



# Contact! Contact!

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Greetings,

Please note the reference to Rhodesia Day at the bottom of this publication. In future, every issue of **Contact! Contact!** will carry this notice. Remember please the concept was not my original idea. It was one of the many pieces of good advice that I picked up from Eddy Norris of ORAFS who, together with his daughter Denise Taylor, began promoting Rhodesia Day in 2009. Our December 2009 edition of **Contact! Contact!** contained a poem by Denise.

The RLI Association has been gaining momentum around the world. This year they celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday. So far this year there have been events in England and South Africa. I have combined the contents of a number of emails into one article below. I was also privileged to receive General Walls's speech made at the South African event for publication in **Contact! Contact!** It is an important speech and one that you should take time to read thoroughly.

Stompie's column gives us our first look into the treasure trove of material that will be revealed in future issues of **Contact! Contact!** Stompie assures me that these letters are absolutely genuine. It is clear that Stompie's late auntie was very well connected and led a very interesting life to have ended up with this material. Stompie once intimated to me that the location of Lobengula's gold was a well guarded family secret. Who am I to argue? I choose to keep an open mind in terms of Stompie's stories because you just never know – it may be true. Whatever your views I trust that it will be entertaining and educational.

There are a number of subscribers who served in Rhodesia and are now serving in forces around the world. Some of you have sons, daughters or grandchildren serving in security forces. I would like to publish pieces about you and yours in future issues of Contact! Contact!. I realise that there may be sensitivity involved so I am not expecting a novel nor much detail. No matter what you can provide I would welcome your input.

### 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](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz) if required.



From ORAFS:

*"Phil and Sue Wright have advised of the passing of **Dick Christie** in Cape Town during the evening of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. He had suffered a stroke in the past.*

*Dick was a Volunteer Reserve Pilot in the Rhodesian Air Force and his tales will be forever remembered. He was a Professor of Law and held senior posts at the University of Rhodesia and later at the University of Cape Town."*

*"Royle Godwin writes from Australia:*

**Walter 'Wally' Godwin**, twin brother to my father, passed away in Brisbane, Australia yesterday (25<sup>th</sup> February 2010).

Email addresses of the family are below:

Gayle Forse [biggforse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:biggforse@bigpond.net.au)

Barry Godwin, eldest son of Walter and Sheila Godwin [bwgodwin@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bwgodwin@optusnet.com.au)

Richard Godwin, youngest son [richard\\_j\\_godwin@yahoo.com](mailto:richard_j_godwin@yahoo.com)

*The funeral is on Monday in Brisbane but do not know location as of this moment."*

Chris Whitehead writes:

*"Dear all,*

*It is with great sadness that I have to report to you the passing of **Erica Barton** in Canada.*

*This is the message I received from Thea and Andrew Schoeman earlier today "I thought I would just like to let you all know about dear Erica who has passed away after a long and painful illness with cancer. Love to you all. Thea and Andrew."*

*Please keep Wally and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Wally can be contacted at [whbarton@telus.net](mailto:whbarton@telus.net)*

*Best wishes*

*Chris Whitehead"*

**Mike Mason** died in Zimbabwe of a heart attack aged 49 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010. He had farmed near Tengwe before he was chased off.

This is a tribute to Mike by Emma Hurd of Sky News.

*"They are the unsung heroes of Sky's foreign news coverage – the local fixers without whom many of our stories would never make it to the screen.*

*This is a tribute to one of those fixers, a remarkable man called Mike Mason, our fixer in Zimbabwe, who has died suddenly at the age of 49. Mike repeatedly risked his own safety to help us report from Mugabe's Zimbabwe at a time when all western journalists were banned, writes Sky News Africa correspondent Emma Hurd.*

*He was determined to help us show what was happening to his country as the President tried to keep the eyes of the world away. Mike was a former white farmer who was kicked off his land by Mugabe's henchmen. But his primary concern was not the fate of his fellow farmers but the plight of the majority black population facing hunger and persecution. Through his contacts, and thanks to his courage, we were able to tell their stories through the violence of the 2008 election and beyond. When we couldn't risk filming publicly in a country where we faced jail if we were caught, Mike would film for us. He brought us some of the most striking images of the disputed election - pictures of the opposition MDC supporters who had been beaten by Zanu PF thugs. He combined the role of cameraman with paramedic, loading the injured into his car to take them to a safe place for treatment.*

*In February 2009 I accepted an award from the Royal Television Society on behalf of all the men and women who worked with the foreign media in Zimbabwe. It was long overdue recognition of those, like Mike, who have been so crucial in helping us to cover one of the most important stories in Africa. They are our eyes and ears in a country where telling the truth still has consequences. Despite the supposed lifting of reporting restrictions a newspaper publisher was arrested just last week for printing an article Mugabe's regime didn't like.*

*Mike never sought a career in journalism and he wasn't interested in glory or recognition for his work. He was just a man who loved his country and believed that the story should be told. His friendship, humour and infectious joy for life, despite all of its adversities, will be much missed."*

Brian Steane writes:

*"Dear Hugh.*

**Doug Elliot** passed away in the UK on January 17<sup>th</sup> after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

*Doug was a founder member of the Mashonaland Flying Club at Charles Prince Airport and was a keen power and glider pilot. He was well known in the flying world, so many of your "ex blue jobs" may remember him. He was involved in the Bush War flying the Warren Hills Gliding Club's tow aircraft (a Piper Super Cub) as "top cover" for the civilian convoys travelling between Fort Victoria and Beit Bridge. Doug leaves a wife, Liz, who is in the UK, and a daughter Bridget who lives in Australia. Liz may be contacted at [aero1938@btinternet.com](mailto:aero1938@btinternet.com)*

*I got to know Doug well when I was the Chairman of the Warren Hills Gliding Club and he was the CFI in the '80s.*

Regards  
Brian"

## **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 remember to let me know if you are changing your email address.

- **Lynne Faulkner-Low** – Australia
- **Phill Lawton** – Australia (our RLI subscribers must be in contact with him I suspect)
- **James Hynes** – was Intake 147
- **Mike Buchanan** – Australia

## **Museum Collection and Display News**

We have all had the distraction of paying work and other commitments interfering with work on the displays this month.

### **Model Sponsorship**

The immediate response to the appeal in the last newsletter was amazing. I worked on a 'first come, first serve' basis with emails flying around the world with people's first choice not always being available. All the models are now spoken for except for the SAI Marchetti SP260 M - Warrior (armed version of the Genet pictured below).



The current sponsors list is as follows:

- Hunter FGA9 – model kit donated by David Merret
- Vampire T11- sponsored by Grahame Jelley and family
- Canberra B2 - sponsored by Grahame Jelley and family
- Cessna 337 (Lynx) - sponsored by Gavin Baker
- Alouette K Car - sponsored by Bryony Bomford
- Bell 205 (Cheetah) - sponsored by Kevin Graham
- C47 Para Dak - sponsored by Chuck Osborne and family
- Alouette G Car - Books of Zimbabwe

We will also be adding a model of an Eland 60 (pictured below) which were used for defence of some airfields. If you were in the Rhodesian Air Force and operated these you may like to sponsor this model. The Eland 60 had a breech loading 60mm mortar instead of a 90mm gun. We believe that they were on loan from South Africa. If you have any information or are in the photo below we would like to hear from you.



## Rhodesian Light Infantry Association news from around the world

The RLI Association welcomes new members from former serving members as well associate members who did not serve with the unit. You should visit their website [www.therli.com](http://www.therli.com) for more details. The photos below are only a representation of what I have been sent. There are far more on the RLI website.

Lt. Gen Peter Walls gave the following speech to the RLI 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash in Durban, South Africa on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

*"Hullo You Ouens and Your Families*

*When I spoke to the Battalion on my Farewell Parade in 1967 I said "If I ever find myself in a hole, a slit trench or foxhole, I hope I'll be sharing it with somebody from the RLI". I'm here, and speak as one who is just glad to belong here, in this wonderful gathering, and as one who is a brother in our Association.*

*But first I would like to congratulate the Committee, and in particular, the Chairman of the Africa Branch, for bringing in such initiative and energy, culminating in us all being here this week-end. 'Band of Brothers' is a much bandied-about phrase these days, but this is indeed a getting-together to celebrate, and give thanks for, the proud and living memories of a prestigious 'Band of Brothers'. And secondly, may I add my congratulations for his presence to Martyn Hudson, known as 'Pudding' I believe, from the UK, the CEO of our RLI Association.*

*As a General, I should be wary of shooting off my mouth. Some of you may know of the qualities of Field-Marshal Lord Wavell, a remarkable soldier, a gifted leader of men, but thoroughly modest and likeable; I had reason to benefit personally from his stated praise of Rhodesians. He picked out, in his Anthology of Poetry called "Other Men's Flowers", a ditty some of you may know, NOT complimentary to Generals, by a chap called Siegfried Sassoon, who was more at home doing Fox Hunting and the like, but found himself during the First World War in the trenches in France. In 1917, he wrote:-*

*"Good morning; good morning!" the General said  
When we met him last week on our way to the Line.  
Now the soldiers he smiled at are most of 'em dead,  
And we're cursing his staff for incompetent swine.  
"He's a cheery old card," grunted Harry to Jack  
As they slogged up to Arras with rifle and pack.*

*But he did for them both with his plan of attack*

*'Band of Brothers' many young people think of, nowadays, as an American phrase because the Yanks made a film, or rather a film series, with that name. Admittedly, it was a good one. But, as WE all know, it was Shakespeare - old Willie himself - in his epic 'Henry 4<sup>th</sup>', I think, written way back in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, who immortalized the phrase with his words -:*

*"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers  
For he today that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother"*

*I think such a Band may also be recognised as one whose members enjoy each other's company, and share common ideals and the will and capability to gain from them. Inevitably we humans, looking back, tend to think of the personalities and memories of "our time". As Officer Cadets at Aldershot and Sandhurst, my old school friend, the late Alan Henderson (son of Henderson VC of Mazoe fame), and I, thought RSM Brittain of the Guards was their greatest RSM ever, being just about six feet six tall, and seemed like three feet across the shoulders, but others who followed us, opined that RSM Brand, who succeeded him, was the tops. I knew both, but I wasn't half as much afraid of catching Brand's eye, as I was of being, shall I say noticed, by RSM Brittain! Others will fix on J.C. Lord, often referred to as Jesus Christ Lord, not just because of his initials.*

When reflecting on the history and accomplishments of a group to which we have belonged, like in this case the RLI, we tend to think with affection, and our memories are of our own era. With such a large number here, we are all thinking of different people and different places. There's nothing wrong with that, because it doesn't detract from our admiration of what the Regiment achieved right through all the eras and times since its formation.

From the early days, wowing the South African public at Retreat Ceremonies, service in the Congo problem, through it's re-organization and training as a Commando Battalion, through it's prowess in the Sixties, and successes in operations in the Seventies, and upgrading to be 'Soldiers from the Sky' (look at the programme cover) taking part in bold parachute assaults as well as the famous Fire Force triumphs, to its eventual world recognition status as being on the top level, the RLI deservedly earned the admiration of fighting men everywhere, and enthralled civilians too.

There are many, many books, by a wide variety of authors telling the story of Rhodesians' endeavour to preserve the quality of life for all the inhabitants of that wonderful country. The part played by the RLI has been well documented, and needs no elaboration here. The words spoken and written by prominent persons who were, and are, of far higher status than anybody here, are already enshrined for posterity

The story of our "war", "campaign", "conflict" or whatever you choose to call it, can be read in those books and those to come. Unfortunately, I simply can't afford to buy most of them, though I'm very lucky, and grateful out of my mind, to have been given some of them by well wishers....and others, I might add, by those who think I should take note of where we, and myself in particular, could have done better!

Books do serve a good purpose, but I don't think I will ever write one. I lack the skill anyway, and I subscribe to the code of the Special Air Service Regimental Association, to which I also belong, that we don't write books. You may know that General Sir Peter de la Billiere, de la Billiere, de la Billiere (I can't remember how many de la Billieres in his name) of Gulf War fame, is barred from all SAS messes because, although I gather it was partially cleared for him to do so by the War Office, he wrote a book which opened the floodgates for others divulging details of techniques, methods, specialist skills etc. Over and above that, with few exceptions, books written by participants in the conflict, so often appear to seek to show how the author or his sponsor was nearly always right, and nearly everybody else was frequently wrong!

But, as I'm not going to write a book, I feel I owe it to those with whom I served, to just touch on one matter, not for dissemination in any way that may be used for confirmation of various rumours, but just to tell you why, in probably the most difficult and painful decision of my life, towards the end of our conflict, I called off a carefully thought out and prepared operation which would have given immense satisfaction to our Security Forces, and just as much, to myself.

I won't go into detail about the main and associated plans, but like all bold and meaningful operations, it depended on certain factors for lasting, sustained, success.

Unfortunately, we knew there were some people in the country who didn't have heart and soul in defeating the enemy, or who wanted to hedge their bets. Rex Nhongo, as he called himself then, was known to boast of his ability to get into even the capital. I understand we were aware, later, he was given a lift through road blocks by a driver or drivers who were simply waved through, because they were well known to the SF on duty. But that didn't affect this op, nor, altogether, did the activities of the CIA.

Incidentally, in my opinion our Government, on advice it received, had failed to exploit fully enough the embarrassment to the United States President, Jimmy Carter at that time, months earlier, when an alert Rhodesian Air Force officer discovered a hostile American activity in our country.

But, of even greater significance, there were certain persons in our midst who had been planted in Rhodesia over a period of years, in the tradition of the big league players overseas. I can't name them for obvious reasons, but I have a fair idea of their identity, and I think I can trace, now, their communication channels up and down. Some of them are still with us, I'm afraid.

Almost at the last moment before D Day and H Hour, I became aware that the intimate details of our plan had been reported outside, and, almost certainly, evasive counter measures had been, and would be, taken. The minute informed detail made available to outsiders meant the difference between success and failure of us attaining the main objectives of our operation.

It was as stark as that! And, in addition, it seemed, the Secretary to the Treasury, who had a controlling influence on many ministries, had apparently indicated that the Security Forces would get no more money, no support, no supplies such as POL, Ammo, etc etc. (This seemed to be borne out by what he, Mr David Young told the news media in England in the mid nineteen eighties). We could have done our job without pay for a while of course, but we would be severely hampered without the consistent means of rapid and effective deployment, and sustained fire power. Success depended on rapid and effective execution and consolidation. Delay could have been deleterious. And remember, by international law, troops from another country, for example South Africa, who were already

*poised with us could only intervene to help at the invitation of our Government, which at that time was British, under Soames.*

*I have always believed in an offensive defence, and went along with many a plan which had a lot of risk, but my yardstick was always "Are we really capable of doing it, not just hoping so, and do we 'stand in the long run, to gain more than we stand to lose'. For example in Op Dingo, where we backed ourselves against tremendous odds if surprise had been lost, I gave the proposed plan a full go.*

*There's a proverb, I think it's Chinese, that says 'One should never start a fire which one may not be able to put out'.*

*I decided, in this case and with these new circumstances, though it was probable our operation would have an immediate limited successful impact despite the loss of surprise, I knew in my professional judgement it would drag on, and on, and on, giving the British Government the excuse to block the activities of us and our friends. And there would then be little or no support from most of the rest of the world.*

*I decided, with a heavy heart, not to 'start that fire'.*

*It was my lone decision, and a lonely and unpopular one with those I was addressing in my HQ, (Charlie Aust here will bear me out!) and obviously elsewhere with the guys spoiling for a decisive fight, and with so many others, in and out of the country.*

*But, I was, and still am, satisfied it was the right one, however much I loathed it.*

*I have never discussed it with him, but my wife has read in a book that General Constand Viljoen, in South Africa, made a somewhat similar decision many years later when the Afrikaner cause, which he supported from his birth, was concerned.*

*Well, that's all in the way-back past. We live in the present, NOW. That's where we are. Let us stick with the company of good mates, and hope that "the enemy within" can no longer wreak their evil upon us.*

*Go well All of You, and a Safe Return to your Homes."*

#### **South Africa – Durban Bash photos by Neill Jackson**

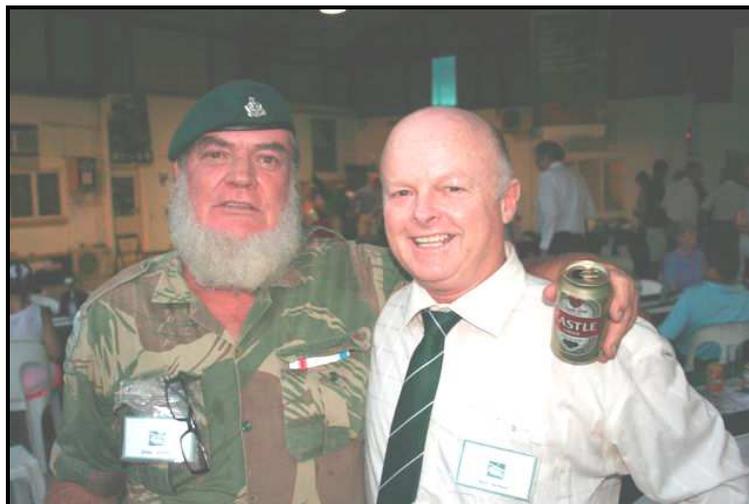


**Neill Storey, RLIRA (UK), handing the Colours to Bill Wiggill, RLIRA (SA) Chairman**



**Traditional toast to the Colours before unfurling.**

**From L to R: Bill Wiggill, Chairman RLI RA (SA), Neill Jackson and Skippy Mitchell, Ensigns to The Colours, Lt Col Charlie Aust, last CO of RLI, Former RLI RSM Robin Tarr, Lt Col Ron Reid-Daly, Rick Passaportis, Lt Gen Peter Walls, Kerrin Cocks, photographer.**



**L-R Support Commando's Clive Dredge (some characters never change!) and Neill Jackson**



**Band of Brothers: L to R George Dempster, RLIRA (SA), Martyn (Pudding) Hudson, RLIRA (UK), Neill Storey, RLIRA (UK), Mike Rich, Rick Passaportis, Mick Walters, Neill Jackson, Chris Ras, RLIRA (SA)**

#### **England – RLI Museum in Bedford**

These photos are from the opening of the RLI Museum in Bedford. This museum project has been at the instigation of Martyn Hudson and has been well supported by RLI members as well as various British units. I do not have the exact location or opening hours. You should contact Martyn Hudson [martyn.hudson2@btinternet.com](mailto:martyn.hudson2@btinternet.com) for more information.



### **New Zealand – new representative**

Licinio (Dos) dos Santos has taken over as NZ rep. He can be contacted on email [dos357@gmail.com](mailto:dos357@gmail.com) Dos has been in comms with me and asks that as many RLI ouens as possible attend ANZAC Day parades.

### **Australia - ANZAC Day Parade, Melbourne**

This year the RLI Association of Australia is combining their annual reunion with ANZAC Day in Melbourne. Everyone wanting to take part should contact Vince Zoricic [Vince.Zoricic@mincom.com](mailto:Vince.Zoricic@mincom.com) to receive information including dress, timings etc. Editor's note – if you live in Melbourne please refer the Global Forked Stick section below for other information on ANZAC Day in Melbourne.

### **Regimental Rumours by 'Stompie'**

Salutations once again pilgrims,

This month I will share with you undeserving heathens some of the priceless material that was left to me by my recently departed Aunt – God rest her soul.

I found the material in a box while I was attending to her estate (any unkind reference from the floor to 'scavenging' or 'looting' will be rigorously denied and the accuser dealt with in the appropriate manner).

The first letter was written by one Jasper Sidebottom who was also known as 'Tugger' to his closer associates and school friends. The second letter is the reply from his friend Clarence Willoughby-Scorn, nicknamed 'Tosser'. The paper on which these letters have been written is in a very delicate state so I chose to copy it out rather than risk damage by scanning. I also came across some sketches which are in a more robust state. So with the magic of

modern electronics I was able to make copies which I will also share with you – but only you, as you can see they have been copy written to the Rhodesian Services Association. I am sure that you will agree that these letters provide us with a remarkable journey back in time. If any of you less fortunates were taught not Rhodesian history or you slept through your history lessons at Plumtree or some other rough rural institution, then I suggest that you use Google to check any facts hereunder. For instance the Battle of Malplaquet referred to below was in 1709. The other reference that you might have trouble with, if you do not understand Afrikaans is 'stoat peel' – Google 'soutpiel' to find the translation.

Groote Schuur  
Cape Town  
South Africa.

15th September, 1892

The Hon. Clarence Willoughby-Scorn, Bart.,  
Crapthorne Hall  
Highbrow Estate  
Cistern on Sewer  
Wilts.  
England

My dear Clarence,  
I write this in wretched circumstances but as ever reposing great faith in our long friendship.

By now you will have been visited by that blackguard of a coachman who transported me in haste that night to the docks, where I was able to get passage at the last minute to Africa.

A necessary arrangement, I am afraid, given the pressing circumstances that attended my departure and my inability to locate the necessary funds to pay him at the time, despite finding my breeches.

I do hope you understand that it was therefore necessary for me to give him a promissory note with your signature on it. (I must say his charge was extortionate - after all only two pistol balls came anywhere near the coach).

My passage over here was relatively uneventful though the number of passengers bent over the sides of the vessel seemed to explain the naval phrases 'heave - ho' and 'heave to'.

I will not comment on my accommodation other than to say that as I was temporarily minus the fare I had little choice of cabins; consequently the one I occupied was in a part of the ship quaintly referred to as 'the heads'.

I would not recommend it to anyone and would add that scented handkerchiefs were a necessity for me during the entire trip.

Other passengers did tend to avoid me but I ascribed this simply to their recognition of their betters.

I had the good fortune on alighting in Cape Town to encounter by chance none other than our good friend Cecil R. whom I knew well from our days at Bishop's Stortford.

Having seen him at a distance I contrived to 'stumble upon' him at a convenient street corner.

His frowning countenance failed, I believe, to hide his understandable delight at seeing me and I lost no time in persuading him to accommodate me at his residence at Groote Schuur. I am now comfortably ensconced there, a glass of fine Muscadel claret to hand while I write this missive.

Not only this, but (at my suggestion) he has invited me to join him and his colleagues in their adventure into a country North of the Limpopo currently being tamed by redoubtable pioneers and men of his B.S.A. company.

Cecil, knowing of my unfortunate losses in England where I have simply been the victim of misfortune in a number of ventures, has avoided all mention of the delicate subject of finance and I cannot believe my good fortune. (We have agreed on my receiving a company shareholding based on my undoubted business and soldierly skills).

On that subject, sadly Blighty is out of bounds for me, at least for now.

Confidentially, before I left, Father told me that he could no longer tolerate the indignity of visiting the village, only to find the great unwashed pointing each time he passed at a number of children with red hair similar to mine. Admittedly a number of the mothers are ex employees of the estate, but the gall of it - has coincidence no place in this? Or the guinea no value to a milkmaid?

Moreover, Father has declared me persona non grata after the last incident known to him and this has now forced me to look to Africa for salvation.

You will recall Somersby-Hall minor of the first form? (Well you may, after the thrashing we collectively gave him after rapping on us to the head after relieving him of his tuck box). Anyway he and I had a disagreement over some cards - a ridiculous claim that I had cheated, though my seventh ace did cause a little tension.

Naturally honour demanded that the lie be settled and I called him out, pistols being his choice of weapons.

Fortunately, my valet Bogsmith had heard in the tavern that my opponent had become something of a military man of considerable prowess, so I was timely forewarned.

The event took place and we stood back to back with pistols skyward, seconds in attendance. At the signal we both started counting and walking and at the appointed step, swift as a ferret, I turned and fired.

Unfortunately, as you will recall, my arithmetic was never good and alas, in total innocence of course, I had turned and fired just as I thought I reached twenty, only to find that Somersby-Hall had only counted nineteen.

He dropped like a stone but I believe the ball has since been removed from his posterior by the sawbones and he is expected to recover in due course, slightly canted, but mobile and a tad wiser.

My entreaties and explanations have all fallen on deaf ears and society has turned its back on me for now. Father has further decreed me to be beyond the pale until further notice, so here I am.

But to the present: Cecil has now provided me with the services of an intriguing character, a member of his BSA company force, by the name of Herodotus De Klerk.

I cannot say he is a fine specimen of soldiery, but what he lacks in intelligence, he more than makes up for in sheer cunning. He is clearly very fond of his uniform, though his habit of wearing it for six weeks is beginning to tell when one is in his presence.

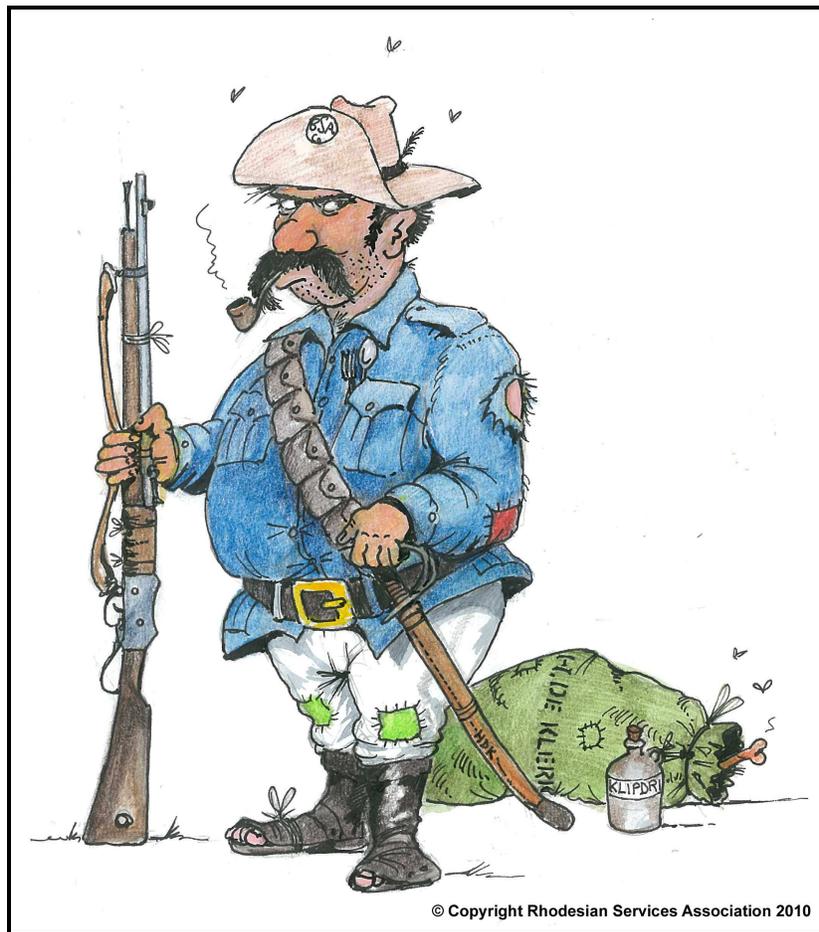
He is somewhat lacking in stature and I cannot help but notice that his moustache resembles a dead black rodent under his nose. His lack of height periodically results in his fellow troopers calling him something like 'stumpy' or 'stompie' but he gets annoyed with them.

I have also had to remonstrate with him over the rows of medals he earlier insisted on wearing, pointing out that one particular gong dated from the Battle of Malplaquet, in which he clearly did not participate, being younger than my grandfather.

He did make some softly spoken comment in reply, some Dutch words that sounded a bit like 'flocking stoat peel' but as I couldn't understand him and nor have I heard of such a creature, I chose to overlook it and his medal rows have now diminished somewhat.

I will end off now as it is eleven and the tavern calls.

Your esteemed colleague,  
Jasper.



**Trooper Herodotus de Klerk of the British South Africa Company 1892**

Crapthorne Hall  
Highbrow Estate  
Cistern on Sewer  
Wilts

21st November, 1892

Viscount Ethelred of Slouch, Jasper Sidebottom  
c/o Groot Schuur  
Cape Town  
Cape Colony

My dear Tugger,

I was alternately distressed and delighted to read your much-anticipated letter from the Dark Continent. Your hasty departure from this sceptred isle has indeed been cause for much conjecture and the chaps and I have been hard-pressed to quash the rather scurrilous rumours that have been circulating at the Civil Services Club. However, it appears that all's well that ends well, vis a vis your burgeoning relationship with "Sess". Commoner or not, one does take these windfalls as they come. He is something of a rum egg, but there is no denying he's a man of Empire, and by Gad! the Empire needs him in times such as these, what with the all those darned Frogs, Huns and Wops nibbling at our heels.

For goodness sake, dear boy, fret not of the promissory note. Pater and I were a mite perplexed when a rambunctious fellow appeared at the gates, waving around a rather tatty piece of paper, demanding money. Apart from being in appallingly poor taste, we're frankly not prepared to entertain peons with Labourite tendencies who appear at the gates unannounced. But the scoundrel simply wouldn't go away, so ultimately Pater was obliged to turn loose the Irish Wolfhounds which, coupled with several barrels of birdshot, did the trick.

I do indeed recall Somersby-Hall, but sadly, without fondness. He was very much the grammar-school type who flew, and continues to fly, in the face of our fine British public-school tradition, which is the very cornerstone of Empire. That he had the gall to refuse to "take the soap" in the showers during initiation is in itself a travesty. Simply put, old boy, it would have been preferable had you dispatched him to that great common room in the sky.

Taking on a major domo in the form of this Trooper Herodotus de Klerk is a noble deed, and you are to be commended for your efforts in uplifting the uncivilized working class. But a word of caution if I may about these Dutch chaps: watch your back. That fracas at Majuba barely a decade ago is still a painful reminder of Boer treachery: a lesson that weighs heavily on our family with the tragic demise of Uncle Georgie. Honour and fortitude are not notable Boer characteristics, as witnessed by the manner in which they skulked up to the summit of Majuba and shamelessly shot down our redoubtable redcoats in cold blood. Uncle Georgie was of course the last man standing, when a cowardly Boer sneaked up behind him and shouted out in that dreadful language of theirs, "General Colley, nou jou is dood, jou bliksem!" before cruelly shooting him down ... a dastardly deed that will live in the annals of ignominy and shame.

The Mashonaland Frontier is the talk of London, enhanced in no small part by this queer fellow Jameson, who goes by the moniker of "Dr. Jim". Dr. Jim is in town, apparently fund-raising for Sess's Charter Company and word has it that he even has Rothschild's ear. Quite what Rothy sees in this little man, who is undoubtedly a bounder and a charlatan, is beyond me; but sees something he does: so much so, or as rumour has it, that Rothy has mentioned, en passant, to Salisbury, that should he not increase British support for the Limpopo venture, he might well be obliged to call in his not inconsiderable Government Treasury Bills.

The Piccadilly Club was fairly abuzz with this news. I happened to be taking the air after lunch at the Savoy when I bumped into Freddy de la Douche, who'd come hot foot from the Club to inform me. You do recall Freddy, don't you? That foppish fellow, a tad effete, useful polo player, who was in the same year as Somersby-Hall, and who in fact "took the soap" on Somersby-Hall's behalf? (What a brick, eh!)

With my circumstances almost as precarious as yours, my ears pricked up at the possible opportunities. After all, with my elder brother Horace in line for the title, the possibility of my ever sitting with the Lords is remote. Pater has offered me a generous remittance to seek my fortune in the Colonies, and with Dr. Jim in town looking for men of stout heart and means, I am anxious to make his acquaintance with a view to serving the Crown in the jungles of Africa.

In the interim, I have employed Freddy as my private secretary and he will accompany me to Africa. The poor boy has been at something of a loose end after that dreadful scandal when he was cashiered following that unfortunate matter involving one Sergeant-Major Higgins of the Dragoons. The words "in a manner unbecoming of an officer" still strike fear into the very bowels of Sandhurst, let me tell you! And of course, all that Latin nonsense of in flagrante delicto ... word has it that the Sergeant-Major has changed his name to Huggins and has fled to Africa to join the Bechuanaland Mounted Native Constabulary as an equestrian instructor.

So, my good chum, if you haven't already departed for the Frontier by the time I arrive, I relish the prospect of painting Adderley Street red and Africa pink with you in the near future, when we can both raise our glasses and give three jolly rousing huzzahs to the Bengal Lancers.

Affectionately yours,  
Tosser.

So folks, until next time, go well

Stompie  
Email [stompie@rhodesiaservices.org](mailto:stompie@rhodesiaservices.org)



### **Grunter's Good Oil**

Greetings everyone

Before I start off this month I would just like to make mention of the passing of two greats of the game last month in Bill McLaren and Ruben Kruger. While Bill McLaren lived to a respectable 86 years, Ruben was cut down in his prime by cancer. Rugby will always be blessed with people like these but it does not make the sadness any easier.

There would not be a soul in this world who has watched rugby and would not be familiar with Bill McLaren and his unique commentary that we all grew up with. Everyone will have their favourite "McLarenisms". He was a rugby commentator for over 50 years and will leave a huge hole that will probably never be filled.

Ruben on the other hand was a man of few words and was known as the "Silent Assassin" for the way he went about his work with not so much as a squeak, he let his play do all the talking. There is one thing I know that he would have taken to his dying day and that was his absolute certainty (and his team mates) that in the 1995 World Cup Final that he scored that try.

To both of you, sleep well you giants of the game.

I hope everyone has had a chance to see a couple of Super 14 rugby games over the first two week-ends. It has certainly thrown down some weird results even this early in the competition. While in the first round I think the Bulls and the Crusaders looked to be the benchmark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> round saw the Crusaders get an old fashioned whipping by the lowly Reds. Experience has shown it would be stupid to write them off just yet.

So after two rounds this is my top five in no order Bulls, Stormers, Crusaders, Hurricanes and the Brumbies. The ACT team have a very solid squad and will be in the mix come the business end of the season. I am pleased to say that my beloved Stormers have had two wins from two but meet the dangerous Brumbies this week-end in Cape Town. I think the Sharks will come back from their poor start and I believe the Cheetahs will have a more competitive season this year. It is still early days yet and I will have an update as we go along. By next month we will have a much clearer picture.

Please send me your thoughts to [fourstreams@clear.net.nz](mailto:fourstreams@clear.net.nz)

Till next month go well

Regards

Grunter.

### **Sevens Rugby Tournament – February 2010, Wellington, New Zealand**

In keeping with a sporting theme two of our members resplendent in their Rhodesian Rugby jerseys (purchased of course from the CQ Store) went to the Sevens in Wellington. The event, sponsored by Speights, a brand of NZ beer, is noted as a hoolie to end all hoolies every year. Pictures tell a thousand words - so I am told.



**Greg O'Carroll and Tony Fraser.**



**A couple of good old colonial lads with 'Chimurenga beads'**



**Greg found the sponsor's representatives quite appealing.....**



**.....while Tony found some firearm enthusiasts to hang out with (not sure what the hammer was about – perhaps AK47s were banned at the event).**

If you have attended an event wearing our excellent Rhodesian Rugby jerseys please send your photos in.

## **What's On In New Zealand?**

### **ANZAC Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

Once again our focus will be at Hobsonville RSA, Auckland. There will be a number of us coming up from south of Auckland as usual. We intend to arrive on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> so will be hoping to catch up with as many others as possible at the RSA pre ANZAC. We are also looking at having a braai at the Hobson Motor Inn (where we stay, across the road from the RSA), post parade in the evening. If anyone would like share in the motel booking that we have made, please contact me ASAP. Stay tuned for more details.

If you need berets, medals etc. get ordering right now please, we do not want to be sewing up medals the night before again – it still brings a tear to my eye when I recall the pain of that dropped needle hitting bone in my foot from last year! But seriously, because Tony is working for a different company now he has less time to do the mounting so it is really important that you get your orders in ASAP.

### **AUCKLAND**

If you reside in the Auckland area, email Wolf and Alison Hucke at [whucke@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:whucke@slingshot.co.nz) for more details of the monthly social meetings in 2010. Generally these are on the third Saturday of the month either at the Hobsonville RSA or the Massey Archery Club, Redhills Road, Massey. All are welcome.

### **TAURANGA**

The Garrison Club run by the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. 'Curry and Movie Evenings' are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum. Email me at [hbomford@clear.net.nz](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz) to get on that mailing list to see what is on and notification of any changes.

### **HAMILTON**

Hamiltonians - please contact Tinka Mushett [mushett@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:mushett@slingshot.co.nz) for details of socials being held in your area.

### **AUCKLAND - Zimbabwe Pensioners Fundraising**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. - A presentation by Mike and Judy Carter, who work for ZANE (Zimbabwe a National Emergency) which is a British charity in Bulawayo, is to be held at Pinehurst School in Albany

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March - The Million Dollar Golf Classic, which is a tournament to raise money for the old age pensioners struggling to survive in Zimbabwe. Venue is the Peninsula Golf Course. Even if you do not play golf get along for the entertainment.

Please contact the organiser Steve Geach [sgeach@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sgeach@xtra.co.nz) for more information.

### **CQ Store visit [www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm](http://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. 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 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.

### **ANZAC Day**

With ANZAC Day not very far away. If you want any items from our CQ Store email me immediately to avoid disappointment.

### **New lines**

'Advice to Terrorists' coffee mugs can be purchased from Badges on Mugs who are based in Belfast. At the time of writing the mug was not listed on their website so you will need to write to Michael on email [sales@badgesonmugs.co.uk](mailto:sales@badgesonmugs.co.uk) Please remember to tell him that you are a Rhodesian Services Assn subscriber as we get a commission off each sale. We plan to have them also available on t-shirts soon.

Rhodesian Armoured Car Regiment balkies. Many of these badges that were worn under the sable badge on the beret have been lost. We have had a quantity made. They are an excellent copy. Pictured below is the complete badge. The balkie on its own is NZ\$20. We do have some sable badges in stock; please refer to our CQ Store page for more details.



## **CQ STORE INVENTORY**

<b>ITEMS EXCLUDING POSTAGE</b>	<b>PRICE in NZ\$</b>
4RR Hackles	\$17.50
'Bumper' Stickers, Rhodesia/NZ or Australia flags; Rhodesian flag; Rhodesian Services Assn Lion & Tusk	\$3 each or 2 for \$5
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 colours 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
Poster “Terrorism Stops Here!” 2 in series	\$50 ea
Regimental Cap Badges – RLI, Intaf, RAR, RDR, BSAP, Grey's Scouts, RRR, RR, Service Corps, Staff Corps, RWS, DRR and more	Priced from \$20 – inquire for details
Regimental ties – Rhodesian Light Infantry	\$40
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
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	\$125
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](http://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.

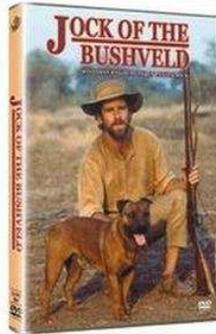
We have recently restocked and a number of Msasa titles that I had run out of are now available again. Our list includes:

- Rhodesian Forces - One & Two Double DVD total play time 147 minutes Price \$75

- The Final Chapter DVD 80 minutes play time Price \$55
- The Flame Lily Collection Double DVD Total play time 141 minutes Price \$75
- Isandlwana - Zulu Battlefield DVD Price \$55
- The Saints - The Rhodesian Light Infantry DVD 86 minutes play time Bonus features include Trooping the Colours and the Roll of Honour Price \$55
- Rhodesian Forces - A Tribute in Sound (includes 25 minutes of the 'Green Leader' transmission and battle sounds) CD Price \$45

We also have:

- The Saints Book Launch DVD available in both NTSC and PAL \$40
- Jock of the Bushveld DVD - PAL Region 2, 94 minutes playtime \$45



## History of the Rhodesia Regiment Book Project



We believe that elements of 10RR were involved in 'Operation Favour' probably around May/June 1979 where a number of 'Auxiliaries' were contacted and killed.

Your input is essential to the success of this book. We welcome material from anyone who was connected to or served with the Rhodesia Regiment.

This is likely to be the one and only chance there is of getting the history of the Rhodesia Regiment down in print in a quality book – don't live to regret not doing something now! You do not have to present your information in a well written format – we will sort that out. Photos in 300DPI please. Alternately you can send them to us and they will be returned.

Hugh Bomford [hbomford@clear.net.nz](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz)  
Chris Cocks [info@30degreessouth.co.za](mailto:info@30degreessouth.co.za)

### The Global Forked Stick

#### ANZAC Day Parade – Melbourne 25<sup>th</sup> April 2001

*"Hi Hugh*

*We march every year on ANZAC Day in Melbourne and have been doing so for many years but our numbers have dwindled greatly in recent years so we now slot in with the South Africans but under our own banner of course! We have some new names for this year but I was just wondering if you could put the word out in **Contact! Contact!***

*My details are Allan Campbell, Tel: 03 9580 6342, Mob: 0419 393 328 email [al-cam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:al-cam@bigpond.net.au)*

*We are happy to hear from anyone who is not ex-services who might want to just come to the luncheon we go to after the march which is held at Bells Hotel in South Melbourne. Numbers are needed in advance for both the march and the luncheon - the pub gets very packed.*

*Cheers  
Allan Campbell"*

### **Roan Antelope Music – John Edmond**

This is an urgent enquiry from Roan Antelope Music.

How are your Troopie Songs CD's faring? We have had reports from folks who have had them stolen out of houses and cars; getting lost during parties and braai's; having the disks covered in boerewors fat and refusing to play and of course mislaid when moving house! Well - no Rhodesian should be without his or her Troopie Songs! These songs run in the family like the blood in our veins.

So here is your chance to replenish your stock!

For the month of March we are offering a combo:-

"Troopie Songs Complete" double CD and "Troopie Songs" DVD. SA R 350.00; UK £ 35.00; USA \$54.00; AUS \$75.00; NZ \$76.00 This is a huge saving folks!

Order now from [www.johnedmond.co.za](http://www.johnedmond.co.za) Email [info@johnedmond.co.za](mailto:info@johnedmond.co.za) Tel: +27 (0) 14735 0774

### **Puma 164 Next-of-Kin**

The Puma 164 search team are still trying to contact the next-of-kin of the last three victims of the crash, so that we can inform them that we have located the grave site, and are planning to erect a permanent memorial there to honour their men. The men whose families we have not yet found are:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bruce Fraser Burns, Engineers. We have heard that his family lived in Wankie, but also that his Dad was Manager of the Chibuku Breweries depot in Chiredzi. We believe he may have attended Jameson High School in Gatooma, but have also heard that he was at Plumtree.
- Sgt. Michael Alan Jones, Engineers. All that we know is that his family live in a small village called Tutbury, in Staffordshire, England.
- Tpr. David Rex Prosser, RLI. He was from Australia. No other details are available.

Hopefully we will be able to get some clues as to where these families now live, and how to contact them.

If you can help please mail Neill Jackson [neillj@vodamail.co.za](mailto:neillj@vodamail.co.za)

### **Puma 164 Memorial fund raiser**



Kieron and Carolyn Robinson, who have generously supported the Rhodesian Services Association for many years, have designed and produced the key fob pictured above in order to support Neil Jackson's project to raise funds for a memorial at the crash site in Mozambique. Please email Kieron [kieron.robinson@btinternet.com](mailto:kieron.robinson@btinternet.com) and website [www.kcgraphics.biz](http://www.kcgraphics.biz) for orders.

### **Rhodesian Historical Summary**

80 plus year old Gordon Munro has made a magnificent job of summarising Rhodesian historical events. It has been published by Eddy Norris at <http://rhodesianheritage.blogspot.com/2010/02/rhodesia-history-summary.html> I have been privy to its development and would recommend that you have a look.

### **BSAP Support Unit – Black Boots**

Barry Woan writes:

*"Greetings Hugh,*

*You were kind enough to mention last year our plea to former members of the BSA Police Support Unit (Black Boots) to get in contact with us regarding the information gathering project. Well the project is going extremely well and I am now in comms with 240 ex members and have over 630 names on the nominal roll. We are now putting the puzzle together and are seeking from our members interesting stories, events, documentation and photographs. The project will culminate in the writing of the book - The History of the Black Boots.*

*Once again thanks for your support.*

Kind regards  
Barry"

Please email Barry at [woanbro@tiscali.co.za](mailto:woanbro@tiscali.co.za) if you can help.

### **Anniversary - Air Rhodesia Viscount Umniati**

"Hi Hugh,

*It's time again to remember the tragic fate of those who perished on Air Rhodesia's Viscount, the Umniati, carrying 59 holiday makers and crew that was shot out the sky with a SAM 7 missile fired by terrorists on 12th February 1979.*

*This tragic event in which 59 passengers and crew were killed, was the second Air Rhodesia Viscount to be brought down by terrorists during the Rhodesian bush war. The first Air Rhodesia Viscount that was also struck by a SAM 7 missile resulted in the deaths of 38 people who died in the crash landing and a further 10 adults and children who were murdered by terrorists at the crash site. Only 8 escaped to tell the tale.*

*Please draw attention to Rob Rickard's website that does a great job in listing the details of all those who died onboard the Umniati. [http://home.iprimus.com.au/rob\\_rickards/viscounts/](http://home.iprimus.com.au/rob_rickards/viscounts/)*

*May they rest in peace and never be forgotten.*

Best regards  
Keith Nell"

### **Poem – author unknown**

This poem was sent in by Darryl Burlin. If anyone knows the author please contact me.

*"Within my soul, within my mind,  
There lies a place I cannot find,  
Home of my heart, Land of my birth,  
Smoke-coloured stone and flame-coloured earth, Electric skies,  
Shivering Heat.  
Blood-red clay beneath my feet.  
At night when finally alone,  
I close my eyes - and I am home,  
I kneel and touch the blood-warm sand,  
And feel the pulse-beneath my hand,  
Of an ancient life too old to name,  
In ancient land too wild to tame,  
How can I show you what I feel?  
How can I make this essence real?  
I search for words in dumb frustration,  
To try and form some explanation,  
But how can heart and soul be caught,  
In one-dimensional written thought?*

*If love and longing are a "fire",  
And man "consumed" by his desire,  
Then this love is no simple flame,  
That mortal thought can hold or tame,  
As deep within the earth's own core,  
The love of home burns evermore.  
But what is home? I hear them say,  
This never was yours anyway,  
You have no birthright to this place,  
Descendant from another race,  
An immigrant? A pioneer?  
You are no longer welcome here.  
Whoever said that love makes sense?  
"I love" is an "imperfect" tense,  
To love in vain has been man's fate,  
From history to present date,  
I have no grounds for dispensation,  
I know I have no home or nation.  
For just one moment in the night,  
I am complete, my soul takes flight,  
For just one moment then it's gone,  
And I am once again undone,*

*Never complete never whole  
White skin and an African soul."*

### Rhodesian Flag for sale

One of our NZ members, Grant Matthews, has a Rhodesian Flag (approx 185 cm x 85cm) for sale. It is a William Smith (Rhod.) Ltd one and in good condition. I know Grant and can recommend him to any potential buyers. Email him on [grant.francesca@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grant.francesca@xtra.co.nz)

### Rhodesian Exchange Rates

Roy Gardiner sent this pamphlet produced in May 1979 by Barclays Bank International Ltd in.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES			HOLIDAY TRAVEL ALLOWANCES	
as at 30th April, 1979			(in respect of persons resident in Rhodesia for 12 months or more.)	
Rates quoted below are subject to fluctuation.			<i>Adults:</i> \$40 per day with an overall maximum of \$370 per calendar year.	
			<i>Children:</i> (under 10 years of age) \$20 per day with an overall maximum of \$185 per calendar year.	
			Up to \$200 (\$100 for children) of the previous year's unutilised balance may be accumulated for travel within Africa and islands in the Indian Ocean between the Eastern seaboard of Africa and Longitude 75° E. In respect of travel to Europe, America and all other overseas countries, allowances may be accumulated for 2 years giving a maximum allowance of \$740 per adult and \$370 per child less any travel allowance utilised during the 2 year cumulative period.	
			The foregoing allowances are in terms of the regulations at present in force but are subject to change.	
Currency	Rate against Rh.\$1	Rhodesian equivalent of 1 unit of currency		
Australian Dollars ..	1,3225	\$0,756c		
Austrian Schillings ..	20,3500	,049c		
Belgian Francs ..	44,9500	,022c		
Botswana Pula ..	1,2080	,828c		
British Sterling ..	,7107	\$1,407c		
Canadian Dollars ..	1,6637	,601c		
Danish Kroner ..	7,7527	,129c		
Deutschemarks ..	2,7797	,360c		
Dutch Guilders ..	3,0055	,333c		
French Francs ..	6,3737	,157c		
Italian Lire ..	1236,5000	,001c		
Japanese Yen ..	322,0000	,003c		
Malawian Kwacha	1,2032	,831c		
Norwegian Kroner	7,5630	,132c		
Portuguese Escudos	71,5000	,014c		
South African Rand	1,2400	,806c		
Spanish Pesetas ..	96,4750	,010c		
Swedish Kroner ..	6,4410	,155c		
Swiss Francs ..	2,5182	,397c		
United States Dollars	1,4587	,685c		
Zambian Kwacha ..	1,1485	,871c		

### Rhodesian Wimpy Menu

Carol Doughty sent this Wimpy menu below in. Once you get over how someone kept a Wimpy Menu from over thirty years ago you have to look at the prices on this menu and the foreign exchange rates above and think to yourself that Rhodesia was 'The Chosen Land'

## Grills

	
<b>WIMPY GRILL</b> .58c	<b>WIMPY SPECIAL GRILL</b> .65c
	
<b>WIMPY BRUNCH</b> .58c	<b>BENDER BRUNCH</b> .58c
	
<b>FISH SPECIAL</b> .60c	<b>FISH SALAD</b> .60c

**WIMPY SALAD** .60c    **BENDER SALAD** .60c  
**T-BONE STEAK, EGG & CHIPS** 1.25c  
**MIXED GRILL - STEAK, BACON, SAUSAGE, EGG & CHIPS** 1.50c  
**OMLETTE (3 EGGS) & CHIPS** .60c  
**CHIPS - PER PORTION** .15c  
**FRESH SALADS IN SEASON** .25c

		
<b>PORTERHOUSE STEAK</b> 1.10c	<b>CURRY &amp; RICE</b> .65c	<b>BACON &amp; EGGS</b> .60c

**GREAT WIMPY GRILLS**

## Hot and Cold Drinks

		
<b>BANANA BOAT</b> .30c	<b>WIMPY SUNDAE SPECIAL</b> .30c	<b>MARSHMALLOW SUNDAE</b> .30c
		
<b>PEACH MELBA</b> .30c	<b>CHOC-NUT SUNDAE</b> .30c	<b>FRUIT SALAD</b> .30c

**SNOWFREEZE - PER PORTION** .15c

### HOT BEVERAGES

TEA	.12c	COFFEE	.12c
MILO	.12c		

### COLD BEVERAGES

COLD DRINKS	.12c
MILK	.12c
FLOATS	.20c
PURE ORANGE FLOAT	.25c
TOMATO JUICE	.20c
PURE ORANGE	.20c

### SHAKES

VANILLA, BANANA, STRAWBERRY, CHOCOLATE, LIME	.20c
DOUBLE THICK	.30c

**SUPERB WIMPY SWEETS**

## Burgers

		
<b>WIMPY &amp; CHIPS</b> .35c	<b>STEAKBURGER &amp; CHIPS</b> .55c	<b>CHEESE EGGBURGER &amp; CHIPS</b> .55c

**WIMPY KINGSIZE** .40c  
**WIMPY CHEESEBURGER** .28c  
**WIMPY EGGBURGER** .33c  
**BENDER BURGER** .25c  
**HAWAIIAN BURGER (STEAK PATTY, SALAD DRESSING AND PINEAPPLE SLICE)** .35c

### Sandwiches and Snacks

SANDWICHES	TOASTED	PLAIN
HAM	.20c	.15c
HAM & TOMATO	.22c	.17c
CHEESE	.20c	.15c
CHEESE & TOMATO	.22c	.17c
HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO	.25c	.20c

### Specialities

	<b>PANCAKES</b>
	SELECTION OF FILLINGS
	BANANA, CHERRY, PEACH, PLAIN
	<b>WAFFLES</b>
	SNOWFREEZE OR CREAM
	SINGLE .15c
	DOUBLE .25c
<b>PANCAKES</b>	30c

**SUPER WIMPY SNACKS**

Until next time - go well.

Cheers  
Hugh



**Celebrate 'Rhodesia Day'\* on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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