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Greetings,

Much of my focus these days concerns the compilation of the Rhodesia Regiment book. We extended the cut off for written material until the end of June 2011. If you have anything please get it in to us ASAP. We are not looking for literary masterpieces, we just need details as best as you can remember and we will do the rest.

We are still looking for details for the Battalion and Independent Company Commanders, 2I/C and RSM/CSM roll. We are getting there, but any scrap of info will help; especially required are names and dates for Cadet units and also for 5RR, 10RR and 3 Indep. Coy. This is the first time such an exercise has ever been done and it is probably the last time that it will be possible to get these records compiled so it is imperative that we get as much input as possible.

Remember - we are recording names of the Commanding Officer, 2nd In Charge and Regimental Sergeant Major (in the case of Independent Companies, the Company Sergeant Major) covering all the Battalions and Independent Companies (the Indep. Coys. up until they became RAR in around October 1977). Any recollections of names and dates will be very useful to us.

The Rhodesia Regiment was formed in 1898; so to put a perspective on it - never mind these "Johnny come lately" types like the RLI and SAS who are having their 50th Anniversaries – the Rhodesia Regiment would be celebrating its 113th Anniversary this year. Sadly, as I go through the incoming material, and especially as I catalogued a whole package of photos of East African graves where our 2nd Battalion Rhodesia Regiment lie buried, I reflect that we were not taught enough about our heritage at basic training. Perhaps it was because it was more important to teach us the basics of soldiering and get us active rather than dwell on Regimental History; I do not know but whatever the circumstance we should have been given a better grounding in knowledge of our past and those who had been before us. I would like to add that these photos show that the Commonwealth and War Graves Commission cemeteries in Kenya and Tanzania are in an excellent state of upkeep – clean and beautifully tended. As I go through the names of these men who gave their lives in both World Wars in East Africa I see many surnames of people who I knew or who are on our mailing list and I wonder if there is a family connection – all the more significant that we get the job done on this record of the Rhodesia Regiment's history because the Regiment touched so many Rhodesian lives.

We have a new columnist - Gerry van Tonder will be writing the Dateline Rhodesia 1890–1980 piece every month. This column will take a snap look at a month in Rhodesia's history that coincides with the month of publication of the newsletter. I am looking forward to what Gerry will come up with. I have been working with Gerry for quite a few months, along with Adrian Haggett on the Rhodesia Regiment book compiling the Roll of Honour and Battalion Commanders, 2I/C and RSM roll.

Gerry van Tonder



Gerry was born in Bulawayo in 1955. After attending Henry Low and Hamilton High he completed his secondary education at Thornhill High in Gwelo.

He joined Intaf in January 1975, and was first stationed at Karoi, Urungwe District, as a Cadet District Officer. A year later, he reported to Chikurubi in Salisbury as a member of Internal Affairs National Service 4 (Intake 150) call-up, to undergo military training. He was posted to Sipolilo, where he was based at the Angwa Keep (Fort Harrison) on the Hunyani River in the Zambezi Valley.

In November 1976, he was transferred to Mount Darwin, where he served in that large station's Intelligence Section.

In January 1977, he undertook the Ministry of Internal Affairs' in-house sponsored university degree programme, graduating at the end of 1979 with a Bachelor of Administration (Honours) degree. During university vacations, he was stationed in Sipolilo and Gwelo.

At the end of his studies, he was posted to Mount Darwin as a District Officer, being the Returning Officer for Rushinga during the Zimbabwe elections, and working through the period of transition from the cease fire and return of the ZANLA insurgents to assembly points in the district.

In the middle of 1980, and with no future prospects as a civil servant, Gerry left Intaf and joined a commercial marketing firm in Salisbury.

In 1983 he was head-hunted by FAVCO, the country's largest fresh produce marketing cooperative, where he became Managing Director and remained until his departure from Zimbabwe late in 1999. Gerry with his British-born wife Tracey and two children, left Zimbabwe to settle in Derby, England.

Gerry is an active member of several internationally networked Rhodesian associations, including the Rhodesian Army Association (UK); the Rhodesian Services Association (NZ); and the Rhodesia Light Infantry (UK Branch) Regimental Association, as a result of all three of his brothers having served in that battalion.

Obituaries

Please Note that the Rhodesian Services Association holds a large Rhodesian flag for use at funerals. Please contact me at hbomford@clear.net.nz if required.



George 'Jock' Liddell 1931 - 2011

Alex Walker writes:

"Jock Liddell died on the 22nd April 2011 (Good Friday).

Jock and I first met at Llewelin Barracks in 1960. I was doing my National Service in the 3rd Battalion Royal Rhodesia Regiment and Jock was our soccer coach. We were the most successful team the Army had ever been blessed with. After my service I travelled a lot and lost touch with Jock. I ran into him again sixteen years later at Auckland Airport and we became friends once again.

Jock was a founder of the Rhodesian Army Association in New Zealand and together with Keith Keitzmann and myself, we ran the Association for a couple of years before it was officially formed at a meeting on the 28th December 1991. The first time the RAA marched as a contingent in NZ was the ANZAC parade at Hobsonville in 1992. We had the service in the Hobsonville Hall which is down the road from the RSA. Jock laid the first wreath on behalf of the RAA.

Jock's military service covered thirty years and three countries:

January 1950 to February 1952 - Royal Signals 2nd Division Signals Regiment B.A.O.R Dortmund, Hilden, Iserlonn and Wuppertal. British Army No.22324401, rank of Corporal.

February 1952 to January 1960 – 51st H.D. Signal Regiment (Territorial).

March 1960 to 31st December 1963 - Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Royal Signals. Rhodesian Army No.1495, rank of Sergeant.

March 1960 to October 1960 - Army H.Q., King George VI Barracks, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

October 1960 to November 1961 - Depot Royal Rhodesian Regiment, Llewelin Barracks, Bulawayo.

November 1961 to 31st December 1963 – 2nd Battalion Kings King's African Rifles.

1965 to 1968 NZ Army No.X38201 rank of WO2 with 2 CommZ Sig Squadron (23 radio TP) Linton Military Camp, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Aug 1968 to Feb 1973 31 Medium Radio sub TP Addington, Christchurch.

Feb 1973 to Nov 1974 Signals Platoon, 1 RNZIR Dieppe Barracks, Singapore.

Dec 1974 to May 1976 2 CommZ Signal Squadron, Force HQ Signal Squadron, Papakura Camp, New Zealand.

May 1976 to May 1978 NZSAS Training Wing, Papakura Camp.

May 1978 to March 1980 1 Brigade Signal Squadron, Northern Regional Signals, Papukura Camp.”

Charles Paxton

Nigel Fotheringham writes for ORAFS:

“I regret to advise the passing of Charles Paxton in Brisbane Australia on Saturday the 7th May 2011. Charles was a great guy and he will be missed by all. I remember him well as CO of Thornhill and in later years he was my instructor when I did my twin rating at RUAC in Harare. In recent times he has suffered a long and painful kidney disease.

If anyone wishes to contact his daughter Bev she will be pleased to receive any emails on ron.bev@bigpond.com“

Chuck Osborne writes:

“I was privileged to have known Charles when he did call-ups in the bush, as a pilot when I helped as ‘trigger-finger’ during cloud-seeding operations, and as my boss when I worked for UAC in Bulawayo. I knew him as a very professional and friendly man.”

Ray Stocker

Bruce Spargo writes:

“Ray Stocker (Stirling House, Guinea Fowl School from 1971-1976) passed away on the 8th April 2011 after a long struggle with cancer.”

Off The Radar

A number of recipients find their copy of **Contact! Contact!** either gets completely rejected by their Internet Service Provider or it is consigned to their Spam Bin. It is extremely frustrating for me to have put the time and effort into production of this publication and then find that is not reaching the intended destinations. If you are able, please check your systems or have your technical people check and ensure that these addresses are cleared as ‘friendly’:

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

- **Peter Binion BCR** – Australia
- **Mervyn Stoltz** - New Zealand
- **Pat Mclsaac** – New Zealand

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Rhodesian Hunter In the Skies Over New Zealand

For a short while a Rhodesian Hunter FGA 9 patrolled the skies over the Bay Of Plenty in New Zealand. Unfortunately its flight came to a premature (and terminal) end due to an apparent electrical malfunction. Sadly I did not witness the flight but I hope that I can see the next model in action.



Ron van Heerden's Hawker Hunter FGA 9. The triangle on the fuselage above the wing is an extra air intake for the fan.

Here is what Ron van Heerden, the modeller and former ZAF pilot has to say about his Hunter:

"The model is of a Hunter FGA 9 as used in the Rhodesian Air Force by 1 Squadron. The kit is made from high density foam and comes pre-painted in Royal Air Force colours so I had to strip it down and start again. The colour scheme I used is from the early 1970's with the roundel but no serial numbers on the tail.

It is powered by a 3900kv Electric Ducted Fan which runs at around 50 000rpm on a 24 volt lithium polymer battery. At full chat you get a good five minutes of flying which doesn't sound like much but you get a bunch of 'beat ups' well over 100 kmh.

All up it weighs 1.8kg.

Length: 117.5cm

Wingspan: 86.6cm

The decals I made myself from images on the net and printed at home on decal paper from Bay Hobby Supplies. I can't remember the exact paint code I used but it is called NATO Brown and NATO Green, again from Bay Hobby Supplies. (Editor's Note – The owner of Bay Hobby Supplies www.bayhobbies.co.nz is an old shooting mate of mine and has been supportive of various Rhodesian Services Association museum projects in the past.)

The plane itself is completely to scale with flaps and retractable gear, she flew like a dream. Sadly on flight number five what I think was an electronic glitch caused a loss of control on down wind after lowering the first notch of flaps. It rolled, inverted and impacted the ground nose first - CAT 5 un-repairable.

Initially I suspected a flap problem, but inspection of the wreckage showed both were properly deployed. Fortunately all the expensive stuff still works, the engine ran perfectly on the bench after the crash. I will make some modifications to the electrical system and I hope by the next RV to have another one flying. The good thing about these models is that a complete airframe is only AU\$165, so will be saving my pocket money.



Ron van Heerden with his Hunter.

See this link, which I hope will be my next project, probably K-Car. I will have to top up my 'slush fund' though maybe some 'Christmas box' will help!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/skyhunterHobby?feature=mhee#p/u/0/PmEsbSMD5qE>

Please feel free to pass on my contact details to any other model enthusiasts out there.

Ron van Heerden

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Regimental Rumours by 'Stompie'

Editor's Note: We are once again privy to some more private correspondence between some of the characters who were around in the formative years of Rhodesia. We are grateful to Stompie for making copies of these letters available to us from his dear departed Auntie's estate.

Smugglers' Inn
Durban
Port Natal
South Africa

4th December 1893

Viscount Ethelred of Slouch, Jasper Sidebottom
c/o BSA Company Officers' Mess
Bulawayo
Matabeleland.

Tugger me hearty

You will not believe the experiences I have sustained in trying to meet up with you. This correspondence follows an encounter with the self-styled Captain of a dhow of dubious registration off Zanzibar.

As you well know there are times when one must make urgent travel arrangements at a moment's notice, you and I both having refined this skill to a marked degree. My presence on the dhow followed just such an event in Zanzibar, a sinister place of which you may have heard, famous for slave traders and the odd mad mullah.

I had been travelling southwards down the continent after a close shave in Khartoum. Making my way through some hostiles there, I had waved to none other than the late General Gordon on his verandah, but he seemed preoccupied at the time with some Dervishes and it seemed no time for a gentleman to intervene in what was clearly a private matter.

Suffice to say, that unhappy chapter is at an end, as is poor Gordon (if only I had known when passing his house....)

Surviving mosquitoes, elephants, bandits, thieving porters, bad curry and the other hum drum elements of travel in Africa I did manage to reach Dar es Salaam, a malaria -infested port translated (erroneously in my opinion) as 'Haven of Peace' .

No sooner was I there than I met up with a Goanese wallah (the nearest I could come to anyone nearing my station in this awful place) named Melkit Goncalves who was dressed in a tropical suit and Panama hat. (He professed to greatly admire Kipling).

Showing considerable generosity he availed me of an invitation to nearby Zanzibar which he extolled as a fine venue of gaming and other gentlemanly pursuits.

You well know my interest in games of chance but I had a devilish time of it there, losing copious sovereigns to a murky lot of players, (all of whom were his cousins and brothers in law, if Goncalves were to be believed).

Partaking of proffered refreshment (some kind of palm wine I understand) and the odd sniff of a hookah throughout the evening, I realized too late that I had been duped into this situation. This occurred to me just before losing my sensibility as I coincidentally fell into the arms of a concerned belly dancer, whom I assumed to have been attracted to my good looks and breeding.

Suffice to say I awoke with little memory, a splitting headache and an empty wallet. I happened, too, to espy a fellow colonial in the same room where we were both apparently under guard by a large turbaned lout with a scimitar.

Also in the fetid room were a number of sari-clad women of dubious bathing habits, including my earlier rescuer, whose remembered slim figure and delicate features had in the light of day been replaced by a toad-like body with the face of a gargoyle.

When this creature started smiling and pointing at us while talking to the guard, my unknown companion and I both understood enough of the dialect to react with great horror to hear sinister words such as 'marriage', 'harem' and 'men slaves'.

As luck would have it, the harridan's laughter got the better of her and a coughing fit followed; during the course of which the large guard seized her in a bear hug, presumably to prevent her choking, but causing the expulsion of a set of home-made false teeth.

Spinning around violently in effort to control her paroxysms, the guard inadvertently stood on the offending dentures, crushing them underfoot. This caused a shriek of rage from Madame Toad who then set about assaulting her erstwhile saviour with the flat of his own scimitar blade.

Needing no second bidding with this temporary diversion, my colleague and I scampered through the now unguarded door, fleeing in a passable approximation of the pace of the Queen's favourite at Ascot.

We sped down the cobbled streets with little time to admire the large decorated doors, pausing only to shake hands by way of introduction (his name was Browne), pursued as we were by various turbaned and sword wielding residents of our recent accommodation.

There was only one thing for it and that was to head for a boat. As luck would have it we managed to dive unobserved into the harbour and made it unseen to the lee side of the aforementioned dhow, whose crew threw us each a line. Happily my rope was free of any impediment and I was pulled up without ado.

Poor Browne, though, had to hold on to a rope that was pulled up in line with the bilges outlet and he arrived at the deck in a somewhat unhygienic condition where he was washed down with pails of seawater.

It became apparent that he had little in the way of a sense of humour, for when I cheerily mentioned that his surname seemed appropriate given his present appearance, I was narrowly missed by a thrown marlin-spike aimed at a fairly important part of my person.

Once we had weighed anchor and properly introduced ourselves to the Captain, Ibn Shitol, we realized that we were again in a rather uncertain predicament, given the murderous looks from his motley crewmen and the contents of the vessel. The latter included several large tusks and a number of caskets and cabin trunks all emblazoned with the crest of the Sultan, ruler of Zanzibar, undoubtedly there without their owner's consent.

Nothing for it, though, but to make the most of our situation and we earned acceptance by captain and crew through taking our turns at the tiller and manhandling the lateen sail in the necessary evasion of pursuit by the more cumbersome flotilla of the offended sultan.

This put us on track for Durban, Port Natal, where we would once again be among our own kind at last and the trip enabled me to become better acquainted with my new companion, Browne.

I was fascinated with his tales of 'derring do' and very interested indeed to find that he has been in the same theatres of war as yourself - do you know him, perchance ?

He told me that his first name was George but modestly added that he had become better known as 'Maori' Browne, by virtue of his legendary bravery in battles in New Zealand, not to mention his participation in Chelmsford's campaign in Zululand.

I was pleasantly surprised indeed to hear that he, like you, had been present in the military actions being carried out against the infamous Matabele, north of the Limpopo River.

After a few weeks of fair sailing we landed at Durban, where I reluctantly parted with a few sovereigns from my tiger-skin purse, cementing our new found friendship with our dhow captain and crew. (I noted that Browne had found other important matters to attend to when the time for payment arrived).

I found Durban to be an excellent and civilized place and we immediately secured transport in the form of a rickshaw (a two wheeled carriage with two handles extending forward) to the nearest HM forces club. The contraption was pulled by a large and athletic Zulu with an enormous headdress comprised of cattle horns, beads and feathers.

Of warlike demeanour, our energetic puller would periodically bellow, whistle and leap into the air, slamming a small wheeled extension at the rear of the carriage onto the ground, to the great amusement of pedestrians and other

road-users and (initially, at any rate) ourselves. This continued intermittently until we reached the club, by which time I was suffering a degree of vertigo and travel sickness as well as a stiff neck.

Browne, true to his ill temper, had evidently had enough by then and shouting in a patois of broken Zulu with a sprinkling of Maori epithets, in quick succession both demanded the Zulu's name and when answered, announced that he believed he had shot the latter's father in his posterior at Rorke's Drift.

There ensued an explosive outburst from our rickshaw puller (still armed with his spear and shield), who leapt in the air and slammed the contraption backwards as was his wont, but then unexpectedly rushed to the rear of the carriage and did the exact opposite.

My recollection of the following events is somewhat disjointed, as I suffered a mild concussion but I do recall looking down at the road for an instant as our conveyance launched forward over the now perpendicular forward shafts. I immediately looked up again, while airborne only to view the unpleasant sight of Browne's large rear as he appeared, with arms wind milling, to be carrying out a passable impersonation of an overfed vulture making its first flight.

I landed with considerable force and was assisted to my feet by the patrons of the club, who pressed a welcome stengah into my outstretched hand and I was later advised that considerable pandemonium had followed the incident.

Apparently Maori Browne's death seemed certain when the enraged rickshaw puller, shouting, ran over to spear Browne where he lay face down on the road, but unaccountably suddenly dissolved into gales of laughter after gesticulating at our New Zealand cousin and walked off with his carriage, shaking his horned head.

It turned out that Browne's flight had ended with him lying face down in a fresh pile of what is known to local road sweepers as 'horse-apples' and his raised visage had revealed that one of his eyes was covered by one of these, resembling a rather poor form of monocle.

Once cleaned up again, Maori was allowed into the club to join us and there regaled our military colleagues with tales of his military adventures in New Zealand and at Isandhlwana and his plan to open a hostelry in Jamaica with a damsel he had recently encountered in his travels.

All went well until a rather scholarly elderly individual stalked across to a glass cabinet and produced a large register which he opened on the bar, proceeding to open a page which he clearly knew well. He then announced to all and sundry that he had been clerk to Chelmsford's Adjutant-General and responsible for all regimental service records in the Zulu War .

In a most polite tone he asked my new friend Maori Browne to show him where his name appeared in the roll of names and more tellingly why his claimed medals were not listed there.

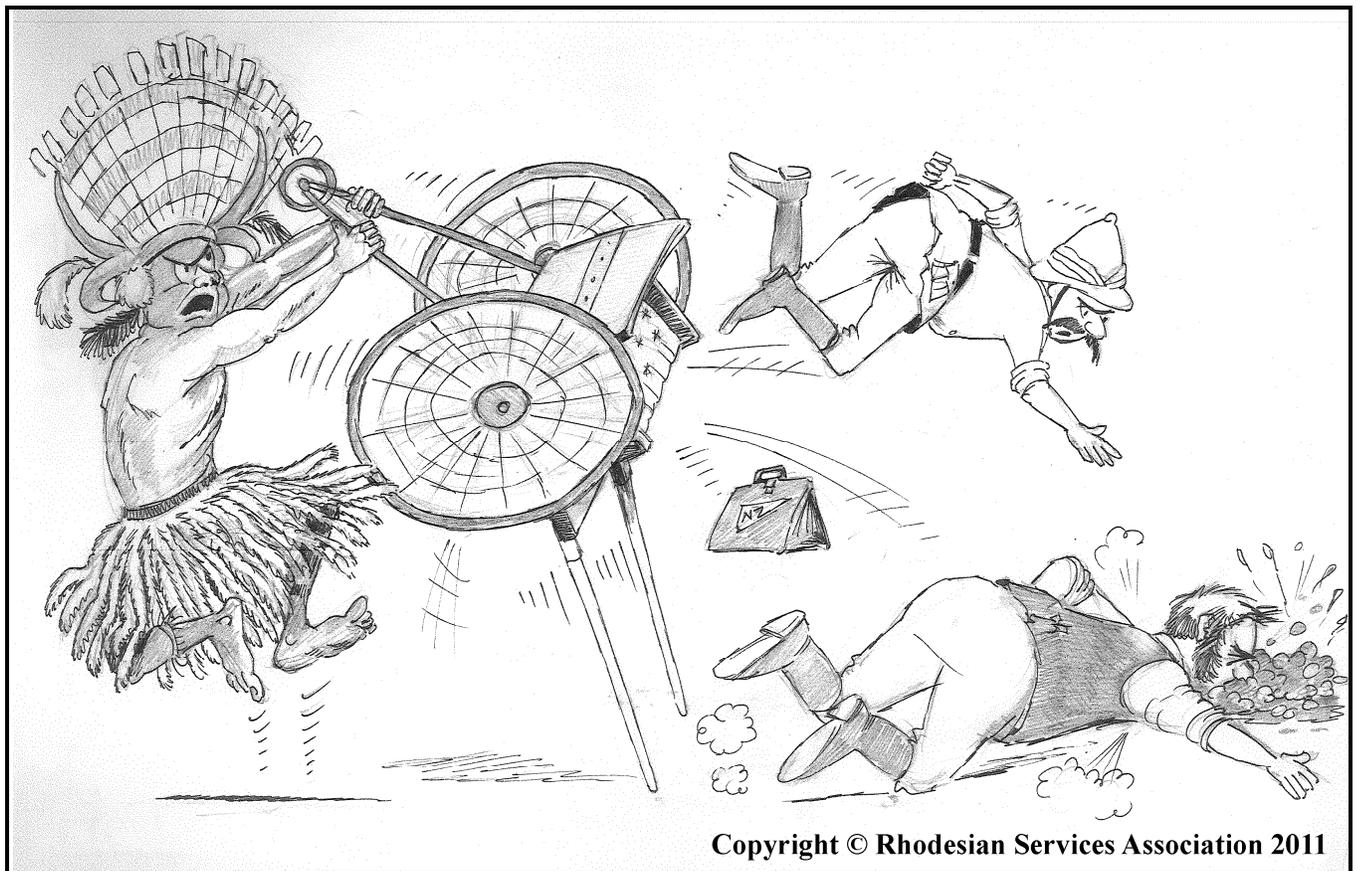
As you can imagine there was a stunned silence at this, following which Maori began to gradually turn an apoplectic red as his neck swelled and his eyes shrank in size. Recognizing these signs, and having previously seen the effects of his uncertain temper I glided unobtrusively to the nearest door.

There was an explosion of rage from Browne who seized the unfortunate ex adjutant's clerk by the ankles and gripping him in the manner of a Maori war club proceeded to use him to assault those present, the cabinet and the bar mirror, all the while shouting comments suggesting that all of those present had parents who were not married, were all in for a deserved colonial drubbing and that Chelmsford's records should be restored to his person in an anatomically impossible and unhygienic location.

In the ensuing confusion surrounding the arrival of the ambulance, the peelers and the club committee, I managed to extract Browne, still cursing horribly and we overlooked the niceties of settling our account in the necessity of yet another speedy departure. (I do believe that there is a chance that my reciprocal membership of the forces club may be revoked, despite the survival of the ex clerk).

We are temporarily registered under false names in a quaint establishment called the Smugglers' Inn, while we await a vessel on which we will sail to Jamaica in the company of Browne's fiancée, till the dust settles.

Yours aye
Tosser



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Public transport problems in Durban in the 1890's



Grunter's Good Oil

Greetings Everyone and thank you for your emails.

I am glad there are some of you out there who share my thoughts on the way the game is going. I haven't got the space to go into it in more detail this month but we will get back to it.

Starting from this month we are going to have a sort of blast from the past, if you like, from sportsmen or sporting events that happened earlier on in our history. I hope to combine this with current events and this month we start off with Fred Morgan. He is arguably one of the best sportsmen to have represented Rhodesia and his record speaks for itself. These family records were loaned to us by his grandson Barry Morgan. I am sure you will enjoy this fascinating insight to a sporting legend.

Fred Morgan - born 30th June 1893 in Johannesburg and died on 29th July 1980 in Bulawayo.

Fred commenced shooting in 1906 under the tuition of Sgt. Maj. HA Hall of the South African Defence Staff. In the same year he attended his first Bisley, winning a cup, medal, watch and a set of gold cuff links.

At the age of 13 he scored his first cricket century and was awarded the Transvaal Cadet Order of Merit for being the youngest cadet in SA to score a century.

In 1909 he was sent by the Transvaal Government to represent the Transvaal Cadets at the British Bisley where he won £7 in open competition. At the English Cadet Bisley which followed this, he won the SA Cup and gold medal for

rapid fire, was 2nd in both the Lady Gwendoline Guinness Cup and the Captain Cook Cup, whilst he also scored first place in the Grand Aggregate. He was singled out for presentation to HRH the Prince of Wales (later HM King George V).

From then on he attended most of the Bisleys in SA up until the time of the Great War. His principal success during this period was as follows:

- At the Transvaal Bisley he won the Transvaal Cup, the Johannesburg Cup and the Merchants Cup.
- At the Cape Town Bisley he won the Short Range Cup, the Ladies Nomination Gold Broach and was also 2nd in the Grand Aggregate.
- At the Natal Bisleys he has annexed the Natal Cup and the Administrators Cup.
- At the Grahamstown Bisley he won medals for the 1st & 2nd stages of the Kings Competition, the Castle Brewery Cup, The Presidents Cup, Gen Lukins Gold, and on two occasions, scored first place in the Grand Aggregate.
- During the years 1910 - 1914 he was a member of the famous all conquering team of Witwatersrand Rifles.

His prize winning proclivities remained in abeyance for some years during the Great War when he saw active service with the Witwatersrand Rifles in South West Africa and with the SA troops in East Africa, thus obtaining an opportunity of putting into serious practice the skill he acquired. His period of active service lasted four years.

On his return to more peaceful occupations he again applied himself to competitive shooting. In 1920 he was a member of the South African team at the English Bisley and also represented SA at the Olympic Games. At the latter he won silver and bronze Olympic medals. It was this year he won the Blue Ribband of shooting which is the aim and desire of every expert shot, namely, the Kings Prize at the English Bisley. At the same meeting he won the Alexandra Competition and the Secretary of State for War event whilst he occupied 2nd place in the Grand Aggregate thus usefully proving himself the best rifleman in the British Empire during that year.

He then settled down in Rhodesia and demonstrated that his skill was still unabated. His success in Bisleys held in Rhodesia are as follows:

- HM the King's Medal (Champion Service shot of the Colony) five times in 1927, 1928, 1929, 1932, & 1938.
- Governor's Cup - seven times in 1924, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1935, 1936 & 1952.
- Inskipp Cup, Robins Cup, Kirschbaum Cup have all been won on more than one occasion and he also won the Grand Aggregate on several occasions.
- Represented Rhodesia in International teams in 1925, 1930, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938 & 1950. In fact in every single national team since 1922.

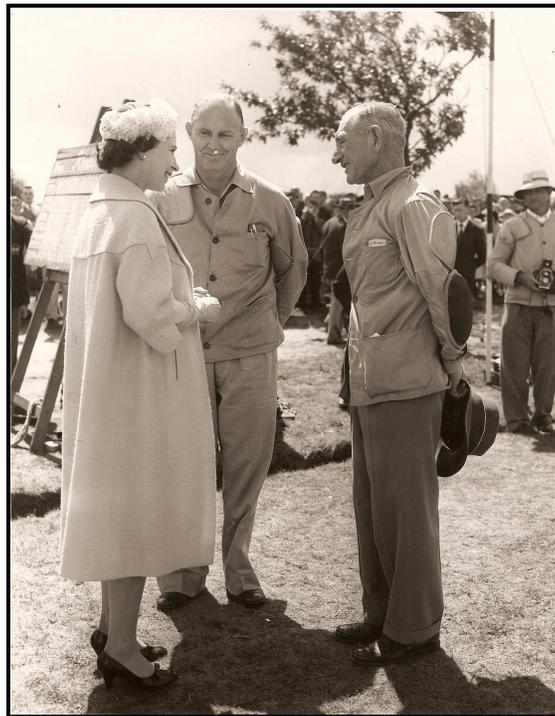
His success at the South African Bisley while he was resident in Rhodesia was as follows:

- The Governor-General's Cup, the SA Championship Grand Aggregate.
- The Orange Free State Cup
- The first and second Stages of the Governor-General's Cup.

Editor's Note – these two photos below were loaned to us by Barry Morgan. As you can see in the captions, we would value your help with some details. Please email hbomford@clear.net.nz if you can assist



Fred Morgan is in the centre of this photo which we think is from around 1920. It may be from the Antwerp Olympics. Your help with dating the photo and identifying the other two men in this photo would be a big help to our research.



We think this photo was taken at a shooting match in Rhodesia. HM Queen Elizabeth II is chatting to Fred Morgan (in front). We would like to identify the man in the centre of the photo. It is possibly Sgt G. Lamont who was another winner of the King's Medal for Shooting. Again your help with dating and identifying this photo would be a big help to our research.

The foregoing record is one for which it would be hard to find an equal, but this by no means closes the account of Fred Morgan's sporting activities. He was an able and consistently good cricketer and in 1921 was chosen for the Transvaal trials to select the team to represent Transvaal against Australia. He was, on more than one occasion, in a Rhodesian representative team, notably against the MCC touring team in 1924. On several occasions he captained the Matabeleland Logan Cup Cricket team and also represented Midlands at Logan Cup cricket.

During the 1923/24 season he achieved the distinction of being the first cricketer in Rhodesia to score a 1000 runs and take 100 wickets in one season, the figures for which are as follows:

- Batting: 26 Innings total of 1142 runs at an average of 67.18
- Bowling: 112 Wickets at an average of 10.43

Soccer

In 1920 he played in Mr. Frank Parham's Transvaal team against the Orange Free State in Bloemfontein. In 1921 he toured Rhodesia with a Transvaal team of which his brother Ted was also a member. He also represented Rhodesia in Association football and on more than one occasion in Currie Cup matches. He was a member of the well known Bulawayo Raylton Rovers football team for seventeen years and it was during this period that Rovers won the league Championship seven consecutive years in a row. He also represented the Midlands.

Bowls

He was a member of the Broken Hill Railway team that won the Rhodesian Rink championship at Bulawayo some years ago.

Rowing

Was a member of the Boksburg Lake Swimming and Rowing Club and won numerous prizes for rowing in the regattas which were held annually at Boksburg Lake on New Years Day. By special invitation from the Durban Rowing Club, a team from the Transvaal were sent down to Durban to row against the Durban club which had just beaten the East London Club for the Buffalo Cup. Two members of the Boksburg Lake Club, Morgan and Jenks and two members from the Germiston Lake Club, Hossnea and Stott comprised the team. Transvaal won the race comfortably.

Motor Cycling

He won two Gold Medals and a Bronze Medal in the Durban-Johannesburg motor cycle race in 1921. He was the first novice home in the race.

Swimming

He held a Transvaal Junior water-polo medal.

Till next month keep safe and send us your views or stories to fourstreams@xtra.co.nz Remember it is less than 100 days to the RWC!

Regards
Grunter



Dateline Rhodesia 1890 – 1980



by Gerry van Tonder

Newsflash Headlines

- 3rd June 1905 C.H. Zeederberg's lays on special coach service to meet all trains at Victoria Falls.
- 15th June 1940 Air Raid Precautions Committee circularise Bulawayo Wardens with Air Raid Precautions.
- 15th June 1953 Three RAF men killed as two Harvards collide in mid-air over new Salisbury Airport.
- 22nd June 1956 World Bank approves \$80 million for the first stage of the Kariba power scheme.
- 28th June 1963 Tight security as Falls Hotel prepares for the Federation break-up talks.
- 29th June 1965 British Government challenges legality of 1965 constitution in High Court, Salisbury.
- 3rd June 1968 British Lions beat Rhodesia 32-6 at Salisbury Police Grounds.
- 9th June 1968 Rhodesian Olympic Committee fights to beat ban on participating in Mexico Games.
- 6th June 1972 465 miners trapped in underground explosion and cave-in at Wankie's No2 Colliery.
- 1st June 1977 Rhodesian troops seize the Mozambique town of Mapai.
- 24th June 1977 Rhodesian Front expels 12 dissident MPs.
- 28th June 1978 Rhodesia's first president, Clifford du Pont, dies aged 72.
- 16th June 1978 President Wrathall at Andre Rabie Barracks presents Captain Schulenburg with Rhodesia's first Grand Cross of Valour.

In Brief

In the first week of June 1896, Colonel Plumer heads a force of 600 men, comprising elements of the Bulawayo Field Force, towards the Khami River in search of Matabele malcontents as the Rebellion continues.

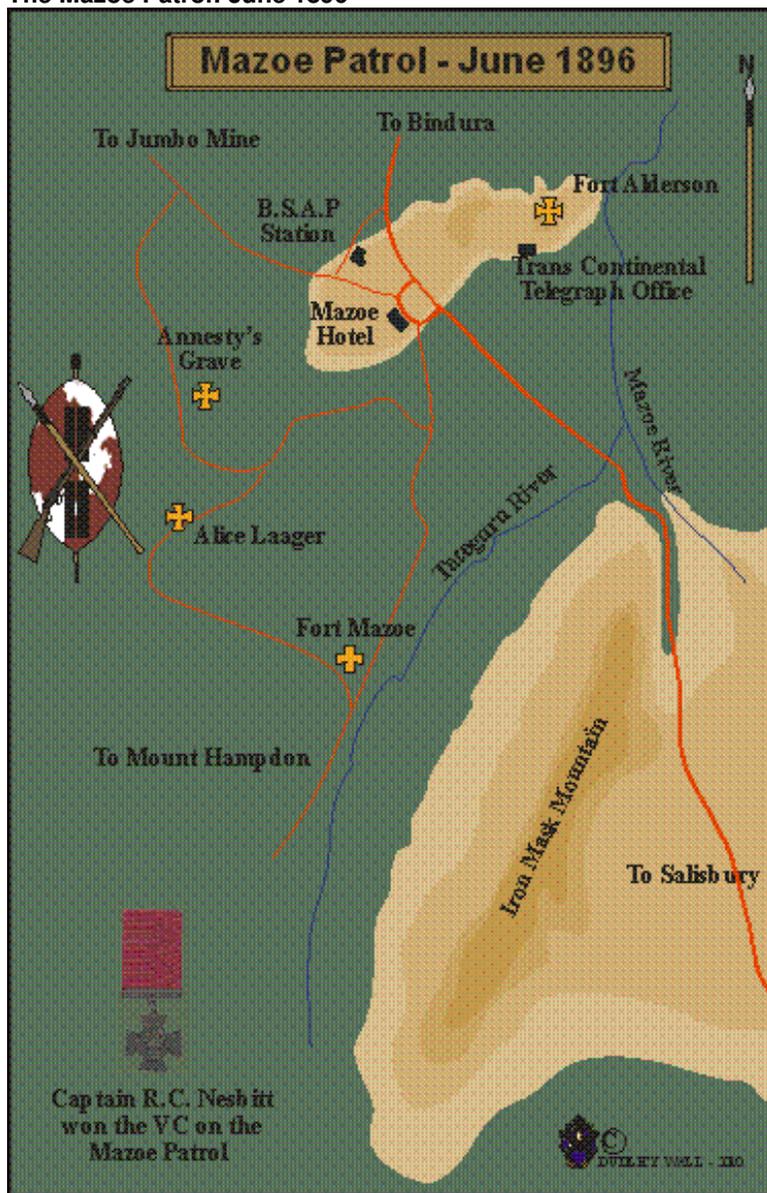
On Friday 5th June, Captain MacFarlane sets off from Bulawayo for Umguza with 300 mounted men and 100 Colonial 'Boys.' Cecil Rhodes and Sir Charles Metcalfe accompany the force.



Capt AE Burnett, Pioneer Corps Transport Officer

A third contingent of some 200 mounted men under Colonel Spreckley also set off for Umguza, including Scouts under Captain Grey, members of the Afrikaner Corps under Captain van Niekerk, and fifteen troops under FC Selous.

The Mazoe Patrol: June 1896



Upon the return of Spreckley's column to Bulawayo on 23rd June 1896, they heard that a rebellion had also broken out in Mashonaland and that many settlers in outlying areas had been brutally murdered.

A column under Colonel Beal had already left for Salisbury, and on 25th June, sixty mounted men of Grey's Scouts and Gifford's Horse, under the command of Captain C. White, also left Bulawayo to assist in quelling the rebellion in Mashonaland.

On 18th June, Mr. Salthouse, manager of the Alice Mine in the Mazoe Valley, gathered twelve neighbours and attempted to flee to Salisbury, some thirty miles away. Sadly, the attempt was aborted when their ox-wagon and donkey cart were ambushed and three members of their party killed.

The small group returned to Alice Mine where they laagered themselves in as best they could. Two of the men, Blakiston and Routledge, both of whom were telegraph operators, rode to the telegraph office and managed to send an urgent message through to Salisbury. Tragically, both were shot and killed by the rebels before they were able to reach the safety of the mine.

Responding to the plight of the beleaguered settlers, Captain (later Inspector) Randolph Cosby Nesbitt, together with twelve men of the Mashonaland Mounted Police, left Salisbury at 22:30 hrs on 19th June, with the sole objective of rescuing those trapped in the Mazoe Valley.

At first light the next morning, after having been ambushed as they entered the valley,

Nesbitt and his men arrived at the Alice Mine laager. A combined decision was immediately made to "bullet-proof" the coach with iron sheets and return to Salisbury without further delay. At about noon on the same day, the small party of twelve mounted men and eighteen dismounted men and three women set off on their hazardous trip.

After only a mile, the advanced guard came under attack, which was successfully beaten off, only to be followed by sustained and heavy enemy fire as the party passed through Vesuvius Camp. McGeer and Jacobs were both killed during this engagement.

As the battered group neared the Salvation Army Farm, they were attacked from thick undergrowth on the sides of the track, resulting in Trooper van Staden being killed, and Mr Burton and Trooper Hendricks being seriously wounded.

The rebels continued to dog and harass the fugitives for over four miles. It took them a painful three and a half hours to fight their way along this short stretch. As they approached the more open country near Mount Hampden, the rebels eventually broke off their pursuit. Nesbitt and the survivors of the rescue mission arrived in Salisbury at 21:30 hrs on the night of 20th June.

It was time to take stock of the events of the previous 24 hours, and to count the cost.



Members of the Mazoe Patrol next to their "bullet-proofed" coach. Capt. Nesbitt is standing on the extreme left. The women are Mesdames Salthouse, Cass and Dickenson.

Nesbitt reported that there must have been 1500 rebels trying to eradicate the small group of settlers and mounted police. Eight men had perished and there were eleven survivors, many of whom were wounded. They returned with only three of the original eighteen horses with which they had originally set out.

History would remember the bravery of Nesbitt and his men. We know it simply as 'The Mazoe Patrol'.

Randolph Cosby Nesbitt was awarded Britain's highest award for gallantry, the Victoria Cross.

A few weeks later, in his book 'Sunshine and Storm in Rhodesia', Frederick Courteney Selous, referring to the fledgling Rhodesia, commented, '*But should this territory be converted into a Crown Colony and governed from*

Downing Street on hard-and-fast lines, some of them not applicable at all to local requirements...nothing but disaster is to be expected.'



Across the Globe

- On 25th June 1876, General Custer and his men were massacred at Little Bighorn.
- On 28th June 1918, the signing of the Treaty of Versailles brought World War I to an end.
- On 26th June 1945, fifty nations co-signed the founding United Nations Charter.

And...

...in June 1847 doughnuts were created!

What's On In New Zealand?

AUCKLAND

If you reside in the Auckland area please email Wolf and Alison Hucke at whucke@slingshot.co.nz for more details of the monthly social meetings. 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.

Next gathering is at the Hobsonville RSA on Saturday 4th June from 6pm onwards. The kitchen will be open for reasonably priced meals. Please take the opportunity to catch up with friends and past acquaintances.

TAURANGA

The Garrison Club run by the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. 'Graze and Movie Evenings' are held on the 2nd Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum. Email me at hbomford@clear.net.nz to get on that mailing list to see what is on and notification of any changes. As noted elsewhere in this publication, other social meetings take place which are advertised locally via email.

HAMILTON

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

OCTOBER RV – TAURANGA 21st – 23rd October 2011

This year the Rugby World Cup concludes on this weekend so it is very important that you get your accommodation sorted out early. We are currently planning this event and hope to have a special guest for you who is a well known Rhodesian with a strong rugby connection. All will be revealed in time, but rather than miss out on something memorable – make a plan to be at the next RV.

Please note that the RWC game for 3rd and 4th place is on Friday 21st October at 8.30pm. We will show that game on the big screen at the Garrison. The Final is on Sunday 23rd October at 9pm. after the conclusion of the RV.

Make a note on the calendar right now!

CQ Store visit www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm to see what is in store for you

Please give our CQ Store consideration when buying a present for friends or family. Use the link above to go to the CQ Store page and from there you can navigate to the different sections which are also duplicated below for your convenience.

The CQ Store pages have been updated and altered so that you can easily browse through our extensive range of quality products. Profits from the sale of these items go towards the Museum Fund.

All prices are in NZ\$ and do not include postage.

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



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



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



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



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

This month's best buys

RLI Cap badges (post Republic version):



Special Discount – original badges will be sold to former RLI soldiers at \$40 each - a discount of \$25. This has been made possible by the generosity of Michael Simens who we thank.

Ring tones:

We have been working on Ring Tones for your cell phone. The currently available ones are listed on the CQ Store page under [Other Goods](#). We are working on some more based on good old Rhodesian slang which should be a laugh if we can pull it off. The tones are \$5 each. You will need to be able to connect your mobile phone to your PC because we send you the tone as an attachment to an email and you then need to load it to your phone.

Rhodesian Coat of Arms cufflink & tie pin set:

Custom made - unique to the Rhodesian Services Association. These are gold plated to jewellery standard in a 3 metal 4 electro plating process making them more durable than silver plate. The base for the mould was from a Rhodesian Army button which shows the Rhodesian Coat of Arms in relief. The closure device on the tie pin is very secure.



Don't forget.....

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 thecgstore@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.



With apologies to Rudyard Kipling:

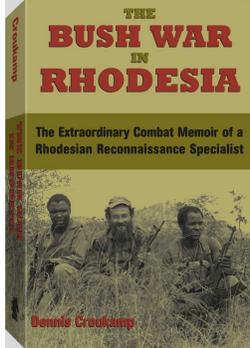
**If you wear our Rhodesian rugby jersey you can expect to keep your head,
when all about you are loosing theirs and blaming it on you.**

(We never found out why Bin Laden was carrying a hammer that day – perhaps he and Saddam intended to get 'hammered'?)

Books for Africa

I again remind you that all the books and audio visual disks that I stock and sell are listed at www.rhodesianservices.org/Books.htm these sales are my own hobby and income from sales is directed to me and not the Rhodesian Services Association. However, the Association does benefit indirectly from these sales. A great selection of books, many with a Rhodesian connection, can be found on the link above.

The Bush War in Rhodesia - The Extraordinary Combat Memoir of a Rhodesian Reconnaissance Specialist by Dennis Croukamp \$90.00



Be quick – I only have two copies left

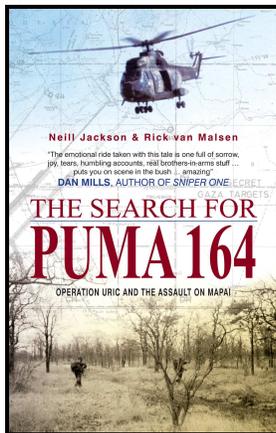
In 'The Bush War in Rhodesia', Croukamp chronicles his eventful service with the Rhodesian Regular Army, the Rhodesian Light Infantry (RLI) and the Selous Scouts Reconnaissance Troop as he took part in cross-border reconnaissance operations, HALO jumps behind enemy lines, urban ops in the townships of Salisbury, raids, ambushes, demolition missions, prisoner snatches and more. And through it all, Croukamp brought along a camera, providing a remarkable visual documentation of this little-known war.

This searingly honest, action-packed memoir is sure to become a classic, ground-level account of the bloody "bush wars" of Africa.

Dennis Croukamp excelled in combat, earning Rhodesia's third highest award, the Bronze Cross, for gallantry under fire; becoming the first warrant officer in the history of the RLI to command a troop; and surviving an epic, six-day escape and evasion from behind enemy lines.

482 pages 6" x 9" with photographs.

Arriving soon – The Search for Puma 164 – Operation Uric and the assault on Mapai by Neill Jackson and Rick van Malsen



This eagerly awaited book will be released from the printers next week and in my stock sometime thereafter. You are welcome to reserve a copy, email hbomfrod@clear.net.nz Price will be \$60 plus postage.

Hardback, 400 pages 234mm x 153mm; 200 colour & b/w photos, sketches, maps.

The battle for Mapai ... and the final closure.

September 6, 1979 a lone Puma helicopter flies northward, leaving behind the desolation of the battle for Mapai, in Mozambique's Gaza Province. Huddled in the cabin, two weary soldiers sit silently immersed in their own thoughts, contemplating their difficult duties ahead. WOII Graham Enslin, CSM, Support Commando, is struggling to come to terms with the death in action that morning of his younger brother Brian. The other, Lt Rick van Malsen BCR, 2IC, 1

Commando, works through the list of names in his hand, names of the sixteen men who died with Trooper Brian Enslin when a South African Air Force Puma was shot out of the sky during the assault on the Frelimo and ZANLA stronghold at Mapai. It will be his job to send out the official death notices and to advise the next of kin that the bodies of the three South African airmen and 14 Rhodesian soldiers were not recovered. Both men vow that night, each for reasons of his own, to one day return to the scene of the crash to pay proper tribute to the fallen men.

And so it was, almost 30 years later, that Rick van Malsen returns to the scene of that horrendous battle, to search for the crash site of the downed Puma, in an effort to achieve closure for the relatives of the dead. This is a story of courage and devotion to duty but, above all, it is a story of comradeship and loyalty undimmed by the passage of time, of a band of brothers bonded together in war, united still in peace.

Neill Jackson was born in Malta in 1953, where his father was stationed with the Royal Marines and his mother with the WRENS. The family moved to Rhodesia in 1956. In 1975 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant with 5 (Independent) Company based in Umtali, before serving three years as a Troop Commander with Support Commando, the Rhodesian Light Infantry. In 1978 he was posted as 2IC to 1 (Independent) Company at Victoria Falls and Beitbridge, and then to 1 Brigade HQ in Bulawayo as Intelligence Officer from December 1979 until his retirement a year later, with the rank of captain.

Rick van Malsen was born in Kenya in 1954, immigrated to Rhodesia in 1960 and was educated at Umtali Boys' High. He joined the Rhodesian Light Infantry in 1974, being commissioned in 1977. In 1978, as a Troop Commander in 1 Commando 1RLI, Rick was awarded the Bronze Cross of Rhodesia for valour during combat. At the cessation of hostilities in 1980 he was appointed Battalion Adjutant and attended a staff course at the Staff College at Camberley in the UK. He was involved in the Army Diving School at Kariba, at the time the most modern facility of its type in southern Africa, before retiring from service in 1984.

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The Rhodesia Regiment – Book Project



We are nearing the end of completing the main body of the content of this book and it has been one hell of a task, and there is still a way to go. Nearly 200 people have submitted material so far; seven very dedicated people are involved with in-depth research and assembly of the material. The publishing team 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.

Our deadlines are:

- All written material (except Rolls) must be received before the end of June 2011.
- All photos, illustrations and material for the various Rolls must be received by the end of November 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

The task of compiling this book to the standards that we have set ourselves, in particular the lists above, is considerable 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 by means of a Rhodesia Regiment website.

The domains www.rhodesiaregiment.org and www.rhodesiaregiment.com are currently linked to the Rhodesian Services Association website but will be linked to a Rhodesia Regiment website in due course.

These domain names have been in the safe hands of Chris Whitehead of Rhodesians World Wide for a number of years and we owe him a big 'thank you' for making them available to us.

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

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

Royal Rattle

Last month we advertised that Michael Branchett was looking for a newspaper article from the 1960's in which he was photographed with a toy rattle that was to be given to HRH Prince Andrew.

The challenge of finding this article was taken up by Bill Sykes – pilot of note and all round good bloke. As you would expect from any Blue Job worth his salt (and Bill is worth a truck load of salt) he found the article in an archived copy of The Evening Standard, Salisbury, Wednesday 20th April 1960 seen below.



The caption to this photo read:

“Five-year-old Michael Branchett and three-year-old Andrea Wallenberg, of Salisbury, are seen with a rattle which the Queen has consented to receive as a present to Prince Andrew from the Women’s Voluntary Services of Central Africa.

It has been made by a Rhodesian jeweller, from purely Rhodesian Materials. The handle, which is three and a half inches long, is fashioned from ivory. On the handle is a Zimbabwe Bird, cut from Rhodesian gold. The sphere, of thin copper, is one and a half inches in diameter and is encased in a cage of gold. In the sphere are Rhodesian lucky beans. The case which holds the rattle is of Rhodesian leopard skin and copper.

The rattle is being sent to the Governor-General for transmission to the Royal household.

Seeing the rattle had a special significance for little Andrea.....for today is her third birthday.”

This article now raises a number of questions in my mind: Is the rattle still in existence? If so where is it? Does anyone know where Andrea Wallenberg is now and are they in contact with her?

As Bill Sykes commented – “it has all been a good bit of fun with an excellent result.”

We would like to record that Michael Branchett, who initiated the request, and Hugh Bomford are very grateful to Bill Sykes for his perseverance and time taken to find this article.

Major Martin Hobrough

Does anyone remember or know Major Martin Hobrough who may have served with 2 Indep. Coy. or 10RR? If you do please contact Tony Ballinger by email tony@ballinger5422.freemove.co.uk

Chris Wentworth

Chris was a chopper pilot. He may live or have lived near Stellenbosch. If anyone knows him please ask him to make comms with me in regards to details of the scene in the Honde Valley that is better remembered as the Battle of Hill 31 in which elements of 4RR Trackers and RLI were involved. This is for the Rhodesia Regiment book. Please email Hugh Bomford at hbomford@clear.net.nz

Guard Force

John Radford writes:

"I've been reading your newsletters for years now and must congratulate you on a job very well done.

I was a member of the BSAP, Depot RRR, 10RR, 4RR, RLI and Guard Force.

I have been trying to remember details of the Guard Force and gather information and stories as this was one of the orphans of the Rhodesian military and a perfect example of the old story of "being able to anything with nothing, etc. etc." and very little is known about the force.

I would be grateful if other former Guard Force would make comms with me so that I can start to put something together.

My Email address is: jradford@mweb.co.za Postal address: 57 Sonop Street Kirkwood, Eastern Cape, 6120 South Africa. Cellphone +27 8 2823 6260 Landline 04 223 00103.

*Any assistance or suggestions would be greatly appreciated,
John Radford"*

Formation of the ANZAC Branch of the RLI Regimental Association

From Bill Wiggill:

"As a follow on to the initiatives in Australia to establish an accepted branch in that area (Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Rim) we are most pleased to announce the formation, with immediate effect of a branch to be known as the ANZAC Branch of the RLI Regimental Association.

The Branch has the full acceptance of the RLIRA global Executive Committee. The ANZAC interim Committee approved by the ExCo is as follows:

*Chairman: Brig. John "Digger" Essex-Clark
Secretary: Jimmy Swan
Treasurer: Richard Johnson
Membership Officer: Ian Macfarlane*

The RLI RA website will be updated in due course and a facility for new members will be available on the 'Join RLIRA' section to opt for the ANZAC Branch. Digger will then adopt his seat on the ExCo as the Branch Chair for ANZAC. Should this change occur at the upcoming ANZAC AGM then the website will be amended.

In terms of Association policy all members joining the ANZAC Branch will be referred to that Branch Committee for approval.

This is a great day in the Association's history and we welcome ANZAC on board. All the best mates and may your first AGM be a great one"

eCheetah May 2011

This editorial was extracted from the RLI Regimental Association's newsletter. It gave me some amusement, as I hope it will you. I would like to congratulate Chris Cocks on a job well done and hope that a successor is found without delay – perhaps someone reading this will be inspired to defy army protocols and step forward.

"Editorial

Welcome to this bumper edition of the e-Cheetah, this is my last as editor. My five year term is up and in the best interests of democracy; I am stepping down due to work commitments. We're desperate to find a replacement scribe but, in usual army fashion, volunteers there are none. This is going to put inordinate pressure on Bill and his dwindling team so, please, if you're even semi-literate, drop Bill an email and put your hand up (2 Commando need not apply).

I remember the last time I resigned, or tried to, from things RLI. It was in 1978, my morale was low in 3 Commando and I'd had enough. I wrote this letter to the OC, Major Snelgar:

*The Leaking Bivvy Next to the Cesspit
Grand Reef Fireforce Base
Somewhere in the Operational Area (shh!)*

1 June 1978

The Officer Commanding
3 Commando 1RLI
The Nice Cosy Officers' Mess
Grand Reef Fireforce Base
Somewhere in the Operational Area (shh!)

Howzit Bruce,

Please forgive my familiarity, but I feel you've really become a father figure to me, albeit in a sort of Hitlerian way. My nine recent applications for a transfer to the Pay Corps have mysteriously gone unacknowledged; equally, my avowed homosexual, communist, Jehovah's Witness status has been disregarded - as has my 'S' Cat medical condition (chronic bad back and flat feet). I do believe I was recruited under false pretences: your adverts stating that I would be "a man among men" are misleading. If anything I have become, as they say in the SADF, "a roof among rowe" (a scab among scabs). I am, therefore, left with little choice but to tender my immediate resignation from the Rhodesian Army. I would be grateful if you could arrange tomorrow, immediate transport for me back to Salisbury; preferably not a 4.5. Thanks, china.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hospitality, but all good things must come to an end. I wish you every success in your little war. I shall, of course, be "going loco down in Acapulco".

On the flip side, bru...
728353 L/Cpl Cocks C.M.

P.S. It's just struck me: how come we ORs have our initials after our names and you officer okes have yours in front? Discrimination of the highest order. I shall be taking this up with the LCTU (Lance-Corporals' Trade Union) when I get back to Burg tomorrow.

The following reply was received the next day, as a rather informal memo, while I was vainly waiting for my transport outside the Ops Room, watching a gaggle of pilots sunbathing by the pool:

To: Tpr Cocks From: Major B.M. Snelgar

Dear Scab, You will note that not only have I stripped you of your rank, but I have also confiscated your initials as well... because I can. Unfortunately, I cannot arrange any road transport for you at such short notice: all the commando vehicles are being used by the officers for the next few days during their O Group at Montclair Casino. However, I have arranged an Alouette helicopter which, you'll be pleased to hear, will be for your own dedicated use. You can probably hear it starting up in the revetments as you read this. The pilot, marginally irritated that he's been dragged away from the pool, will be taking you to a particularly stubborn cave in the Mutambara TTL, where our Fireforce yesterday failed to dislodge a group of hard-core ZANLA chaps armed with several RPDs and a couple of RPG-7s. I expect you to use all your considerable powers of persuasion and get these fellows to surrender. I shall also expect a detailed contact report from you when I return from the rigours of the roulette wheel.

Happy hunting, son
B.S. OC 3 Cdo.

Over and out

Chris Cocks
info@30degreessouth.co.za ”

Former Rhodesian Railways Garratt Locomotive Arrives In New Zealand

Paul Napier writes:

“A Rhodesian Garratt locomotive arrived at Steam Incorporated Paekakariki on 19th May 2011. It is owned by ‘The Flying 15 Group’. After being shipped in three parts it was joined back together on Thursday. The Garratt is a Class 15A, (No. 398) formerly owned by National Railways of Zimbabwe - NRZ (formerly Rhodesian Railways).

It will be used in New Zealand to run tourist trains. Details of preparation and departure from Africa are at <http://www.geoffs-trains.com/Museum/number398.html>”

Editor's Note – I wonder how many of us were conveyed by this loco between home, school and/or the army?

Genealogy

Warwick Hojem writes:

From this link <http://www.genealogyworld.net/robin/> go to the 1820 Settlers, the last section has a few links to Rhodesians.

Fort Tuli Area Maps Required

Ryan Fry writes:

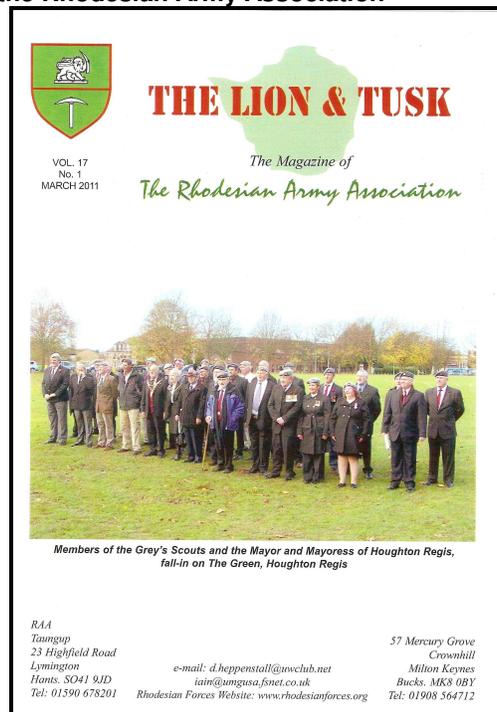
"My great grandfather was on the pioneer expedition and was the official photographer. Near Fort Tuli on the Shashi river (Botswana border) there is a baobab tree where quite a few of them carved their names. I was posted to Gwanda and Tuli in 1975 and was lucky enough to find the tree one weekend with a few of the BSAP stationed at Tuli.

My brother and I are trying to track the route taken but do not have a decent map (as far as we can tell no maps are being published in Zimbabwe and of course they all have the new names).

We are looking for any other maps of the general area on a straight line between Tuli and Fort Victoria and from Fort Victoria to Fort Salisbury. We would also be interested in obtaining copies if that is possible."

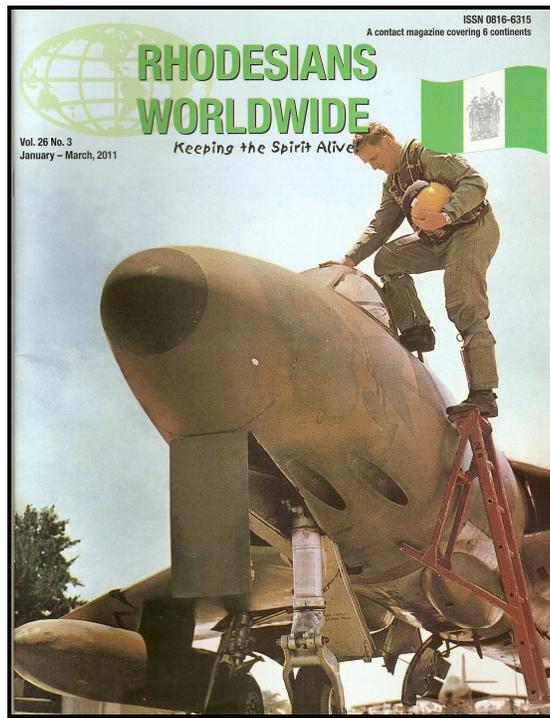
If you can help with any 1:50,000 maps of the area please email Ryan on rwslfry@bigpond.net.au Any resulting reports would be of great interest for publication in **Contact! Contact!**

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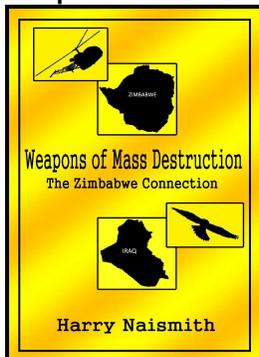
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Rhodesians World Wide – the magazine



I highly recommend this magazine. It is always packed with interesting items and a subscription makes an excellent and inexpensive gift. Email Chris and Anette Whitehead on rhodesia@rhodesia.org for inquiries.

Weapons of Mass Destruction - The Zimbabwe Connection



Harry Naismith (ex-BSAP) has recently published his book *Weapons of Mass Destruction - The Zimbabwe Connection* on Smashwords.com and Amazon Kindle.

Brian Callison, internationally renowned as the author of numerous best-sellers including - "Flock of Ships", "The Bone Collectors" and "Trapp's War", had this to say:

"This debut novel is a cracker written by someone who's been there. Mr Naismith offers a fascinating insight into the gun-oil reeking courage and fear, and sometimes cynical self-contemptuous world, of those who risk their lives as military 'contractors' in the most violent arenas of Africa. From Zimbabwe to Iraq, to its violent dénouement, Weapons of Mass Destruction will keep the eyes of every armchair mercenary firmly glued to the page."

Bulawayo Website

Mostly old pictures that you will all remember and some recent ones too at <http://bulawayomemories.com/defaultbyo.html>

Last of the Rhodesians – Learning Afrikaans

Thanks to Steve Taylor for sending this link which will amuse many of you, in particular anyone who attended Allan Wilson Technical High School.

<http://lastrhodesian.blogspot.com/2006/02/learning-afrikaans.html>

Badges on Mugs



Badges on Mugs in Ireland will make and supply mugs (see example above) with a badge on each side and with the option (for free) to have a name or words of your choice added on.

Key rings are also available to order.

You can expect excellent service from Badges on Mugs. Having personally dealt with them I can say that their service is excellent.

Use this link www.badgesonmugs.co.uk then the Rhodesia tab on the left hand side.

When ordering please insert **RSA** in the Voucher Box which is directly above the box that asks for your email address. This means that Badges on Mugs will make a donation to us of £1.50 for every mug sold this way. Please support them by purchasing a quality item and in turn they support us.

Their site is very easy to navigate and the purchase process is very simple. You can email them on sales@badgesonmugs.co.uk

Until next time - go well.
Cheers Hugh



Celebrate 'Rhodesia Day'* on the 11th November each year.

*The concept of 'Rhodesia Day' was brought to my attention by Eddy Norris and family. During the 90 year life of Rhodesia we experienced the best of times and the worst of times. I encourage everyone to use this day to remember the good times and to spend time remembering those who are no longer with us.

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



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