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Greetings,

No day passes when I am not reminded or recall the resourceful, tough attitude that was part of the Rhodesian way of life. Names crop up and sparks of memories flare. I especially remember the farmers and how we all managed to cope in what now seems a surreal time towards the end of Rhodesia as I knew it – guns everywhere, armoured vehicles, life on the edge – when were we going to get revved next, hit a landmine, have our labourers tortured and killed, our cattle stolen or slaughtered? We lived one day at a time - for tomorrow might never come. As a country, by and large, we grew close together, old disagreements were set aside and we pulled together under extreme pressure.

So it seems that the floods in Aussie and the continuing quakes in Christchurch, not to mention other climatic problems in the USA and elsewhere have had a similar effect on those affected.

As Rhodesians we can empathise with the spirit of those who want to pick themselves up and dust themselves down and carry on in the best way that they can. Our friend John Edmond wrote a song using that phrase as a title, giving words of encouragement to a wounded soldier. John has kindly allowed me publish the lyrics for you all and especially the folk of Christchurch and any others in dire straights.

**Pick Yourself Up**  
by John Edmond

*In a hot dusty playground of a small country school  
Where nobody's heard of the Queensbury rules  
A skinny young boy cried the tears of defeat  
And they made two rivers down the dust on his cheek.*

*So he ran home to Mother and told her his woes  
How the bully had licked him and bloodied his nose  
She said to him son you might be quite small  
But the bigger they come the harder they fall.*

CHORUS:

*So pick yourself up and dust yourself down  
Battles ain't won lying down on the ground  
Never say die and always come back  
'Cause dynamite comes in a very small pack.*

*On a hot dusty battleground serving his land  
That boy was a mortally wounded young man  
He said to himself man you ain't dead yet  
He remembered the words that his mother had said.*

CHORUS: Repeat

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The latest Christchurch earthquake has resulted in a number of emails and SMS messages coming my way. Aside from the questions of "are you and your family OK?" they all extend good wishes and offers of support. From a member in Poland we had an offer of medicines if required; from Detroit (where the writer said they had their own problems with fifty-five inches of snow this winter) someone making a donation to the New Zealand Red Cross; offer of accommodation from an Auckland member. To me this is most heart warming and illustrative of the good side of human nature that seems to be brought to the surface in extreme circumstances. Unfortunately, we are also told of the low-lives who have been caught stealing emergency generators and looting. There is only one cure for that sort of person and it measures exactly 7.62mm in diameter, however I do not wish to dwell on the negative.

At the time of writing this, which was four days after the event and at least a week before you will be reading it, I have sent emails to everyone who I have listed as living in Christchurch on our mailing list. To date I have had five replies. Doug Pasea, ex RhAF, says he is fine and knows of no losses or injuries among his Rhodesian expat friends. The Tunleys, Tourles and Thomas's report that they are coping and helping with the clear up in a number of ways.

Ange Baldwin's email below gives her story:

*"Tuesday was awful. I was at work .... My building looks over the cathedral. I was rescued by firemen from 17 stories up – we couldn't get out the building any other way as all the stairwells had collapsed. We waited three and a half hours for the rescue but were prepared to spend the night there. Our house is fine though, and Stu, Audrey, Johnny and our cat are all OK. I am just a bit bruised from being flung around during the quake and nerves shattered coming so soon after the last big one. We have had continual aftershocks since September 4<sup>th</sup> but this one was just too much. No one was killed in our building.*

*These past few days have been so surreal and everyone and everything is focussed on the rescue and recovery operations. Sadly now it is more recovery than rescue. Audrey lost a dear friend who was crushed trying to escape the building he was working in and she is quite devastated as are all of his friends and family. My heart breaks for my poor child that she has to go through such awful trauma at such a young age. Stuart still has friends he hasn't heard from. We are the lucky ones. We have our lives, our family, our friends, our animals, a home still standing and power and water (although we have to conserve our use of it by limiting flushing, not showering or bathing etc. – of course having come from drought ridden Bulawayo we are experts in water conservation and bathing in a basin of water!).*

*In terms of work – we just don't know. The CBD is utterly destroyed as you will have seen from the media coverage. Whether anyone will be allowed to go back there is doubtful. So, all of us who didn't have satellite offices in the suburbs or other cities are in limbo. My boss managed to rescue our hard drive and his laptop but all our files and dictation system are in the building which is so broken. I may work from his home on the other side of town for a while until he manages to establish other premises .... I just don't know, as is the case with so many others.*

*For now we just do what we can for our friends and neighbours, helping out with a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, a meal shared, and any other needs met that we can possibly do. Everyone is so fragile but the Canterbury spirit is as resilient as ever and people just get on with the business of surviving and helping each other.*

*Thanks again for your thoughts and prayers. Your support is our strength."*

We wish everyone in Christchurch and around the world the strength to soldier on.

There are some other matters of importance and urgency that I want to highlight in my Editorial – just in case you miss them further on.

We are nearing the point with the Rhodesia Regiment book project, where we will be closing off the written section. Please – if you have been working on a submission for us you need to get it in as soon as possible.

Also, we are compiling a register of the CO's, 2IC's and RSM's of Depot RR (Llewelin), the Battalions and the Independent Companies. We are not doing the individual companies within the Battalions. We have some names but we need many more. Please put your thinking caps on. Even partial pieces of information will help us on this piece of the project which has never been attempted before. Please email me at [hbomford@clear.net.nz](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz) Thank you.

## 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.



### Tom "Snowy" Hubbard

This from ORAFS:

*"Erik Eilertsen writes:*

*Tom "Snowy" Hubbard was a legend in his own lifetime in the Rhodesian Corps of Signals and, I do believe, in the Rhodesian Army.*

*Aged 84, Snowy passed away on Saturday the 5th of February 2011 and his funeral was on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February in East London. There is to be a memorial service at the MOTH shellhole in Heidelberg, Gauteng, at 1700 on Friday the 18th February 2010.*

*I joined the regular army straight from National Service, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1965. Having done a signals course as part of my NS (intake 70, October '64 to March '65), I went straight into the Corps of Signals and the person I kept hearing about was this legendary Sergeant Major at J Troop, in Bulawayo.*

*He was, according to varying reports, a tearaway ruffian, a rough diamond and a real gentleman – and all things in between, this awesome person.*

*It was to be a number of years before I actually met Snowy but by that time I had sorted out that he was a great Sergeant Major, did not tolerate fools but was actually a very tolerant man and very fair.*

*When I got to know Snowy it was to learn that he was more than the legend. He was fiercely loyal to his corps and his officers but he was most fierce in his loyalty to his men. In this respect he was probably the finest senior NCO I ever served with. His example was that the spit and polish and square-bashing had its place and was a necessary part of soldiering but you needed to be innovative and enthusiastic and do your best – as he expected of us and I believe he got the best out of, and inspired, many of us.*

*After coming to South Africa I seldom saw Snowy but somehow managed to stay in touch off and on and on the few occasions we were at get-togethers it was really nice to be able to have a few words with him.*

*He oversaw and encouraged me in a chapter of my life that I will never forget as I will not forget Snowy's friendship, support, good advice and stern admonishments when necessary.*

*It should be noted that Snowy served in the SA army's SSB, in Armour, during WWII having been 'economical' about his age to join up I think. I believe he saw service in North Africa and Italy.*

*What more can I say? RIP Snowy Hubbard."*

### Hamish Copeland

Billy Wiggill writes:

*"It is with regret we inform you that we have received notice of the passing away of Hamish Copeland.*

*Hamish Copeland who was a Major in Services Corps and an Army and Combined Services rugby and water-polo player who died at Rosebank Clinic at 04:30 on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Hamish Copelands' funeral will take place at the Randpark Ridge United Church, Tin Road, Bromhof, Randburg, at 12h00 Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The service will be conducted by Rev Quentin Smith (Ex T/A Rhodesian Army Chaplain).*

*Condolences can be sent to Trish Copeland at [copez@posix.co.sz](mailto:copez@posix.co.sz) "*

From Rhodesians Worldwide:

*"Chief Justice **Hector Macdonald** passed away last Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, in Rondebosch, Cape Town, at the grand old age of 95.*

*He had an amazing career, a man of great legal intellect who served Rhodesia with great courage and integrity through very difficult times. He leaves his daughter, Jean, in Australia, Ian in Kwa Zulu Natal and Bruce in Cape Town, and their families.*

Information provided by Tessa Scheppening (nee Meikle) - [carlcrc@mweb.co.za](mailto:carlcrc@mweb.co.za) “

## Off The Radar

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

- **Steve Leahy** – South Africa
- **Jason Williams** – Zimbabwe?
- **Will Anderson** – Australia
- **Andrew Stacey** - Australia

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## Pictures From The Past

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



**With sanctions biting deep, Rhodesians put on a brave face. Here a group are forced to drink locally brewed beer and cook local market beef in primitive conditions. (Editor's note: This was not the original caption)**

### **Fighting Vampire revived by Rob Fox.**

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**An exciting addition to the jet warbirdfleet, the ex-Royal Rhodesian Air Force Vampire was on show at the recent Tyabb Airshow. The Vampire T.11 was one of seven imported in 1988. [Rob Fox]**



**The Restored ex RRAF's FB.9 R1835 debuted outside Judy's newly restored Bellman Hangar, (actually 1½ Bellmans). The vampire is a combat veteran of the Bush War and is finished with no insignia and the few stencils it carried will be added later. [Rob Fox]**

Freshly painted in the camouflage markings of a rare, authentic combat jet fighter, ex-Royal Rhodesian Air Force (RRAF) de Havilland FB.9 R1835 debuted at April's Tyabb Airshow. The single-seat Vampire has been restored by volunteers at Judy Pay's Old Aeroplane Company at Tyabb, under the supervision of Chief Engineer Bernie Hauser. It is now at a taxiable status and although it will not fly, has been run up to 75 knots.

The FB.9 has an interesting history. In the late 1980s, an Australian syndicate heard of the planned disposal of the war-weary Vampires. Two T.11 Vampires were located at Air Force of Zimbabwe (AFZ) Base New Sarum, Harare and the five single place FB.9s at Gweru, AFZ Base Thornhill. The spares package included 20 Goblin engines and 49 drop-tanks, including several modified for bomb delivery. The cache of de Havilland jets and spares was imported by a Victorian syndicate comprising Judy Pay, Graham Hosking, Ray Vuillermin and Alan Pay. (see Flightpath Vol. 12 - No.4 for a detailed report) The T11 R4221 and the FB.9 RRAF 112 had been painted silver and red for an anniversary display, while all the other aircraft wore camouflaged schemes as they had seen combat as ground-attack and ground support aircraft in the 'Bush War'. Due to arms restrictions, these often flew with a variety of locally made extemporary weapons.

To complicate matters further, negotiating the purchase was done while the RRAF (Editor's note – I think he means Zimbabwe) was actually at war. They were actively supporting the left-wing government of Mozambique, which was fighting a guerrilla war against right wing terrorists supported by the white Afrikaner South African government. Nevertheless, the Vampire fleet was disassembled and packed into 24 shipping containers for the road, rail and sea trip to reach Australia.



**High above the African veldt, a fighting pair of Royal Rhodesian Air Force Vampires. An FB.9 single seat leads a T.11. These aircraft saw action in a ground support/ground attack role and carried no national markings. [via Graham Hosking.]**

Out of the syndicates 'Air Force', R4221 Judy Pay's T11 - was chosen as 'first cab off the rank' for restoration, as logically a two place would be more practical initially, particularly if the group decided to get a single seat FB.9 operational later.

The long-term and protracted restoration saw this two-seat first-generation jet suffer several false starts and a relocation to bring it back to life. Judy's Old Aeroplane Company's restoration facility is based at Tyabb but the

airfield restriction and its 1,000-metre strip is unsuitable for jet operations so the Vampire T11 is based at West Sale. It has become a frequent air show attraction in the southern states, but sadly it will not be joined in the air by the unique FB.9.

### Remaining RRAF Vampires today:

Aircraft	recov.from	Hrs	Owner
T.11 R2424	Harare	2351	G. Hosking
T.11 R4221	Harare	1891	J. Pay
FB.9 R1380	Thornhill	1804	ex R. Vuillermín, now Moorabbin Museum
FB.9 R8128	Thornhill	1089	ex A. Pay, sold #1
FB.9 R1829	Thornhill	1080	G. Hosking
FB.9 R1378	Thornhill	1055	A. Pay
FB.9 R1835	Thornhill	981	J. Pay
T.11 R4220	Thornhill	2541	Zimbabwe Air Force Museum
FB.9 R1380	Thornhill	1864	Zimbabwe Air Force Museum

#1- serial R8128 is painted as RAAF A79-321, now displayed on a pole outside the Central West Shopping Plaza, Braybrook, Vic. (the former site of the RAAF Tottenham Store)

### Rhodesian Services Association Membership update

Our current financial membership has reached a record level – we have over 150 paid up members. Well done and thanks to all who have paid up.

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

### Regimental Rumours by 'Stompie'

Stompie is still AWOL – hopefully not under a pile of rubble in Christchurch or in the digestive tract of an Aussie flatdog so I will fill in this month with a piece of humour that was sent through to me. I expect 'normal' transmission will resume with Stompie - when it suits Stompie!

Here's a bit of nostalgia for you. The piece below was originally published in January 2005 on [www.thestandard.co.zw](http://www.thestandard.co.zw) and then it has been repeated with a number of alterations on several other websites to the point where the edition that I received was unintelligible in parts and made no sense so I tracked down the original.

*"Time, ladies and gentlemen please: down memory lane as more hotels close.*

*The once much-loved George Hotel Avondale closed January 4: sold to Multi-Choice as new HQ. A planned valedictory meal in the grotesquely named Freckle and Phart pub, or depressing dining room, reminiscent of railway architecture circa 1946, aborted as it was semi-gutted well before closure.*

*Previously, Charleston Hotel (ex-Kamfinsa Park) also shut: "Due to ever rising rent hikes," I heard. Both places underwent major changes in clientele, facilities, ambience, even cleanliness, but are fondly remembered for special functions. The George, especially, for wedding receptions.*

*Since independence Harare lost the popular Windsor Hotel on Baker (Nelson Mandela) Avenue. It housed the Colony, where Edwin and Rachele played twin pianos to international cabaret standards to discerning diners in formal finery. Lincoln Room had fantastic value for money food in luxurious surroundings. It closed late November 1980 when set three-course lunch, featuring baron of beef rolled to the table, carved to order was \$1,50. 1890 was the cocktail bar. Popular with lunchtime philanderers, it shut 2:30 sharp, when top-up toppers moved next door to Branch Office (ex-Blue Room) opening 10:30 to 10:30. Some heroic boozers returned to 1890, which shut at 11:30. Egg and I was in the same building, as was Lion's Den: almost impossible to enter unless in the RLI. The day the Windsor closed (earlier than announced to avoid vandalism seen at Meikles' Long Bar by "souvenir hunters") beer was 38c; bar lunch 35c.*

*Opposite was a complex housing the raucous Round Bar and Le Coq d'Or where little French was heard. The building was owned by an American religious sect which left the country at UDI. Premises were banned from selling drink or tobacco; dancing was proscribed. For years they thought it was a library! Picture the indignation when they found the country's most bawdy, boozy, bare-knuckled, bra-less nightlife had flourished there for years! Playboy was nearby, as was La Boheme: nothing to do with opera, it offered strippers of often venerable years and was a target of an ineptly thrown grenade during the "Bush War".*

*Three major Chinese outlets closed after 1980: Golden Dragon, a hang out of pre-independence Ministry of Information people, the bar a favourite with international journalists; Bamboo Inn with dark, dingy but somehow*

appealing pub run by an Irishman called (of course) Paddy. Mandarin had no bar, but hacks and hackettes gathered round a service hatch as if in a Fleet Street club.

Down the way Pink Panther also had a grenade lobbed in during the hondo. Run by two aged sisters from the Caucasus, they served delicious kebabs at the original site, later Linqenda House. One also owned the Georgian Grill. PP later became Alfredo's then Front Page: restaurants with lively pubs, gregarious regulars, liberal hours. The "Page" owners, a blonde and a brunette belonged in international glamour magazines.

Pino's in Union (Kwame Nkrumah) was arguably the best seafood joint around, but gained notoriety when someone complained and the ebullient eponymous Portuguese proprietor whacked him over the pip with a flambé pan. Bombay Duck between Jameson (Samora Machel) and Central was run, improbably, by ex-BSAP troopie, Tug Wilson; it served iridescent curries all hours for next to nothing.

At Msasa, Red Lantern, run by S-W African (Namibian) Germans specialised in eisbein, knackwurst and bratwurst I can still smell and taste. Beverly Rocks was an hospitable hostel : good food, great music, lovely gardens (now a government training centre.) Going east, the old Jamaica Inn was run by various characters including an ex-Federal hangman and Commonwealth boxing gold medal winner. Good stop there on the way to or from Three Monkeys Marandellas (Marondera) for lunch. (Now a religious institute.)

Glen Lorne's local was the festive Highlands Park, run by ex-Kenya big game hunter Toby Royston. Great dinner dances, lovely Sunday lunches, cream teas in the garden. Spaniards, Marlborough (ex-Quorn) served incredibly good food, except soup: always watery, insipid and costly.

There's not been another Harare establishment like Sandro's. Starting as a private club, it retained clubland ambience till the end.

Five star cooking or basic bar lunch, often polished cabarets; journalists and businessmen rubbed shoulders with cabinet ministers. Sardinian Sandro also ran Eros: fine Mediterranean food and friendly bar and Sandrock's, for back-packers. Close by was Taco's with usually picaresque punters pinting.

BB House has recently been rebuilt; Ramambo Lodge was there. Never my favourite, tourists liked its rustic furniture, Shona sculpture, marimbas, game meat. I preferred a previous operation: Flanagan's with foot-stomping trad jazz Saturday lunches (Bob Gilmore and the Bobcats.) Fish and chips, tripe and onions, steak egg and chips, curry and rice 75c. Covered Waggon/Homestead served scrumptious salads: a favourite with females, when ladies who lunch lunched in town!

I played dominoes in The Chalet as a suitcase bomb exploded at Woolworths nearby with many fatalities (the mother of my children was due to be there.) Regulars helped survivors. (Barbours was the real target.) On more pacific Chalet days, great juicy joints were trundled in at lunch; patrons sliced their own for 50c with pickles, mustard, horseradish, chips and rolls. The city's best pies were served in a motor sport-theme cocktail bar. There was a civilized snooker room (not a crummy pool hall.) It became a motor parts store, then a Spar.

Tipperary's on Fife Avenue, came and went unlamented, as did the adjoining Khyber Pass; Cassidy's, Glenara, had fleeting popularity; now a car showroom. Park Lane (now GMB HQ) the Kiya Nyama steakhouse there unrivalled outside Bulawayo. Howff, Chisipite, a Scottish theme pub/restaurant with super singalong nights, memorably good prawn specials. In the same suburb, Sports Bar enjoyed a brief dedicated following, earning no stars from moi, unmourned when shutters fell as Innscor concentrated on "core" business.

Clovagalix, Fife, caught fire once too often, becoming Cafe Med, Borrowdale. Caruso's 4th/Samora was a great Chips d'Oliviera club-cum Portuguese pub/restaurant. As Vila Peri it moved to 3rd/Baines where the usually grubby Pointe is now. Next door was Fat Mama's, previously Spago's. Now Mama Mia's it thrives at Newlands.

The Cellar, Marimba Park was tops with journos and the printing trade, serving wonderful whisky prawns, real rosti; upstairs bar often seemed the centre of the universe. Kamfinsa's Bizarre Bar (later IT, previously Buster's, The Cockpit, etc.) was hugely popular with yuppies, briefly with buppies; once a licence to print money. New owners cut corners. Now it's a swimming pool sundries shop.

Meikles closed Mirabelle, The Causerie, Flagstaff and Captain's Cabin; Bagatelle, there, and La Chandelle, The Sheraton's fine French restaurant no longer routinely open; Aviator's Arms is shut to non-residents. Monomotapa lost 1001 Horsemen and Bali Hai, but gained La Francais from Avondale.

When everywhere else closed, you could get ABFs at Al's Place The Kopje. Probably unlicensed: whether you ordered whisky, brandy or rum it came from one bottle; gin, cane, vodka, white rum another. High Chaparral (ex-Nick's Bar), Avondale opened all hours : a good greasy spoon where coffee and steak rolls helped avoid the worst "mornings after." Especially after Le Matelot (ex-Lighthouse), opposite where I squirmed as West End stage stars died a death. Aphrodite, Strathaven, was a superb Greek restaurant; Demi's near State Lotteries closed due to commuter omnibuses' anarchistic parking. Up the street, Copacabana served wonderful Portuguese food, having

*previously been a great Chinese (White Lotus?) Himalaya, nearby, did colossal searing noon curries at minimal cost but was avoided after dusk.*

*Variously Rosedale's, Rose Bowl and Rose & Crown the Hatfield outlet was a superb Sunday lunch venue with live entertainment. One of the best seafood platters I've eaten here was at Kentucky, also Hatfield. When a Muslim outfit bought the place, proposing to shut it, locals raised a widely-supported petition in protest. Courts ruled in favour of petitioners but it's closed anyway.*

*On a positive note there's a flurry of recently opened ethnic restaurants, tea, coffee shops and lodges; Jameson's Tiffany's re-opened after many years. Sadly, few seem to have the character or characters in which the closed establishments were so rich, but time will tell."*



## **Grunter's Good Oil**

Greetings All

Our deepest sympathy to the families of all who lost their lives in the Christchurch earthquake. Our thoughts also go out to those who have lost their homes, jobs and are only just beginning to realise the magnitude of what has happened.

Christchurch is a city in the heart of the world rugby community and the scars on this city will take a very long time to heal. With Rugby World Cup 2011 just around the corner, Christchurch's involvement in hosting this event must be in doubt. I personally can't see them hosting anything apart from possibly a few minor pool games. I am sure that the two Quarter Finals that are due to be played there are going to have to be moved. Even if the AMI Stadium has not suffered any damage, the damage to the infrastructure is surely too great. The hotels, motels, roading and transport links have been very badly hit. In my opinion, Hamilton should get these games and while I know this will leave the South Island without any games apart from pool play, Hamilton have the best stadium in NZ for viewing rugby. It is the only major stadium in NZ that does not cater for cricket and hence the stands are close to the touchline all around the field. It always amazes me that in Wellington, where they have the best cricket stadium in NZ at the Basin Reserve, they built the new stadium by the waterfront as a cricket pitch as well as a rugby field. I think that the "Cake Tin", as it is affectionately known, is a great stadium and I really like the concourse system that is completely enclosed (quite appropriate for Wellington's notorious weather) that runs in a complete loop around the stadium. I just think they missed a trick by not having an oval stadium that in my book is essential for a truly great rugby stadium that can make it a cauldron and a bane to visiting teams.

All of this, however, would leave the whole business end of the tournament to be played on the North Island, which is not ideal. The South Island's -and notably Canterbury's - contribution to rugby in NZ is immense and for this reason I think that the two Quarter Finals that were due to be played in Christchurch will remain in the South. The problem lies in where - if Christchurch can't host the games then the obvious choice would be Carisbrook in Dunedin. The "Brook" or the "House of Pain" as it is known is a relic that is past its use by date. There is a new stadium under construction, being built in conjunction with the 'Varsity, which is even going to have a roof (again appropriate for the Dunedin winters). I don't know what stage they are at and whether, if pushed, they could have it ready for the World Cup, but I think either way the two games are likely to be in the South Island. They owe that to the people of Christchurch.

It is not long now till the World Cup and I can hardly wait. It is going to be a big reunion for us "expat Africans" from around the world as they all converge in NZ to watch the "game they play in heaven" showpiece. What a ride it is going to be!

Go well till next month

Regards

Grunter

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## What's On In New Zealand?

### ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011

This year ANZAC Day coincides with Easter Monday. As usual many of us will be marching at Hobsonville, Auckland. We encourage as many of you as possible to come along. For those taking part in the march please - no shorts and tackies! The Hobsonville RSA accord us the privilege of marching directly behind the New Zealand Veterans which puts us at the head of the column and our numbers are greater than the NZ Vets. So please show respect by being decently attired – longs and a jacket if possible. It has become a tradition to wear berets as well.

Assembly begins after 9am at the Hobsonville RSA on Hobsonville Road. March off from the Hobsonville Primary School is around 9:45am. The Rhodesian service immediately follows the main one.

A change to previous agenda – George Walls will be laying the wreath.

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

On Monday evening after the parade we will be having a braai at the motel and all are welcome to join us.

### AUCKLAND

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

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

### TAURANGA

The Garrison Club run by the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. 'Graze 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. As noted in this elsewhere in this publication, other social meetings take place which are advertised locally via email.

### HAMILTON

Hamiltonians - please contact Tinka Mushett email [mushett@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:mushett@slingshot.co.nz) or cell +64 21 722 922 for details of socials being planned in your area.

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

We have been busy introducing new items this month and also arranging a competition.

#### Rugby jersey competition – 3 prizes:

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

Photos to [thecqstore@rhodesianservices.org](mailto:thecqstore@rhodesianservices.org)

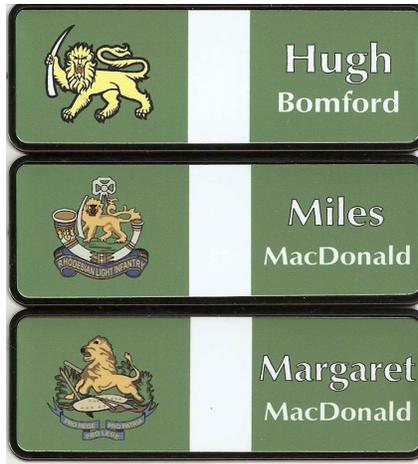
1. Send in a photo of yourself wearing one of our rugby jerseys in attendance at any Rugby World Cup game.
2. Send in a photo of yourself wearing one of our rugby jerseys in attendance at any Rugby World Cup gathering – i.e. a pub where a game is being shown.
3. Be able to demonstrate proof that you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

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

So lets have your orders for our authentic Rhodesian Rugby jerseys in short or long sleeve, all at the excellent price of NZ\$125 plus postage.

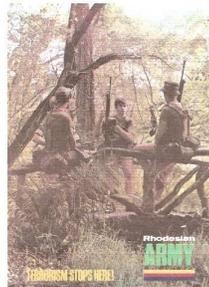
Name Badges.

We have come up with a new pattern and style for our name badges which are all NZ\$15 plus postage. Printed on an aluminium base they are hardwearing and very smart. Order the Lion & Tusk or any Rhodesian Security Force unit badge per examples below. Once again our thanks to Dudley Wall for his assistance with this project.

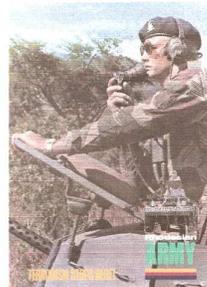


Rhodesian Army Recruitment Posters.

We are able to offer the full set of six posters. Over the years we have scoured the world and obtained all of them. The highly skilled folk at A2Z Imaging in Tauranga, New Zealand have spent time restoring and renovating them to a point where they are actually better than the originals – they are now on quality paper and printed with quality ink. Each poster is 750mm x 550mm. Price – NZ\$50 each or the set for NZ\$250 – saving you NZ\$50.



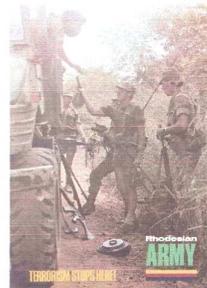
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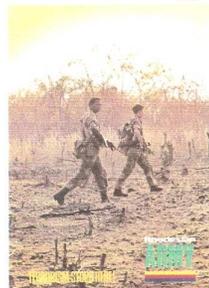
Poster #2 Ferret.jpg



Poster #3 - 3 In forest.jpg



Poster #4 Landmine.jpg



Poster #5 Bush fire.jpg



Poster #6 Bedford.jpg

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

ITEMS EXCLUDING POSTAGE	PRICE in NZ\$
4RR Hackles	\$17.50

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

## Books for Africa

I again remind you that all the books and audio visual disks that I stock and sell are listed at [www.rhodesianservices.org/Books.htm](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, many with a Rhodesian connection, can be found on the link above.

**Commemorative issue of The Cheetah.** Soft cover 80 pages approx A4 size. NZ\$30 plus postage



The Cheetah is the regimental association magazine for the Rhodesian Light Infantry (RLI). It was last published in hard-copy format in 1980 at the disbandment of the RLI following the cessation of the bush war in the embryonic republic of Zimbabwe.

Prior to this, the magazine, renowned for its witty and informed content, was a much sought-after and eagerly-awaited publication for civilians and servicemen alike, being sold commercially through the southern African book trade. Today, original copies change hands for ridiculously high prices, being regarded as collectables. With the revival of the RLI Regimental Association (RLIRA) in 2007, the magazine has been published on a quarterly basis since then, in electronic format, also being viewable on the RLIRA website [www.therli.com](http://www.therli.com). To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the RLI on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1961, and 30 years after the disbandment of the regiment, the RLIRA has decided to bring out this hard-copy commemorative glossy edition that takes a nostalgic journey back in time, as well as highlighting the association's efforts of today in keeping the regimental esprit de corps alive.

This is an excellent buy. If you are in NZ or Australia email me at [hbomford@clear.net.nz](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz) for your copy. For South Africa go online to [www.30degreessouth.co.za](http://www.30degreessouth.co.za). For the UK [www.30degreessouth.co.uk](http://www.30degreessouth.co.uk)

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## The Rhodesia Regiment – Book Project



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

We have reached the point of deadlines which are:

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

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

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

In addition we need your input on the following:

- Personal recollections during the 1979 and 1980 elections
- Personal recollections on the disintegration of the Regiment in 1980 along with any laying up ceremonies and the formation of the post-Rhodesia organisations.

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

Can anyone tell us if they used, or know who used a guinea fowl feather hackle on their Royal Rhodesia Regiment hat/beret badge as pictured below? If you know anything about it please contact Hugh Bomford



Material can be sent to:

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

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

## **The Global Forked Stick – Snippets and Requests**

### **ANZAC Day Parade – Brisbane**

This message from Brian Cornish:

*“Hope you are all well and that none of you are affected by the recent flooding. It has been wonderful to see the community spirit that has arisen out of the tragedy!”*

*This year Easter and ANZAC day are on the same weekend, ANZAC day is Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> April (i.e. Easter Monday). With these two holidays coinciding, the Government has given us an extra day holiday – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April (excellent!). Editor's Note – Not in New Zealand though!*

*We are, however, being reminded by the ANZAC organisational committee that the 25<sup>th</sup> April (Monday) is ANZAC day, no matter what the media calls the Tuesday.*

*I would like to urge those of you that can, and are so inspired, to assist us to have a sizeable contingent to march this year - not only in recognition of those that gave their lives and livelihood for the privileged way of life and safety that we know, but also to get together, share and socialise. Our group is always very well received on the parade and we get great encouragement from the crowd recognising us and what we stood for. I believe part of this is our excellent presentation (well dressed and in step).*

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

*For further details contact Brian Cornish [cornishbj@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:cornishbj@yahoo.co.nz) “*

### **50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative RLI Reunion – 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 Sydney, Australia**

It is now assured that attendance at the Sydney 2011 Reunion will set an all time record for an Australasia RLI Reunion, with definite attendees now numbering over forty.

As there are a further thirty eight 'maybe' attendees, the Reunion Organizing Committee remain quietly confident that on the day, the target figure of 50 ex-RLI marching in the RLI sub-group is still achievable.

The TV Film Crew that wish to produce a full-length documentary about the RLI are still on-track to attend the reunion, and are in the process of obtaining visa's and other necessary documentation in order that they can fly to Sydney.

Please contact Tony Young at [aussie-ri@skymesh.com.au](mailto:aussie-ri@skymesh.com.au) for more details.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative RLI Reunion - South Africa**

Billy Wiggill writes:

*"Please note that there is now a Gallery created on the website called 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Africa with over one hundred photos covering both the Friday night and the main event at AFB Swartkops that have been posted. See the link at [http://www.therli.com/E\\_Gallery\\_new.asp](http://www.therli.com/E_Gallery_new.asp)*

*Thank you to all who made it and to see the manne and their crows reuniting after all these years made all the hard work worthwhile. I would like to especially thank the planning and Africa committee members and their family members that really put in many hours of their own time to prepare for the event and set up the Swartkops venue which looked magnificent on Saturday. The registration planning and processing went exceptionally smoothly on the day. The general flow of the proceedings was also without glitch with a little sound problem being the only noticeable hiccup that was quickly rectified.*

*A special thanks to the photographer, Vanette, who not only took some 600 pictures but set up a face book page where you can view some more photos. See the link at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/R-L-I-Assosiation-50th-Jubilee-Birthday-Celebrations-Africa/161875923863900?v=wall>*

*A detailed report will follow in the next edition of the Cheetah.*

*It was a great Reunion that will be talked about for a long while yet. There is a rumour that next year it is Capetown's turn to host the 1RLIRA Africa Reunion - more on this later. Please do not forget the UK 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations in September this year. If you can make it, it would be great for the members and the Association."*

### **Roan Antelope Music**

Dear Friends, Rhodies and Countrymen!

Interest in Rhodesia and its people never wanes. In fact the interest has widened with the ever faithful organisations like Rhodesians Worldwide, ORAFS, Flame Lily Foundation, RASA, Rhodesian Army Association, Mdala Trust, Rhodesian Services Association and the Rhodesians Reunite on Facebook with photos and memories of years gone by. It's amazing to see folks scattered far and wide but uniting as one family. 'Non-Rhodesians' have taken a great interest in Rhodesia's heritage. John and Teresa's concerts around the country and around the world for that matter have aroused interest from Vietnam Vets, British forces' radio stations in Afghanistan, Desert Storm Vets, Ex-South African servicemen and even some enthusiasts from Japan.

On John Edmond's 'All Time Rhodesian Evergreens' double album there are songs about Rhodesia's founding fathers such as Rhodes, Baden-Powell and David Livingstone. Songs about ordinary pioneering characters like Sandy, Harry, The Scottish Pioneer, Ridgeback, Kashile and Rupert Fothergill. There are songs about epic happenings like The Zeederberg and How Many Crosses and dedications to the more modern folk and their contributions that made up the character of that nation like Wheelchair Warrior, The Great White Tribe, The Troopie, Rhodie Girl, Rock n' Roll Rhodie, Rhodesians of the World and God's Country.

There are fun songs like Rhodies Everywhere, The Chilapalapa Song, London Bobby, Salome, Jennifer and Me, Whenwe Song, Kumakye, Braai in the Middle of England and poignant songs like Down the River, Mashonaland Farewell, Christmas in Rhodesia, Keep the Flame Lily Burning, Zimbabwe Ruins, Armistice Day (the tribute to our never forgotten fallen heroes and heroines), Enkeldoorn in Arizona and sing-alongs like Sitting in the Bundu and The Saints plus descriptions of beautiful places like Chayira, Mosi oa Tunya, Bushtown and foot tappers like Matabele Guitar and Shosholoza.

There are forty four songs in all, covering every aspect of what Rhodesia was and is about!. Let's keep the good memories alive.

If you would like to re-explore Rhodesia - the brave and the beautiful chronicles in song, Roan Antelope are offering this iconic double CD as a special for the month of March.

Order now while this offer is still on from [www.johnedmond.co.za](http://www.johnedmond.co.za) Prices include packaging and postage:  
SAR200 UK£26 USA\$55 AUZ\$50 NZ\$60

Roan Antelope Music:

Web site [www.johnedmond.co.za](http://www.johnedmond.co.za) E-mail: [info@johnedmond.co.za](mailto:info@johnedmond.co.za) Tel: +27 (0) 71 699 0362 Fax: +27(0) 86 273 5492. For bank details see web site or phone the Roan office.

### **30 Degrees South – UK**

The advert below shows just some of the products and details that are on offer from Steve Crump and 30 Degrees South UK. In addition to the 'SAS Trooper' figurine there is also the 'RLI MAG Gunner', a 'Selous Scout' and from the South African Border War a 'Koevoet Special Constable'.

A portion of the profits generated from sales of these figurines is donated to the various associations – RLIRA, SAS and Selous Scout Associations.

Go to [www.30degreessouth.co.uk](http://www.30degreessouth.co.uk) for more details and to order

Limited Edition Collectors Figurines  
**'The Rhodesian SAS Trooper'**

This SAS Trooper release sees a Trooper attired for external operations. Armed with an FPD light machine gun he has chanced upon an enemy location and is moving into the attack. Just 40 numbered pieces are to be released, each featuring the famed SAS winged dagger above the embossed 'Rhodesia'.

This figure has seen extensive consultation with a number of Rhodesian SAS veterans including Pat Viljoen, Peter McAleese and Paul French. It will be released with an accompanying certificate of provenance and a percentage of sales donated to the Rhodesian SAS Association.

**30° SOUTH UK**  
THE UK'S LEADING DISTRIBUTOR OF BOOKS RELATING TO CONFLICT IN AFRICA

**LIMITED EDITION COLLECTORS FIGURINES 2011 RELEASES**

Each of these limited edition figures is sculptured and cast by our good friends at Peter Hicks Associates. Our unique partnership sees veterans advise on each figure's pose, equipment fit and more. Every detail is painstakingly checked and rechecked. Cast in bronze resin, once these limited editions are gone – they are gone. Over the years, Peter Hicks Associates have provided the British Army alone with more than 350 centre pieces.

Each figure retails at £125.00 + P&P to your address by secure shipping. See inside for the latest releases. To reserve your figure of choice – email [steve@30degreessouth.co.uk](mailto:steve@30degreessouth.co.uk)

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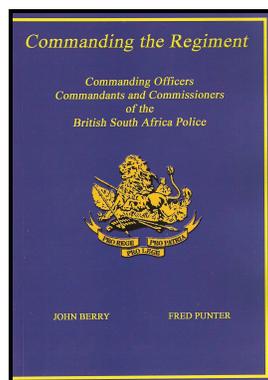
### Anyone knowing the late Basil Simpson

Basil Simpson died in Spain in March 2010. He lived in Rhodesia for most of the 1970's where he was a tea plantation estate manager around Chipinga and Umtali. It had been understood that he had served with one or other of the BSAP Reserves during his periods of call up, however he does not appear on any BSAP records. It is therefore possible that he may have served with a territorial unit, 4RR being the most likely.

It is understood that he left Rhodesia around 1979, moving firstly to the RSA and thence to Papua New Guinea, still in the business of tea estate management.

If you can help please email Stuart Rodda (ex BSAP) on email [stuartrodda@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartrodda@waitrose.com)

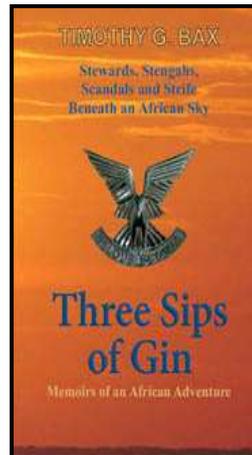
### 'Commanding the Regiment – Commanding Officers, Commandants and Commissioners of the British South Africa Police' by John Berry and Fred Punter



The book title is a hell of a mouthful but the book is a valuable record and resource. Having personal involvement with trying to record all the Rhodesia Regiment CO's, 2IC's and RSM's I commend John and Fred on their work and recommend it to others.

It has been published by the BSAP (UK Branch) and sells for £6.50. Email Bertie Cubitt in [bsapuk2@aol.com](mailto:bsapuk2@aol.com) for orders.

### 'Three Sips Of Gin' by Tim Bax



Warning Order: Advice to members of an epic new book release by our own Tim Bax, formerly of the Rhodesian Light Infantry and Selous Scouts entitled '*Three Sips Of Gin*' due for release at the end of March 2011

Before taking us into the cauldron of operations in which he was involved, Tim takes us behind the veil of what it was like growing up in the decadent and indulgent atmosphere that prevailed at the time in colonial East Africa. He gives us rare insight into the strict and unforgiving domain of the remote African boarding school where status among schoolboys was determined not from within the classroom, but by more notable deeds worthy of schoolboy lore. Then we accompany Tim as a young commissioned officer with the Rhodesian Light Infantry and Selous Scouts into the silence of the shadows where he reveals never before published details of some of the Selous Scouts final and most secret operations. When Tim leaves the Army, we stumble with him through the intrigues, excesses and scandals of the boardroom of a large multinational company based in South Africa where longevity of service was as tenuous as the morning mist on the Matabele plains. But most of all we share in the remarkable wit and humour of a remarkable African adventure.

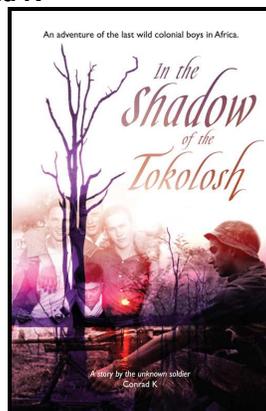
Lt. Col. Charlie Aust was moved to write of the book....."*A fascinating account and an essential read about pre-independent Africa. Although an outstanding officer of extraordinary ability, Tim's hilarious recollections of war and peace are awash with the light hearted wit and humour for which he will always be remembered. Three Sips of Gin is a unique and compelling memoir.*"

Tim states:

*"It's a humorous account of my life in Africa and the bulk of the book deals with my time in the army. It's not a blood and guts novel, but neither does it seek to avoid the horrors of war. The book is painted more with a humorist's eye which I hope the reader might find refreshing. I have tried to do this without detracting from the dignity of those who perished in the war. The title of the book refers to the three times I was badly wounded."*

For more information and to order go to [www.threesipsogin.com](http://www.threesipsogin.com) or [www.timothybax.com](http://www.timothybax.com)

### 'In the Shadow of the Tokolosh' by 'Conrad K'



Four young men growing up in the wilderness, as the last remnants of colonialism in Africa fade. While the world and its attitude changed around them, they found themselves fighting to save their way of life, in a land that did not share their views or values. The book is set in the Zambezi Valley, where the white man made his last stand in Africa.

For more information and to purchase use any of these websites:

[www.silverlinginspired.co.uk](http://www.silverlinginspired.co.uk) [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) [www.smashwords.com](http://www.smashwords.com) [www.abbey.com.au](http://www.abbey.com.au)  
[www.kalahari.net](http://www.kalahari.net) [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) or simply email [silverlinginspired@gmail.com](mailto:silverlinginspired@gmail.com)

### **Bay Watch – NZ style!**

Greg O'Carroll undertook to arrange a beach social gathering on every Sunday for the month of February. The venue was off Tay Street, Mount Maunganui. The weather was perfect for every meet. This format met with great success with people driving ninety minutes each way from as far afield as Hamilton.

It is something that could be emulated around the country and in other parts of the world. A beach is not necessary, just somewhere people can meet and mingle. We simply sent out emails and Greg planted a Green & White in the sand. At first Greg got some sideways looks from people who thought that he was carrying out some protest over land issues or fishing rights but now it appears that the Green & White is well accepted.

The object is not to create a separate society – far from it, as quite a number of those gathering were Kiwis, but we all know there are times when the company of people who share a similar background is a welcome change from the stresses of the daily grind and it also provides a platform for those who are newer arrivals to pick up a few tricks from the older hands and natives.

With beach weather set to deteriorate from here on it is anticipated that a hike will be organised in the future. If you are in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty area please ensure that you are on my local mailing list – email [hbomford@clear.net.nz](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz) to get on it.



**Pam and 'The Hoff' nowhere in sight!**

In return for a great day on the beach, Mike O'Rourke took Greg for a spin in his gyrocopter.



**New Zealand's answer to Defence budget cuts .....Cyclone 3.5!**  
**Pilot Mike O'Rourke (former Sgt in the RAR) and 'Door Gunner' Greg O'Carroll (former SAS trooper)**

### **Flame Lily Adventures**

Flame Lily Adventures is headed up by Jimmy Swan (former RLI soldier). They run an adventure park based at 805 Burrum Heads Road, Burrum River, Queensland, Australia 4659. The FLA Team offer a Rhodesian influenced adrenalin rush for the individual as well as team building courses. They encourage schools, Government support groups, Sporting and Adventure groups etc. to come along and take up the challenge.

Tel +61 7 4129 0799 Fax +61 7 4129 0977 Email [admin@flamelilyadventures.com.au](mailto:admin@flamelilyadventures.com.au) web: [www.flamelilyadventures.com.au](http://www.flamelilyadventures.com.au)

### **Flame Lily Greeting Cards**

Alison Hucke will kindly make a donation to the Rhodesian Services Association for sales of her Flame Lily cards. Take a look at her website [www.alisonsart.org](http://www.alisonsart.org) or email her at [whucke@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:whucke@slingshot.co.nz) for more information.

### **Rhodesian death register 1890 – 1977 and death notices 1904 - 1976**

David Armstrong the genealogy expert in the Op Uric search team has found the following very useful resource.

The LDS have been microfilming Zimbabwean Archives. LDS is common shorthand for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, otherwise known as the Mormons.

They require their members to research their family history so that they can re-unite their ancestors in the afterlife. To do this they microfilm records of genealogical value wherever and whenever they can around the world. As a quid pro quo for access to the archives they make their libraries around the world available to the public, and now they're filming digitally, on the internet. The Mormons have obviously been microfilming in Zimbabwe recently and on Friday they loaded two collections of Rhodie documents.

This link is at <https://www.familysearch.org/s/collection/list?page=1&region=AFRICA>

In the first collection, you need to look up the Index reference first. The second is arranged by Registration District and it includes a "Service Personnel" District. The scans can be viewed on-line for free and copies saved to your PC.

### **Rhodesia Regiment Belt Buckles from Buckles and Tees**

As reported last month, Mike Vivier has been working on the production of a Rhodesia Regiment belt buckle. Pictured below is the current artwork for the pattern. The buckle will be approximately 80mm x 68mm. How you view this image below is close to the actual size.

Currently there is a split opinion on the pattern. Some people who have seen it feel that there is too much red. Mike wants to include the Rhodesia Regiment colours of black, red and green as well as the red beret flash. Has this resulted in too much red? Mike would like to hear from potential purchasers so that he can alter the pattern if necessary before going into production. Please drop Mike a line at [mike\\_joVivier@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mike_joVivier@xtra.co.nz) with your thoughts on this design.



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Mike is a long standing member of the Association and a staunch supporter who has donated generously to the Rhodesian Services Association over the years. You can view his website at [www.bucklesandtees.co.nz](http://www.bucklesandtees.co.nz) to see the his amazing range of products. His stock covers all interests. His inventory includes various 'Advice To Every Terrorist!' products including t-shirts, braai aprons and coffee mugs.

A donation is made to the Rhodesian Services Association from every Rhodesian related product sale.

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.

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



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