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Greetings,

Compliments of the season to you and your families – may 2019 be a wonderful year for us all.



For me this year has blasted past at lightning speed. The establishment and opening of The Lion & Tusk – Museum of the Rhodesian Services Association has occupied much of my spare time away from my daily business activities. Any surplus time in the evenings has been spent with the Rhodesian Forces Archives Project. I hope to be able to report the completion of the full Rhodesian Roll of Honour 1890 – 1980 in due course. See <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/rhodesian-forces-archives-project.htm>

I continue to recommend that people join our Facebook group (search for Rhodesian Services Association or use this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/152017521536350/>) in order to receive daily publications of the full Rhodesian Roll of Honour 1890 – 1980; updates on The Lion & Tusk Museum developments as well as other interesting comments and discussions. I assure you that our group is well run and does not tolerate the kind of bad behaviour that seems to prevail in other areas of social media.



We have now firmly established the biggest Rhodesian museum outside Africa.

In May 2018 we rented an industrial unit at Unit 10, 14 Portside Drive, Mount Maunganui, New Zealand. Our Curator, Tony Fraser together with volunteer helpers – principally Ray Crafts and Aat van Dijk built the displays into an all-

encompassing museum which was presented to the public on 10 November 2018 for our Official Opening. Ray is a Kiwi of Scottish descent and Aat is a Kiwi of Dutch descent; neither have ever been to Africa and much less to Rhodesia or Zimbabwe. Their tireless voluntary attendance to help us build our museum was outstanding.

Around 130 people attended the Official Opening. The weather was clear and sunny which was just as well because the large crowd had to watch from outside. Former BSAP Detective Inspector Henry Resink initiated proceedings with a blessing and benediction of the building and contents. Mike O'Rourke followed on from Henry giving folks a background appreciation of what our Association has been doing. His speech cumulated with the presentation of gifts to Ray Crafts and Aat van Dijk for their voluntary services and with the presentation of the Glynn Floating Trophy to Graham Skinner for the example that he has set in support of our Association and encouragement to others.

To complete proceedings Henry Resink attended the Memorial Garden to carry out a blessing and benediction of the three Rolls of Honour. Unfortunately the Memorial Garden area could not accommodate all those attending so a few accompanied Henry for what was an extremely moving section of the opening ceremony.

I thank all those who made this happen – it was a momentous day.

Work at the museum continues with emphasis now on cataloguing every object in the museum and the museum collection. Each object and its details are available to the public from the portal page titled Rhodesian Forces Archives Project on our website or by using this link <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/rhodesian-forces-archives-project.htm> and then clicking on the left hand Lion & Tusk image 'Museum & Archives'.

In this way people unable to visit the museum can see what objects are on display.

Please make a note of this website which has been set up solely for the museum in order for people to be able to see opening hours, events etc. <http://thelionandtusk.org/>

Advertising The Lion & Tusk Museum and improving our internet profile is something that you can all do:

- Tell people about us – point them to our website <http://thelionandtusk.org/>
- When you have visited us put a review up on TripAdvisor and/or Google – search for us using The Lion and Tusk Museum

Here are a selection of recent photos:



**L-R: View from outside; Entrance to the CQ Store**



Views of the CQ Store

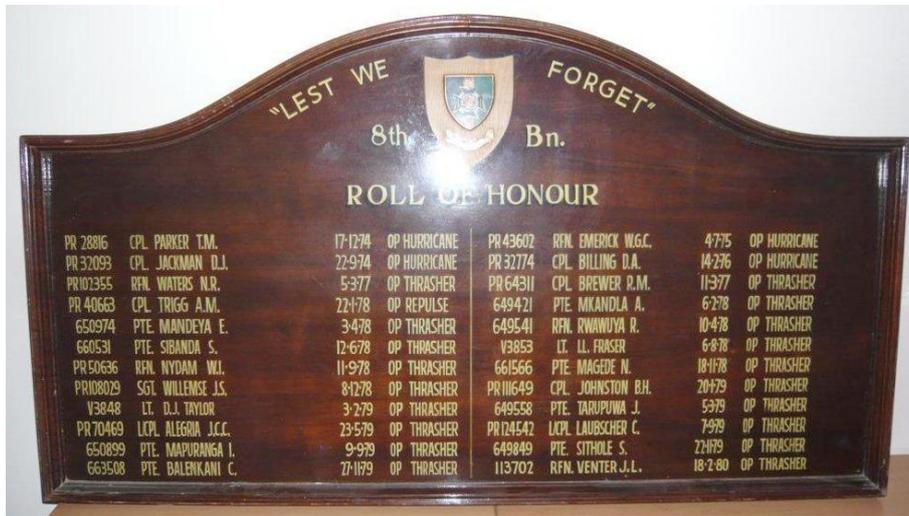


CQ Store



**Memorial Garden. Rolls of Honour L-R: 4<sup>th</sup> (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment Sergeants and Warrant Officers Mess; 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Rhodesia Regiment, full 4<sup>th</sup> (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment.**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December we anticipate to receive the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Rhodesia Regiment Roll of Honour, image inserted below. It is intended that a full report will be forthcoming about all these very precious pieces of Rhodesian history and how they are now on public display in an appropriate section of our museum.



**8th Battalion Rhodesia Regiment Roll of Honour**

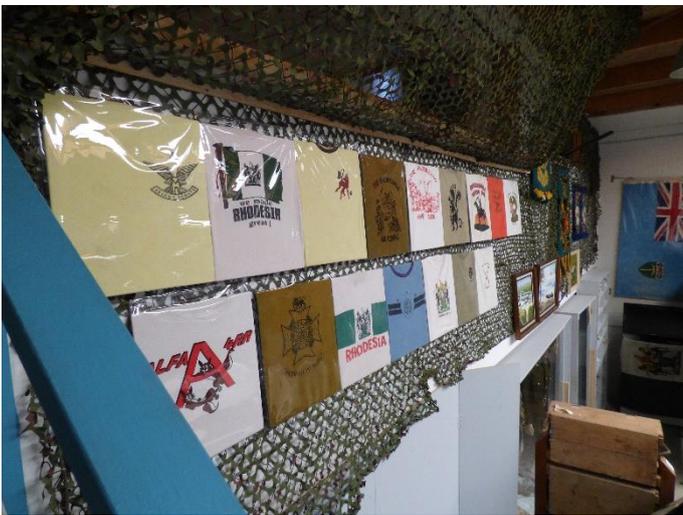


**The Library – which is now at a point where loans of books can be made**

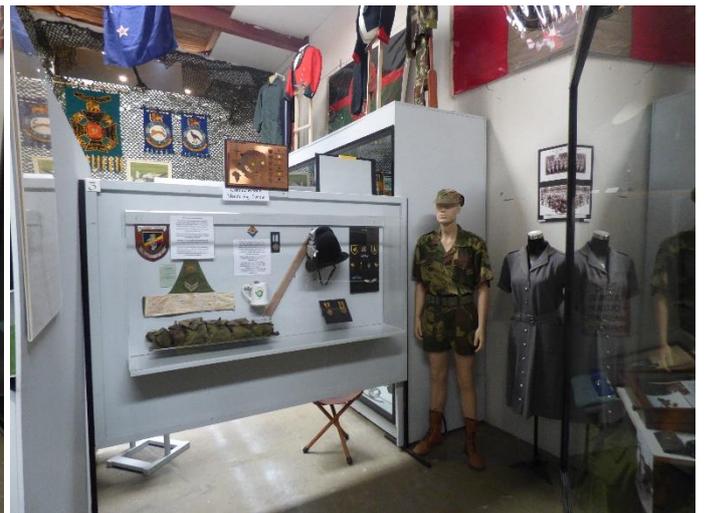


Views of the Bunker

The following images are various views of displays







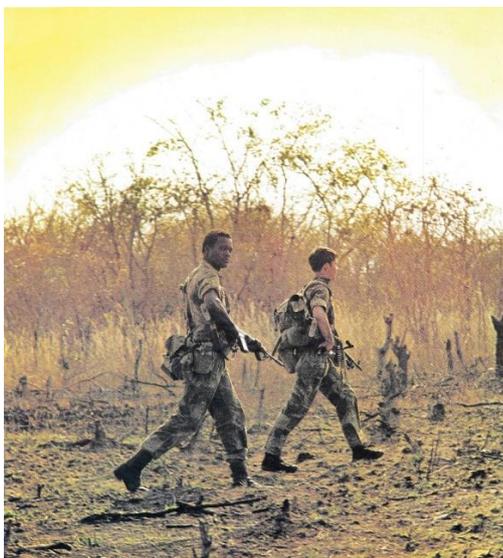


I cannot stress how vital it is for everyone with a connection to or interest in Rhodesia to support this project. Our income is derived from sale of goods in our CQ Store, membership subscriptions and donations. Here is how you support us:

**CQ Sales:** Go to this page to see what we have in store: <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm>

**Financial Membership:** email our Secretary at [thesecretary@rhodesianservices.org](mailto:thesecretary@rhodesianservices.org) for payment details. Current annual subscription is only NZ\$15

**Donations:** We have set up a Givealittle page where people can make a donation or set up regular payments. Use this link <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/rhodesian-services-association-incorporated>



### **Tim Forde – Tour d’Afrique**

Tim Forde is riding the Tour d’Afrique. This is an 11,220 kms bicycle journey from Cairo to Cape Town to raise funds for the Lion & Tusk Museum.



**Tim Forde in training in Australia**

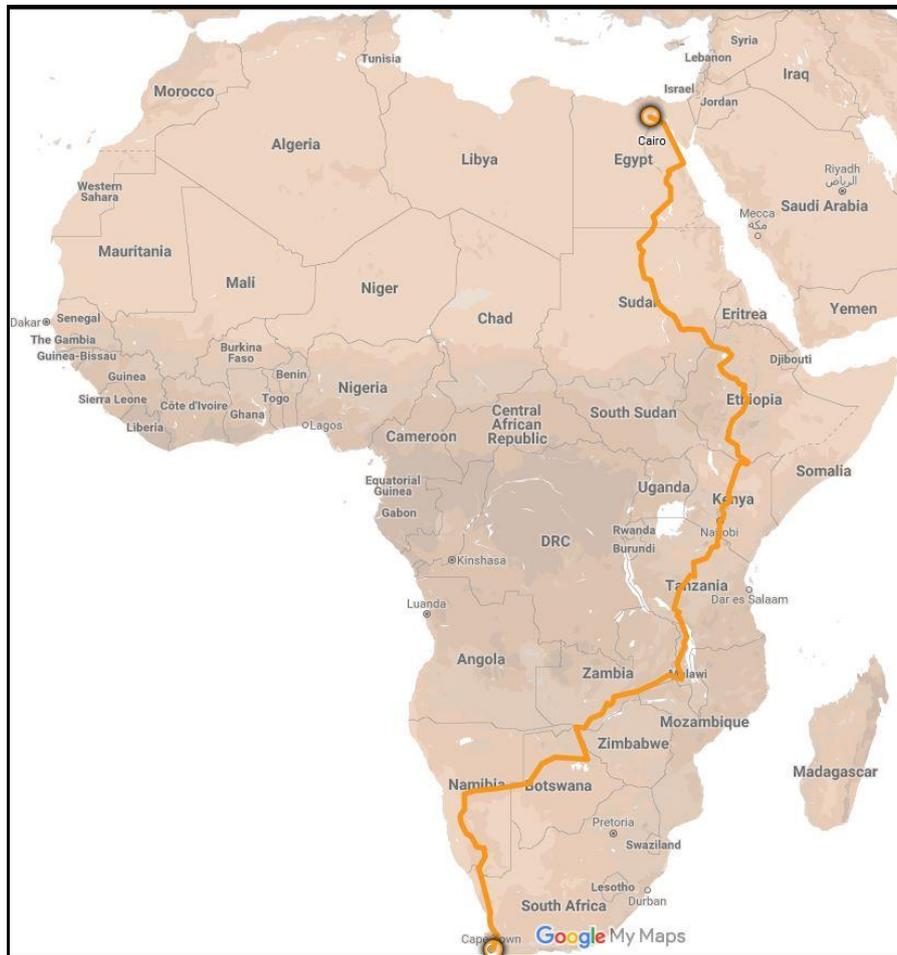
Tim was born in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, one of eight children; five sisters and two brothers. He went to school at St Thomas Aquinas, Greenfield in Bellevue and Hamilton High. He did his National Service in 1971 with Intake 119 and then served with the 4th (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment, Anti-Tank Platoon.

Tim is undertaking this ride, also in memory of his two deceased brothers, both who died in their early 50's: Patrick and Liam (who was also known as 'Bones').

Tim begins his ride on 17 January 2019 in Cairo, Egypt and is set to finish in Cape Town, South Africa on 12 May 2019

Here is where you can contribute: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/tim-forde-cycling-the-11220km-tour-dafrique>

This is one hell of a ride people – Tim is going to give it his all so please show him that you support him and click on the link above. Please share this link with others as well.



**Tour d'Afrique route**

**Association Briefs:**

**Annual RV**

The incoming Committee is to plan the next RV which will be in late February 2019.

**ANZAC Day – New Zealand**

Focus and support of future ANZAC Day parades based at the Lion & Tusk Museum is the primary focus of the Association now. For all these years we have yearned to have our own base. Now that we have reached our goal - let's use it.

For those people who cannot make the journey south from Auckland, the Association will lend support to the continuation of the parade at the Hobsonville RSA.

**CQ Store**

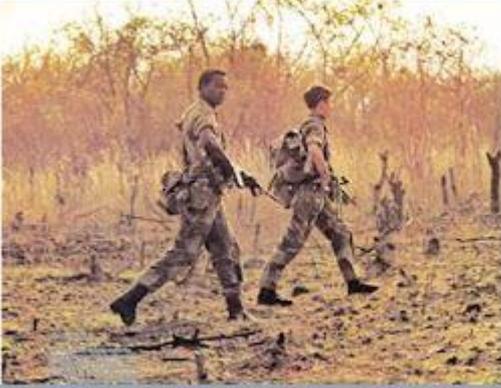
We have all items on display at The Lion & Tusk Museum or you can view everything on line at <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm>

As well as our PayPal account we now have an EFTPOS terminal so we can offer a wider range of payment options. To make an on-line order email [thecqstore@rhodesianservices.org](mailto:thecqstore@rhodesianservices.org) and we will give you a quote and payment options.

That's all folks, so until next time – go well.

Cheers  
Hugh

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