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Greetings,

On behalf of Diana, the team that make this newsletter what it is (John, Stompie and Grunter), the Rhodesian Services Association Committee and myself, I wish you all "Compliments of the Season" and that 2010 will be safe and prosperous for us all – next year has to be better. Our flame lilies are budding up so we should have them open by Christmas.

You will see from Grunter's article that he has his rugby feelings very much exposed this month! The subject of sporting loyalties is very interesting but I do not wish to initiate any sort of debate on the issue. It is perfectly healthy to support any team that you want as long as it is done with good grace and respect, unless the ref. is useless and costs you the game that is!

We came to New Zealand in 1981 on the eve of the Bok tour, which divided this country in a most unpleasant way. We of course were on the side of the Government and the tour supporters. After all, we had just come from a country that had been barred from all international contact and were heartily sick of political interference in sport. What happened during the tour was not simply anti-apartheid verses tour supporters. In a nutshell, the protesters were hijacked by anarchists and undesirables who used the opportunity to wreak havoc and have a go at the long suffering Police. Scars of that tour still linger here.

In 1981 as a young un-worldly new chum in New Zealand, I found it quite easy to support the All Blacks from the start. Interestingly Diana supported the Boks on that tour. As South African teams had generally been Rhodesia's only opposition it was an easy transition for me to make. Also in my view at the time, the New Zealand tour supporters were the good guys, defying world opinion at great expense, just like we did in Rhodesia. Most readers of this editorial will remember the tremendous support given by Rhodesians to everyone who came to our country, it was unique. I had similar feelings towards the tour supporters and the All Blacks in 1981. I continue to support New Zealand, however, if in some time warp New Zealand were to play Rhodesia - that would be a completely different matter!

In last month's publication there was a spelling mistake in reference to Byrne Gardener on the Allan Wilson Roll of Honour. This was brought to our attention by his brother Roy, who also noted that Byrne was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal posthumously.

Also on the subject of the Allan Wilson Patrol, Shaun Philip sent me this link http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_Russell_Burnham that documents the history of the American, Fred Burnham DSO, who was part of the Wilson Patrol but went back to get reinforcements. Interestingly, Burnham's great grandson won the USA 'Soldier of the Year' award in 2003.

An interesting You Tube item was sent to me by John Wilkinson. Click on this link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_s7L0vrjOI and enjoy.

Until next year – cheers and go well.

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.



Off The Radar

The email addresses of the people listed below have bounced the last communication sent. If you are in comms with them could you ask them to contact me. Please also remember to let me know if you are changing your email address.

- Paul Hogan – country of residence unknown. He was a PJI in Rhodesia I believe.

11th November – Rhodesia Day

Those of you who get the ORAFS 'briefs' from Eddy Norris will know that he receives great support from around the world and from within his own family. When I received this piece from him, reproduced below, it got my full attention. "My daughter wrote this poem to celebrate the Rhodesian Independence and Remembrance Day:-

*Happy Rhodesia Day!!!!
long might we remember our fallen,
our heroes, be they still here or be they sleeping –
Let all our sons and daughters carry our love,
our faith, our patriotism far into the future –
For once there was a beautiful land –
landscaped with special folk, fauna and flora,
Yet though it might be vanquished, it still remains,
oh how it remains - strong in our hearts and minds –
this our Beautiful Rhodesia.*

*And so the warm, rich soil shall forever guard our fallen,
for we shall never forget our Rhodesians who were.*

Denise Taylor 2009

In the Antipodes we generally do not do much on the 11th November, Armistice or Remembrance Day as it is called, which was also the day on which UDI was declared in Rhodesia in 1965 so ending our ties with Britain because:

- a) It is not a Public Holiday in New Zealand so we have to work or give up a day's pay;
- b) ANZAC Day takes precedence with organised parades etc.

Here in New Zealand (I am guessing that in Australia there are more) there are some localised gatherings, mostly at Returned Services clubs and among the military. All in all it is very low key in comparison to England, South Africa and Canada where the 11th November has more prominence.

I do not for a minute think that we should give up on ANZAC Day, but Eddy's email (as well as the fact that on this 11th November Colin and I were parked outside an RSA and saw a crowd of people inside who we would have liked to have joined) set my mind in motion – why should we not have our Rhodesia Day?

So my mind is made up - in future I am taking the day off. I will be greeting other Rhodesians with "Happy Rhodesia Day". I will spend some time in a RSA or similar, hopefully with some other Rhodesians, where we will treat matters accordingly remembering those who have passed on and the times that were. In future I will not be working on Rhodesia Day – it will be my own unofficial Public Holiday. I invite all Rhodesians around the world to follow the lead from Eddy Norris and Denise Taylor and in future mark 11th November as 'Rhodesia Day'.

The basis of this is entirely the result of the email that I got from Eddy Norris – thank you Eddy for opening my eyes (once again).

Armistice Day From Around The World

The following are excerpts from some emails that I received. These are by no means all that occurred on this day, merely a few bits and pieces to give the reader something to think about and perhaps act on next year. In particular I draw your attention to the reports from Scotland and Canada where contact would be desirable among other people in the area. Remember, on our website we have set up a map on which you can make entries and facilitate getting in contact with people in your vicinity. Use this link <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/guest-map.htm> then click the button at the bottom of the page, (do not be too concerned over exact location of your spot on the map as the List button is where you get all the details).

New Zealand – our thanks to ORAFS for details and photo.

Danny Hartman, Winston Hart and John Graham, together with their wives attended the Te Awamutu RSA.



L-R Winston and Felicity Hart, Danny and Eileen Hartman, John and Wendy Graham in front of the Cenotaph in Te Awamutu.

England

David Heppenstall reports:

"The Remembrance Service and Annual Luncheon went very well. We had about 120 for the Service which was taken by Robert Mercer, former Bishop of Matabeleland, (ex rifleman 2RRR) and just over 100 for the Luncheon which was the best attendance for several years."

Scotland

Les Defesche reports:

"We have a Garden of Remembrance here in Edinburgh and tomorrow I will lay a wreath to fallen comrades in honour of all brave Rhodesians. It is a pity I have to do it alone! But I suppose as long as one person remembers the fallen they are never forgotten."

Les would very much like to link up with other Rhodesians next year. Email me if you live in or near Edinburgh and I will pass it on.

Canada

Dave Ward in Nanaimo, British Columbia would like to link up with others next year. Email me if you want to make comms with Dave

Stalwarts Ron Zager and Ken Peake from North Bay, Ontario report:

"A bright and sunny day with no wind and fairly mild, not at all like the previous years where there was snow, sleet and wind. There has been a big upsurge in interest in Canada this year for Remembrance Day. At lunch Ken Peake and I sat with the Colonel in charge of the Canadian Air Force Base here in North Bay. He had no knowledge of the Rhodesian Bush War."



Ron Zager - adjacent to his left hand you can see the Rhodesia Regiment wreath.



Ron Zager

South Africa – our thanks to ORAFS for details and photos.

Gauteng

Extract from ORAFS

“Roland Charles writes:

Some photos of the Remembrance Service, November 08, 2009 at the Dickie Fritz Shellhole in Edenvale, Gauteng.

The mobile memorial was used for the first time, service was conducted by Bill Dogden, Army Chaplain.”



Durban

The SAS Memorial Service held on 14th November at the SAS Plinth, Garden of Remembrance, Flame Lily Park, Malvern, Durban had an open invitation to all forces. Representatives from RLI, Selous Scouts, RAR, Rhodesia Regiment, Rhodesian Air Force, BSAP, Natal Mounted Rifles and South African Special Forces attended.



Lt. General Peter Walls laying the first wreath.

'Mystery Plane' – resolved! By Nick Baalbergen

Last month we published a request from Nick Baalbergen nickbaalbergen@telkomsa.net regarding an old photo he was restoring featuring a biplane. He had a number of responses, principally from Chris Tamm in Hawaii, Bill Sykes in Zimbabwe and Dudley Wall in South Africa which resulted in Nick submitting the article below.

The plane featured in the photo is a De Havilland DH9, more specifically it was the "Voortrekker", the aircraft in which the final stage of the first London to Cape Town flight was completed by Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre van Ryneveld and Flight-Lieutenant CJ Quintin Brand. The following extract from De Havilland archival material positively identifies the aircraft:

"The DH9 saw long service in South Africa. Of the 100 aircraft presented to the Union as the Imperial Gift, 48 were DH9s. One of these machines was H5648, later named Voortrekker, on which Wing Commander HA van Ryneveld, DSO., MC (later Lt. Gen. Sir Pierre van Ryneveld), and F/L. C Q Brand, DSO, MC, DFC (later Air Vice Marshal Sir Quintin Brand), arrived at Cape Town on March 20th 1920, having flown from Brooklands. This first flight from England to Cape Town had been mostly accomplished in two Vickers Vimys, and the DH9 was used only to fly from Bulawayo to Cape Town."

At best, I had hoped to identify the manufacturer of the aircraft and perhaps the particular 'model' of the plane. The very specific identification of the plane enabled me to link this photo with two photos of the Vickers Vimy "Silver Queen II", which I had worked on several years earlier.

This particular DH9, the "Voortrekker", played an integral part in a very much bigger story, that of the first flight from London to Cape Town which made the annals of aviation history and the annals of South African aviation history in particular, the South African crew being the only one to complete the flight.

A short version of the story, with a very definite Rhodesian component, follows:

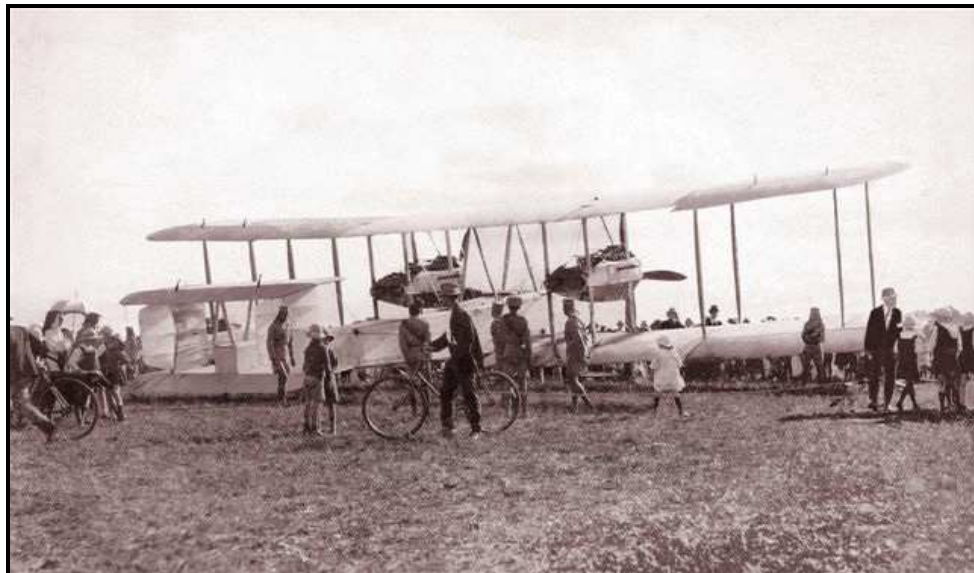
The First World War led to the rapid development of aircraft for military use. The as yet untapped commercial potential of civil aviation was quickly recognised at the end of WWI. Survey teams identified and defined a number of routes, one of them being the London to Cape Town route. The construction of a string of rudimentary airstrips along the length of the route was completed during 1919 and by the end of that year, the British Air Ministry declared the Cairo-Cape route open. Very soon after the announcement, five individual crews were preparing to make the inaugural flight. The London Times added a financial incentive by offering £10000 to the first person to complete the London to Cape flight.

Both Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre van Ryneveld and Flight-Lieutenant CJ Quintin Brand had seen service with the RAF during WWI. Both were South African born, CJ Quintin Brand being a nephew of President Brand of the Free State. After WWI, Pierre van Ryneveld was appointed by Gen. Smuts to establish and take command of the fledgling South African Air Force. The RAF had donated 100 aircraft to the Union of South Africa as an "Imperial Gift" to

establish the SAAF. Quintin Brand had remained with the RAF and was seconded to South Africa to assist with the re-assembly of the "Imperial Gift" aircraft on arrival in South Africa.

The two pilots teamed up to participate in the inaugural London-Cape flight in a converted Vickers Vimy bomber, named "Silver Queen", purchased by Gen. Smuts from the British Government for £4500. The South African team, consisting of the two pilots and a two man maintenance crew, was the last to set off from Brooklands on the 4th February 1920. Four weeks later, at 2.42pm on Tuesday 2nd March the South African team landed in Livingstone, having flown over the Victoria Falls on their approach. They were the only team remaining on the inaugural flight, the other four teams having to abandon their participation through mechanical failure and in one case, a crash, which the crew survived, but the plane was damaged beyond repair. The South African team had endured four weeks of extremely arduous flying and had survived a forced landing near Kurusku in Egypt. The fuselage of the "Silver Queen" was damaged beyond repair, but the engines were undamaged. The engines removed by the crew, were transported by boat and train to Cairo, where Gen. Smuts had purchased the frame of a second Vickers Vimy (F8615) from the RAF in Cairo. The engines were fitted to this second plane, now named "Silver Queen II" and the South African team resumed their flight on Sunday 22nd February.

A combination of bad weather and engine trouble delayed the departure of "Silver Queen II" until 8.40am on Friday, March 5th, when they took off from Livingstone bound for Bulawayo. They followed the railway line, with their progress being recorded by successive Station Masters along their route. The Bulawayo Racecourse had been prepared as one of the airfields along the route and preparations had been made to receive the "Silver Queen II" and her crew. Major AJ Tomlinson and Lieutenant D McLean of the British South Africa Police took charge of policing arrangements.



'Silver Queen II' - The first aeroplane to land in Southern Rhodesia. Bulawayo - Friday 5th March 1920. (Nick Baalbergen) See Note 1

The "Silver Queen II" landed just after 12.45pm on the 5th March 1920, the first aircraft to land on the soil of Southern Rhodesia. The aircraft was cordoned off to keep the hundreds of curious locals at some distance. The crew were formally received by Mayor James Cowden and Acting Town Clerk F Fitch, after which the party proceeded to the Grand Hotel for a civic luncheon. On the following morning, Saturday 6th March, after the completion of pre flight preparation, the "Silver Queen II" took off at 7.55am. The engines laboured on take off, the plane just clearing the vegetation at the end of the airstrip. Shortly thereafter the engines failed and the "Silver Queen II" crashed in the bush just beyond the Matsheumhlope River. Although badly shaken and bruised, none of the four man crew sustained serious injuries. The "Silver Queen II" was damaged beyond repair.



The 'Silver Queen II' - Crashed leaving Bulawayo - Saturday 6th March 1920. (Nick Baalbergen) [See Note 2](#)

Shortly after the crash, the pilots received a telegram from Gen. Smuts advising that an aircraft would be made available as soon as possible to enable them to complete the flight. The crates containing the dismantled "Imperial Gift" aircraft had started to arrive in Pretoria and Gen. Smuts instructed staff at Roberts Heights (Military Base) to assemble a DH9 and prepare it to be flown to Bulawayo. De Havilland DH9 H5648 was assembled for this purpose. After the necessary checks, the plane, still in its RAF livery, was flown to Bulawayo via Palapye (Bechuanaland) by Lieutenant John Holthouse and Major Court Treatt as navigator, arriving at 2.20pm on Tuesday, March 16th. The DH9 could only accommodate a crew of two, so the two man mechanical team completed the journey by train.



The 'Voortrekker' - De Havilland DH 9 (Fuselage Number H5648) prior to take off on the final stage of the 1st London to Cape Town flight, Bulawayo 17th March 1920. (Nick Baalbergen)

At 6.30 the next morning, Wednesday 17th March, the two pilots took off on the final stage of the journey. The remainder of the flight to Cape Town in the "Voortrekker" was uneventful landing at Young's Field at Cape Town at 4pm on Saturday 20th March 1920.

Both van Ryneveld and Quinton Brand were knighted for this achievement. Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, who rose to become Chief of the General Staff, Union Defence Forces, retired to his farm near Pretoria in 1949. Air Vice Marshal Sir Quintin Brand, after a distinguished career in the RAF and the British Air Ministry, retired to Rhodesia where he was associated with pioneering viticulture in the Eastern Highlands. A grandson of Sir Quintin Brand served in the Rhodesian Air Force.

The following interesting notes were made by Dudley Wall:

Note 1

Most of the guys guarding the plane are wearing headgear with the neck flap down (much like our 'combat caps') The guy directly behind the handlebars of the bike, is wearing a "Fezz", and must be from a different outfit. The guy directly behind the back wheel of the bike, has different headgear - an NCO or Officer perhaps. I can say for certain

that the chaps with the strange headgear and neck flaps are 1st Battalion Rhodesian Native Regiment (which became the Rhodesian African Rifles after the end of WWII). The RNR was raised in 1916 and also had quite a few Nyasa chaps in their ranks. This type of headgear was also issued to the Kings African Rifles and all their Askaris wore them. Therefore there is a slight chance that they may be from the 1st or 2nd Bn. KAR. Both of these battalion recruited solely from Nyasaland.

Note 2

The BSAP mounted troopers all wore Wolesley pattern pith helmets at that time up until the end of WWII. After WWII the BSAP tended to use the Wolesley pattern helmet for ceremonial duties and painted them white adding a brass spike to the tops. This continued right up to 1979 - 1980. The mounted chaps are definitely troopers from the BSAP as they are wearing the Wolesley pattern helmets and one chap is wearing a brown leather cross belt of the period.

Regimental Rumours by 'Stompie'

Greetings all,

I hope this finds everyone well and happily preparing for the forthcoming festive season – hopefully not like the person in the story below who must take the biscuit for dim wittedness:

"Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol and Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 15th anniversary and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Julie. What I came across was a 100,000 volt, pocket/purse sized tazer.

The effects of the tazer were supposed to be short lived, with no long-term adverse affect on your assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety....??

Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home. I loaded two AAA batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button....Nothing!

I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button and pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs.

AWESOME!!! Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Julie what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave.

Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two AAA batteries, right?

There I sat in my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh and blood moving target. I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and then thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and tazer in another. The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; and a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water. Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries. All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about five inches long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference (loaded with two itsy, bitsy AAA batteries); pretty cute really, and thinking to myself, 'no possible way!' What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best ...

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side so as to say, 'Don't do it stupid,' reasoning that a one second burst from such a tiny li'l ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one second burst just for heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and ...

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ... WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ... WHAT THE!!!

I'm pretty sure Hulk Hogan ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the foetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs!

The cat was making meowing sounds I had never heard before, clinging to a picture frame hanging above the fireplace, obviously in an attempt to avoid getting slammed by my body flopping all over the living room.

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a tazer, one note of caution: there is NO such thing as a one second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor! A three second burst would be considered conservative!

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape.

My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. The recliner was upside down and about eight feet or so from where it originally was. My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching. My face felt like it had been shot up with Novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs. I had no control over the drooling.

Apparently I had crapped in my shorts, but was too numb to know for sure, and my sense of smell was gone. I saw a faint smoke cloud above my head, which I believe came from my hair. I'm still looking for my testicles and I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!

P.S. My wife can't stop laughing about my experience, loved the gift and now regularly threatens me with it!"

Hey! Listen up all you scaley buggers, and I know there are more than a few of you out there who answer this description. Now, I know that you can read because I have seen you buying beer and noted that you can pick between brands and prices. Over this last half year I have not been getting the stories from you that I would have expected. I know I went off to look after my tannie for a month, but that is no excuse to slack off. I know that your RSMs had a hard time with you 'back in the days' and now that responsibility has transferred to the poor women who you may or may not live with.

Pas op, here is your warning; If you do not fess up and give me a few stories under the full anonymity blanket, I will remove all rights of name suppression and boldly go where no one has been before. I will publish a few of the stories I have heard of and include the skelem's names for all to see. So, think about it for five seconds, make the right decision and let's have some of those stories that you are so fond of telling your buddies around the bar! If you are incapable of typing and cannot find anyone who can, no matter as I am sure we can make a plan. Just send an email to stompie@rhodesianservices.org and I will help you not only ease your cluttered conscience but to bring some light hearted mirth to the many readers of this fine publication. As you all know – laughter is the best medicine and so you skates will be helping others.

So folks, until next time, go well, go safe.

Stompie



Grunter's Good Oil

Greetings everyone and 'thank you' for those of you who have written in. Your picks and snippets are most welcome.

The International Rugby season has come to an end and what a year it has been for the Springboks, apart from a poor end of year tour that saw a very jaded Bok team beaten by France and Ireland. You could see the guys were a spent force and they struggled to lift themselves to the heights of the Lions Series and Tri-Nations. There is, however, one incident that leaves a really sour taste in my mouth and that was the snubbing of Fourie Du Preez by the IRB for International player of the year. If ever there was a clear cut winner this season it was Du Preez, and yet the title went to Richie McCaw!

We all know that McCaw is one of the best to have played the game and is a very fine player, but this year he has not been as good as Du Preez. (I think most NZ scribes even admitted that he was out played this year by Heinrich Brussow). This year McCaw's only trophy has been the Bledisloe, which as you know is only between two countries. He did not even have a great Super 14 and missed the opening AB tests through injury. Du Preez was the mastermind this season for the Bulls and Boks in winning the Super 14, Lions Series, Tri-Nations and Currie

Cup. He has been nothing short of brilliant in every game. I believe from inside sources that he is very instrumental in running the team during practices.

For the last couple of months every time I have talked rugby here in NZ I have said that if Fourie Du Preez does not win the player of the year this year then something is wrong, and not one person has disagreed with me. I thought he might get stiff competition from Brian O'Driscoll who also had a fine year, but not as good as Du Preez. I thought with a Northern Hemisphere bias he might get it, but not McCaw. I was completely gob smacked and thought I had heard wrong. I think without doubt, for some reason, the Springboks get unfair treatment when it comes to disciplinary hearings and anything to do with the IRB and referees. There is something seriously wrong. Remember the warning about not playing at the World Cup after the players' support for Bakkies Botha? I don't know what can be done about it, probably not much. This and the Boks poor end of season tour has left a real bad taste in my mouth.

However, next year will be better!

Please send in your views to fourstreams@clear.net.nz

As we come to the end of another year I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful Christmas and good health in 2010.

Best Regards,

Grunter

What's On In New Zealand?

AUCKLAND

If you reside in the Auckland area, email Wolf and Alison Hucke at whucke@slingshot.co.nz for more details of the monthly social meetings that will be held in 2010. Generally these are on the third Saturday of the month. All are welcome.

TAURANGA

The Garrison Club run by the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. On the 2nd Friday of every month we put on a meal and show a movie. Email me at hbomford@clear.net.nz to get on that mailing list to see what is on and notification of any changes.

HAMILTON

Please contact Tinka Mushett mushett@slingshot.co.nz for more details.

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. Christmas is just around the corner and remember that the postal services go to the pack and delays are experienced. If you want medals that have to be engraved and mounted, we need a couple of weeks under normal circumstances and longer if someone in the chain is off sick or on leave, so please allow time when placing your orders.

On the CQ Store web page you can now download and print off a catalogue of the entire store. This is useful to pass on to people who do not have computer access.

If you are ordering for Christmas it is too late to guarantee delivery in time if you live outside New Zealand. For New Zealand residents, please get your order in ASAP.

This is a second plug for Badges on Mugs. The product (sample pictured below) is brilliant and the service second to none. A number of you have already made orders from which we will get a donation. Thank you for your support.

The range of images available is being increased all the time. In addition to all the Rhodesian unit badges, you can get the Lion and Tusk as used by Rhodesian sports teams, Flame Lily, Royal Rhodesian Air Force and WWII Rhodesian designated squadrons. We have plenty of plans and ideas for future designs so please keep going back for a look at www.badgesonmugs.co.uk

They look good and can survive years of dishwasher cleaning.



As explained last month, for each order that uses **RSA** in the voucher box (which is above the box which asks for your email address during the purchase process), Badges on Mugs will donate £1.50 to the Rhodesian Services Association. When you use the link www.badgesonmugs.co.uk you will be taken to their home page. Look down the left hand side you will find the 'Rhodesia' link which will take you to the selection of mugs. Each mug has a badge on both sides and in addition, for no extra cost you can personalise it with a name and/or regimental number - all for £7 plus postage.

The site is very easy to navigate. Don't forget to use **RSA** in the voucher box and you will be helping us to keep developing our museum displays.

New Product - Full size copy of the Rhodesian Medal for Territorial or Reserve Service pictured below.



This medal was awarded after 12 years of unbroken service in the Territorial, Volunteer and Reserve forces with clasps for 18 and 24 years. We can access records to help with any queries regarding entitlement.

It is an excellent reproduction, cast from solid silver and the lion and crosses are plated with 18ct. gold. It is 100% New Zealand made.

Price - \$150 plus postage. Engraved with number, rank, initials, surname add \$12.50.

Terrorism Stops Here Poster

We have recently recovered another in the Rhodesian Army recruitment series and had it digitally repaired and copied as below.



Originals of these posters are exceedingly rare, so we have reproduced them in order that people can share a great piece of memorabilia at an affordable price. We have reproduced the statement regarding Rhodesian Security Forces being professional soldiers and not mercenaries on the front of posters. On the original this statement was on the back and not generally visible.

It measures approx 750mm x 550mm. Price \$50 plus postage. All our posters are printed with top quality inks on 280 micron photo-matt heavyweight paper.

Motorbike Number Plate Surrounds

We have been given some number plate surrounds suitable for standard NZ bike plates by Deon Potgeiter who holds the patent for them. They will fit a plate measuring 100mm. x 260mm. Can bike owners in NZ contact me if they are interested in purchasing plate surrounds similar to the car ones we stock? Can readers outside NZ tell me if this will fit your bikes?

CQ STORE INVENTORY

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
Bullion wire blazer pocket badge – Rhodesia Regiment	\$100
Business Card Holder – stainless steel with Lion & Tusk engraved	\$20
Berets	\$50
Lapel pin - Para Wings – gold plate or Enamel	\$15
Lapel Pin – Rhodesian Flag	\$10
Lion & Tusk Aprons	\$30
Lion & Tusk Baseball Caps	\$25
Lion & Tusk Beanies green, black or other (even pink!) on request	\$22
Lion & Tusk Dog Tags	\$30
Lion & Tusk Polar Fleece jackets – long sleeved in green, black, navy	\$65
Lion & Tusk Polo shirts - black or green	\$38
Lion & Tusk T-shirts - black or green	\$30
Lion & Tusk Women's v-neck stretch shirts - black	\$30
Medal Ribbon Devices – MFC, Commissioner's Commendation, bars etc.	\$30
Name badge – resin coated	\$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
NEW Poster "Terrorism Stops Here!" 2 in series now	\$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
Regimental ties – Rhodesia Regiment	\$45
Regimental ties – Rhodesian African Rifles	\$40
Regimental ties – SAS (badged SAS only)	\$55
Rhodesian General Service Medal copy (silver plate bronze) full size medal with ribbon	\$100
Rhodesian General Service Medal full size copy (solid silver) with ribbon	\$125
Rhodesian General Service Medal ribbon – full size	\$10/length
Rhodesian General Service Medal miniature (solid silver) with ribbon	\$40
Rhodesian General Service Medal ribbon - miniature	\$10/length
NEW! Rhodesian Medal for Territorial or Reserve Service full size copy (solid silver & gold) with ribbon	\$150
Rhodesian Police Long Service Medal full size copy (solid silver) with ribbon	\$160
Southern Rhodesia War Service Medal full size copy (solid silver) with ribbon	\$150

Rhodesian Flag 3' x 5' (900mm x 1500mm) ready to fly	\$40
Rhodesian Flag, embroidered 110mm x 50mm	\$20
Rhodesian replica rugby jerseys – short or long sleeve	\$110
Unofficial Rhodesian Combat Infantry Badge full size	\$22.50
Unofficial Rhodesian Combat Infantry Badge miniature	\$15
Various medal ribbons – please inquire	POA
Various full size & miniature medals – please inquire	POA
Various small embroidered badges (RLI & BSAP)	\$5
Zimbabwe Independence Medal copy - full size with ribbon	\$50
Zimbabwe Independence Medal full size ribbon	\$10/length
Zimbabwe Independence Medal miniature with ribbon	\$35
Zimbabwe Independence Medal miniature ribbon	\$10/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 can be found on the link above. Hurry if you want something in time for Christmas.

I have recently listed a number of good quality, hard to get, second hand books:

- Fighting Vehicles and Weapons of Rhodesia 1965-80
- Pamwe Chete - The Legend of the Selous Scouts
- The Elite Rhodesian Special Air Service Pictorial
- Rhodesian Sports Profiles 1907-1979 with a supplementary feature on the Zimbabwe Women's Hockey Team, Gold Medalists at the Moscow Olympics in 1980



History of the Rhodesia Regiment Book Project



This revised project has been turning up some real gems and material that I personally never thought we would get. The WWI era is fascinating and it will be a privilege to bring to the public forum a better understanding of the roll played by the Rhodesia Regiment in East and South West Africa.

Currently we are looking for input from soldiers who served during and post the Federation period. Please contact us per details below and keep forwarding any material and reminiscences that you have.

Hugh Bomford hbomford@clear.net.nz

Chris Cocks info@30degreessouth.co.za

The Global Forked Stick

Roan Antelope Music – John Edmond www.johnedmond.co.za or email johnedmond@senco.co.za Phone +27 (0)14 735 0774

Australian Residents

Look out for one of our Rhodesian Flag Lapel Pins being worn by Graham Hunter, a journalist with Seven News in Adelaide. Seven News is a 30-minute news, sport and weather program from 6 pm. to 6.30 pm. which shows seven days a week. Graham specialises in reporting from the civil and criminal courts.

The CQ Store will send a Rhodesian Flag Lapel Pin free of all charges, to the first person to email in stating what date and time they saw Graham wearing his.



Editor's note – this lapel pin is a very popular item from the CQ Store and an increasing number of us wear them as an everyday item. I can state that they are very hard wearing as mine has been through the washing machine several times!

Umtali High School song

Stella Abrams nevandstell@iinet.net.au would like to get the music score of "Ex Montibus Robur", the Umtali High School song. Please email her if you can assist.

Biltong

Mike Vivier in Blenheim, NZ is distributing biltong and will make a donation to the Rhodesian Services Association for every sale that is generated from RhSA advertising.

He currently stocks 50g packets at \$ 7.50 and 100g packets at \$11.99 plus postage. The product is 99% dry so you are not buying water. Mike will be adding different flavours and styles of biltong as well as droewors to his inventory. Please email Mike at mike_jovivier@xtra.co.nz and remember to say you heard it from the Rhodesian Services Association.



Rhodesian Air Force shirts and caps

Nigel Fotheringham has RhAF caps and polo shirts available per prices below. Please email him at nigel@merlynproducts.com.au for orders

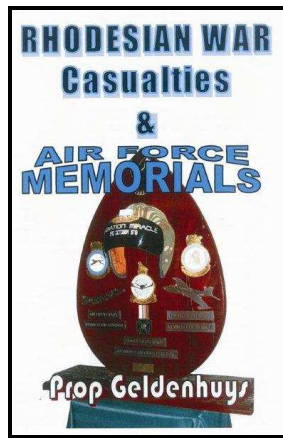
Excluding postage:

Shirts in Navy or Royal Blue – Australia, AU\$35; South Africa, R250; New Zealand, NZ\$44; UK, £20; USA, US\$33
Caps in Navy Blue - Australia, AU\$20; South Africa, R140; New Zealand, NZ\$25; UK, £12; USA, US\$18.70



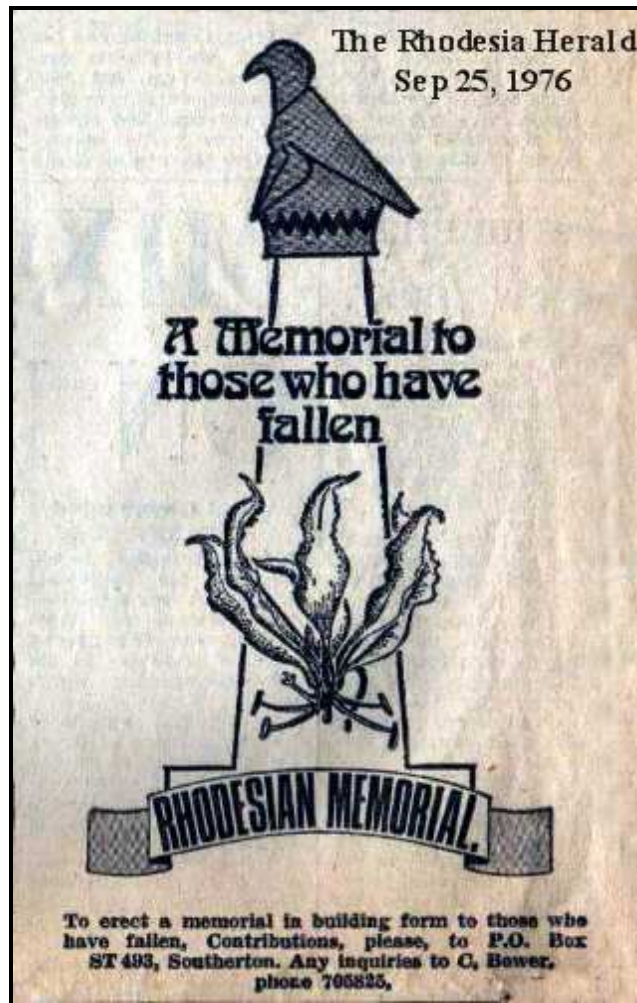
Rhodesian War Casualties and Air Force Memorials

Prop Geldenhuys is delighted to advise that his new book "Rhodesian War Casualties" is now available. Please order direct from Prop at pey@lantic.net R220 plus postage. It is an ideal companion to his other publications.



Proposed Rhodesian Memorial – extracted from ORAFS

A copy of the Rhodesia Herald from Saturday, 25th September 1976 was recently made available to ORAFs by Rick Van Malsen. If anyone has any knowledge of the project please email Eddy Norris at orafs11@gmail.com



Until next time - go well.

Cheers
Hugh

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