regimental Association of which he is the CEO, so when this caricature was sent to me by the artist Neill Hayes-Hill I knew that I had to publish it.



Neill apologises for the misspelling and cannot recall who requested him to do the picture.

RLI Book Update from the desk of Billy Wiggill CEO, RLI Regimental Assn.

"The title will be 'Africa's Commandos - The Rhodesian Light Infantry' this title was chosen to ensure the best overseas marketability of the book. The book has already been registered with an American agency to be listed in their catalogue for the New Year.



The purpose of the book is to record the RLI's history in the words of our own soldiers and in about 50% photographic material, most of which has never been published before. The profits realised from sales will be channelled into the Combined Forces Welfare Trust which has been formed to look after our own who find themselves in difficult times.

We are to have a final layout meeting with the publishers/editorial team in December as well as decide on a final marketing strategy worldwide. I would like to thank the team consisting of Mrs. Carol Wood, Chris Cocks, Rob Marsh, Ian Macfarlane, Mark Adams, Dr. JRT Wood and 30 Degrees South Publishers, and most importantly the authors of the book which are all those of you who have contributed text articles and photographs.

We are thankful for those who have already ordered and paid for your books and you will not be disappointed in the final product, so please bear with us a little longer. We envisage first half launch in the New Year.

In order for our book to be launched with the most effective impact the Association needs to be in a position to fund the publication. Earlier estimates we communicated to the Membership was R 200,000.00. This estimate has been revised with the increased costs expected and now stands at R 250,000.00 for the editing and initial printing of 2000 copies. So far we have received some R 20,000.00 in prepaid orders. So as you can see we need a lot more RLI Assn members and friends to commit to ordering and paying for your book/s. Remember that the RLI Association price to members and associates is R 399.00 excl. postage and when on the bookshelves will cost R 499.00 (Hard cover). There is only 100 numbered leather bound and embossed Limited Edition books and these go for R 2,000.00. (Ten have been already taken)

*All orders can be directed through me and also send copies of transactions direct to me at the email: bw@therli.com
I look forward to hearing from all the manne*

Kind regards
Bill Wigill"

Viscount Down update from Keith Nell

"It has come to my attention that interested persons may want to know more about the contents of the book 'Viscount Down' that they have either bought or intend purchasing.

The first section of the book (386 pages) begins at Kariba with gripping detail of the tragic and fatal flights of the Viscounts Hunyani and Umniati from beginning to end. Every detail of the crashes are covered, from during the crash landing to the extraction of survivors from the burning fuselage and the murder of survivors, as well as the search and rescue operations. Most interesting are personal accounts by the SAS team that parachuted into the crash site the following morning.

This is followed by the hunt for the terrorist gang responsible, and starts with my sudden and totally unexpected assignment to quell a mutiny by 100 heavily armed terrorists who had availed themselves of an amnesty offer of a safe return and were being held in a secret bush camp. The story includes a personal account of living with these undisciplined and gung-ho thugs who had to be turned around and trained in undercover operations before our search for Nkomo's missile gang could commence. It is a text book case of how opposing forces worked together in highly subverted and extremely hostile territory; of intelligence gathering and winning hearts and minds of the local population. A key component of our success was the ability to suddenly appear and conquer without affording the enemy opportunity to return fire and then to vanish without trace.

The book would be incomplete without some compelling accounts of our previous training and operations as soldier and terrorist alike. Considering the vast differences in our cultural upbringing and reasoning, the imbalance between a single white SAS operator and 100 former terrorists lumped together and programmed to kill each other only three weeks before, could not have been greater. In addition, our close interrelationship with Special Branch and Special Forces along with sometimes conflicting background and personalities of the main protagonists, balance the story with light hearted and amusing content.

The reference section (108 pages) of the book, essentially an historical record of all criteria associated with the Viscount disasters, begins with an introduction by Professor JRT Wood. For the readers understanding, events leading up to Rhodesia's declaration of independence from Britain and causes of the Rhodesian Bush War are briefly summarised. However, political developments leading to the origin of Nkomo's missile campaign are presented in detail.

The content is authenticated with secret documents; official correspondence; photographs; original medical and ballistic reports, including personal accounts by Air Rhodesia pilots and crash site investigator. Follow-up operations after missile launches with minute by minute accounts of the contact between the terrorist gang that murdered Hunyani survivors and Rhodesian Security Forces are also incorporated. Controversial aspects such as the downplaying by Air Rhodesia's Management of the missile threat; delays to reduce aircraft susceptibility against missile strikes and conflict with Pilots, are exposed in detail. Medical reports by doctors attending the Hunyani crash leave no speculation as to what had occurred. The issue of whether General Walls was the target on-board the doomed Viscount, as was claimed by Joshua Nkomo, is also covered.

There can be no doubt that this book will remain as the most comprehensive and compelling record of the Viscount disasters and the effect they had on changing the course of history in Africa and far beyond. Above all, it provides the reader with an insight not just into the drama of Special Forces Operations but also the social aspects in a country steeped in war with its back against the wall.

Books can be ordered from www.viscountdown.com Although new content in the book 'Viscount Down' has increased the number of pages from 433 to 504, prices advertised on our website www.viscountdown.com will NOT be increased until 1st January 2012. Books ordered and paid for beforehand will be charged at the current price. Thereafter a price increase is inevitable.

Please be warned that numerous orders are being received and that other promotional initiatives in October and November are expected to absorb any surplus stock. The next shipment of 1000 books will only arrive from the printers in February or March.

The limited edition will not be available until late in 2012, and cannot be paid for until closer to the time when prices can be determined.

The DVD contains video footage of the Hunyani and Umniati crashes and includes live interviews with survivors who escaped and witnessed the murders of other passengers. It is most definitely a collector's item and a stark record of the Viscount victims that should never be forgotten.

I am certain that you will enjoy reading this book and thank you for your patronage.

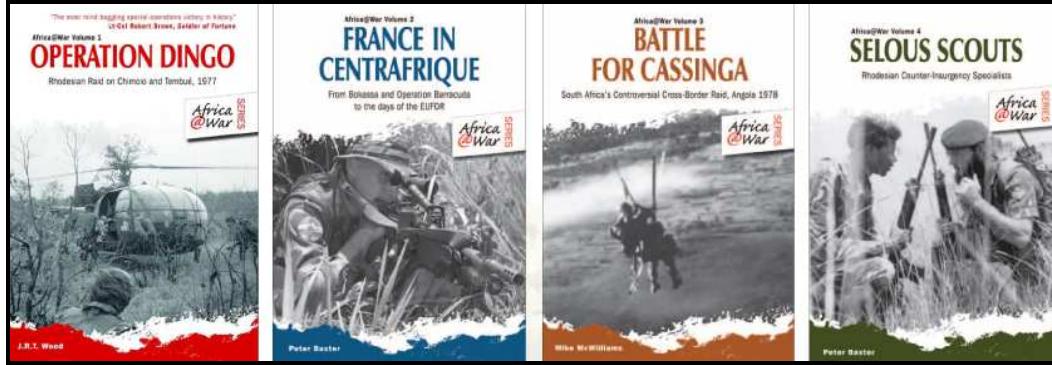
Yours sincerely,

Keith Nell*

30 Degrees South UK book launches and other information releases.

From Steve Crump of 30 Degrees South:

"In partnership with Helion we will be launching the highly acclaimed 'Africa at War' series. Comprising an initial four volumes, this series takes a new look at Africa's post 1945 conflicts. I've had a look at the Operation Dingo book and let me tell you, Richard Wood, Helion and 30 Degrees South Publishers in South Africa, have done a cracking job!"



The launch event takes place on Tuesday 29th November at the London Club of the Rifles and builds upon the success of our PK van der Byl event. 'Battle for Cassinga' author Mike McWilliams will be in attendance supported by Graham Thomas, Editor of the British Army Review, and Robert Kershaw, best selling author of Arnhem history 'It Never Snows in September' and the Barbarossa history 'War without Garlands'. Do join us - it will be a night to remember!

It's been a fantastic year - Al Venter at the Frontline Club, our Shadows in the Sand event and the release of two more limited edition figurines - if you haven't got your RLI MAG Gunner yet then move quick - just 50 pieces and they are going! Next year's planned releases include our long awaited 32 Battalion and Rhodesian SAS art pieces, along with an RLI Officer in dress greens, posed at ease with sword on shoulder!

Our work with Jim Hooper continues apace and we will be releasing a revised and reworked edition of his classic work 'Koevoet' in February 2012. Greatly expanded and featuring many new photographs, this is not to be missed. The launch event will be taking place at the Imperial War Museum and details will follow in the New Year. We're also working with Jim on a new venture that will document the history of special forces freefall operations. Jim has been given unprecedented access to some very special military units. Keep checking in for details!

There's more - a rework of 'The Diaries of Andre Dennison' with Richard Wood and subject to negotiation, a revised and commemorative edition of 'Contact' and 'Contact 2' courtesy of Paul Moorcraft. Discussions with Peter McAleese continue and a new edition of 'No Mean Soldier' is planned.

For the military modellers and in partnership with BaxMod, Airfix and Tamiya we offer a guide to 'Modelling Modern South African Armour' featuring some of the best modellers in the world building Casspirs, Ratels and Buffels. This has just got to be seen.

Suffice to say, your continued support and interest is very much appreciated.

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African Themed Pub in Lincolnshire

For those of you near or passing through Lincolnshire you might want to look up The Cross Keys Inn owned and operated by Ian Jenkinson located at Salmonby, near Horncastle, Lincolnshire, LN9 6PX. Tel 01507 533206 email ian.jenkinson1@btinternet.com

Ian was born in Salisbury and lived in Chisipite. His grandmother started Chisipite School. Ian went to Courtney Selous and Churchill and did his National Service in the Royal Rhodesian Air Force, following on with being a tobacco buyer and working for Plascon Paints.

Ian will post information on his website at www.thecrosskeysinn.com concerning events that he is hosting and looks forward to visitors partaking of his African orientated menu.

Job offer in Tanzania

Anyone interested in receiving application details of a job to manage and control the sourcing, production and supply of cured tobacco from the region please email Jan Greyling jcgreyling@hotmail.com

Remembrance Day Parade Bedford, England – Sunday 13th November 2011

From Martyn Hudson:

"This year the Bedfordshire Branch of the Royal British Legion has invited us to join in and march with our Rhodesian Standards flying. All Rhodesian Security Forces are welcome to join me in this fantastic opportunity which I believe, is the first time this would have happened in the UK."

For more details email martyn.hudson2@btinternet.com or phone 07 7887 88095 or the RAFA Club phone 01234 350107

Seeking Gerry de Speville

Gerry van Tonder writes:

"In 1976 I was based with Gerry de Speville in Fort Harrison on the Angwa River, spending nine months in this remote location. After I left Sipolilo in November of that year, I never saw Gerry again. Lewis Walter has also tried to locate Gerry. He may have gone to the Seychelles where he had his 'roots'."

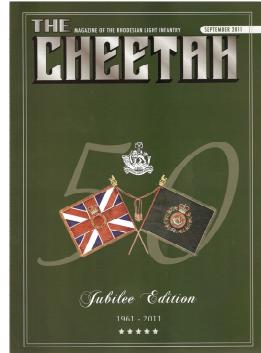
If anyone is in comms with Gerry de Speville please email Gerry van Tonder at g.van-tonder@sky.com

David Greswolde 'Tommy' Lewis

'Tommy' Lewis was the last pilot to be shot down by Baron Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron) during the closing stages of WWI. As subscribers to this newsletter may recall, we have published this story previously as well as having a small section of one of our displays in the Classic Flyers Museum featuring a painting by Digby Sinclair depicting the dog fight. Lewis was born in Bulawayo in October 1898. He died in Salisbury on the 10th August 1978.

We have received a request from a researcher trying to find where Lewis' was buried. If anyone has any information please email Mike Garden mikeg@softrite.co.zw with a copy to me at hbomford@clear.net.nz

The Cheetah



Jubilee Edition (1961 – 2011) of the magazine of the Rhodesian Light Infantry - please direct all inquiries to Martyn Hudson email martyn.hudson2@btinternet.com

Promotion

During the research process for the Rhodesia Regiment book, a letter from Lt. Col. Peter Browne OLM, CO of the 4th (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment to Acting Cpl. Bomford H. granting indefinite leave to Cpl. Bomford from 9th of December 1980, was discovered. Ignoring the passage of thirty one years and uncertain if the unit had actually been officially disbanded, this letter was subsequently brought to the attention of Lt. Col. Browne along with a request to consider promotion. Lt. Col Browne gave the matter grave consideration and upon his emigration from South Africa and arrival in the Antipodes, has given the former Acting Cpl. the rank of Honorary Captain.

We trust that this article will serve notice to all who previously outranked the Acting Cpl. and who may now find themselves being required to salute, tug forelocks (if the tugger has hair to tug) and generally bow and scrape to the new 'officer' who is bound to make the most of this opportunity.

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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