

## From the Editor

I must confess that there has been a serious delay in finalising this edition of the Aussie Outpost. Blame in on pressure of work (hey, I'm retired!) or just too many other involvements, but there seems to be fewer hours in the day to do these things. For what it's worth, I have been away for a couple of months towards the end of last year.....and then there was Christmas followed by a spate of visitors.

Please read the Queensland Newsletter in this edition, which explains the problems they are facing with poor attendance at functions and addresses the continuation of the Branch. Although we get a reasonable turnout at our events, there are many of our Perth members whom we never see. We don't want to go the same way as Queensland so please be more supportive of your Branch.

It may not be generally known that the recent **Victorian bushfires** completely destroyed the home and property of one of our members: 5363 **Andy Northcott** who lives at Whittlesea, Victoria with his partner Pam. We eventually contacted Andy (with assistance from Tom Doherty and John Seward) and learnt that they had lost everything apart from the clothes they were wearing and their car in which they fled from the fire.

The committee immediately agreed to forward Andy a cheque for \$1,000 from Branch funds to help him with his day-to-day living expenses. Fortunately, they were insured but there would be numerous day-to-day expenses not covered by the insurance.

Andy wrote the following on receipt of our letter and cheque:

"I've been caught unawares, and am pretty speechless. Your letter and its contents arrived here but a couple of minutes ago. I knew you had sent a letter as you had told me earlier, but as to the contents.....How the heck can one ever truly express one's gratitude? The words "Thank you" have become pretty trite over the years, and my feelings go far beyond that.

Please John (Seward), on behalf of both Pam and myself, forward my heartfelt thanks to all at Central and the New Zealand Branch for the support they've demonstrated. No one, but no one, could have done anything to help at that moment of time.

Such was the speed and ferocity of that wall of flames that descended upon our house and us that our motorcar was our saving grace. Even as we passed the end of our house, flames were merging from the other side. Five seconds - that was all we had - and I wouldn't be writing this letter and marvelling over the most generous gift. That gift of \$1,000 will be truly helpful at this time. Thank you again.

Take good care, one and all. Kamakhai....

Kind regards to everyone,

Andrew Northcott (5363)"

## Station Notes

### Annual Luncheon 2008

This took place on Saturday the 8 November at the RSL Belmont attended by 69 members and friends. Our Guests of Honour were Marcus Woodgush and his wife Jenny. Marcus was a Senior Magistrate in Rhodesia and came to Australia (via Johannesburg) in 1980. He opened his own law practice in Fremantle and has now retired. He gave an excellent and most amusing speech.



Jenny & Marcus Woodgush

Amongst our guests were the President of the RSL Graeme Clements and his wife Margaret. The RSL premises are an excellent venue for such an occasion. It ensured that the bar service was second to none as were all of the other arrangements.

The excellent meal was supplied by the RSL Women's Auxiliary who, near the end of the luncheon, presented all those present with a small Xmas cake, which was greatly appreciated.

7049 Lew Whitmore acted as Chairman for the occasion and did an excellent job. Our MC was Alan McGrath from Bunbury who alleges that, between Lew and our Secretary John Seward, we talked him into it. They both did such a great job that we are thinking of appointing them for life in these roles.

Once again our sincere thanks to Steve Martin and Ian Calderwood in conducting an excellent raffle which has helped our finances and a special thanks to all those members who contributed prizes. Incidentally the door prize was won by Ian Calderwood, which was a bottle of 1995 white port produced at the vineyards formerly owned by one of our members Henry Wright.

Those attending were 8260 David Amm, P/R Rod Blevin and his wife WFR Brenda and their guests Guy and Pat Jellicoe (ex Centenary), 7682 Ian Calderwood, 6922 Earl Cameron. "A" Reservist Pat Cane and his wife Moira, 8617 Doug Capper, 5154 Jim and Peggy Clampit, Vivienne Cordy Hedge widow of the late 4147 Cordy Hedge, Valerie Davies widow of the late 4977 Roy Davies, P/R Pat Dunne, 4105 Bert and Sylvia Freemantle (Senior Troop), 7045 Rob and Lori Gates, 7572 Alasdair Greenly, 7236 John Henderson and guest Simon Haigh, 5316 Kerry and Olivia Hoadley, Sylvia Holborn daughter of ex member 2386 Henry Stuart, WFR Merle Howden, P/R Arthur Hutson and guest his son Chris (ex NSPO), Bill and Liz Johnstone ex District Commissioner and Associate member, 7694 Steve and Linda Martin and their guests Howzer and Paddy Pinder, "A" Reservist Alan and Joyce McGrath, 7340 Chris and Dorothy Morten, P/R Bob and WFR Barbara Osborne, P/R John and Jean Ovenden, 4663 John Savage, P/R Dick and Jenny Scallan (Dick gave an excellent Grace to commence proceedings), P/R Charles and Adele Scott, 7365/8217 Peter and Celia Scott, 4649 John and WFR Margaret Seward and guests son Michael Seward and Mike Gale (son of the late Magistrate in Rhodesia Leyton Gale), 7392

Butch Walker and wife WPO 100 Liz (nee Smith), 6211 Lew and Joanne Whitmore, and 110752 Ian Wilson and his guest 110725 Jeremy Powell-Jones.

We received greetings from overseas from the following Bob Paterson in England, Steve Acornley in Scotland, Les Burrows in England, Geraint Jones in Wales, Roger Capper in the USA and Fred Punter in the UK.

Apologies, greetings and wishing us all the best from eight interstate and 20 Western Australia members.

### Remembrance Day

4649 John Seward and 7682 Ian Calderwood represented the Branch at the Annual Remembrance Day commemoration at the RSL Belmont where Ian laid wreath on behalf of the Branch.

### New Members

Since the last station notes we have gained two new members namely WFR Merle Howden and P/R Henryk De Kuszaba-Dabrowski. We hope Ian Wilson and Jeremy Powell-Jones who are recent arrivals in Australia and attended our Annual Luncheon will join soon

If anyone knows of any ex member who resides in Australia or adjacent countries please encourage them to join the Association. As we get older the need to help becomes greater as our membership is only AUD \$20 a year the more members we have the greater the opportunity to help those in need.

At present we are subsidising several members and widows and feel that this need will increase as time goes by. Benevolence is one of our aims.

### Visitors

There have been several visitors to our shores namely Dave Sloman from Johannesburg staying with their daughter in Esperance 750 kms from Perth. He was hoping to attend our Annual Luncheon but distances precluded his attendance. However he did meet up with John Seward prior to his departure to South Africa and, together with Dave's daughter Janet and his granddaughter, they visited the Swan Valley.

Don Rowland and his wife Sylvia were visiting their daughter Fiona from Johannesburg and met up for lunch with Bert and Sylvia Freemantle.

I understand that Brian Chalk was visiting his sister and brother in law Fleur and Graham Blick. Fleur and Brian's wife are daughters of the late 3922 Dave Holt.

Mike Wood of Umtali fame and his wife were visiting friends near Perth and made contact with John Seward whom he knew in Umtali. Mike at the time was in CID. When he left the Police, he and his wife ran the very successful restaurant near the Mozambique border know as *The Little Swallow* but have since moved to the UK where they now run another *Little Swallow* restaurant.

If you are aware of any ex members visiting our shores please let our Secretary know.

### Travelling Members

The reason that we held our luncheon November rather in September was that the great majority of the Committee were overseas.

John and Margaret Seward went to Argentina to celebrate his mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. On the way they went to South Africa and met up with Hamish Harvey in East London and other friends in Bloemfontein (where Margaret taught at St Andrews School and John worked for Coke) and then on to Durban staying a few days with ex headmaster of Bindura School Joe Siney and his wife Maureen.

Rob and Laurie Gates had a wonderful extensive cruise across the Pacific to the coasts of USA, Canada, China and other Asian countries. They enjoyed every minute of it. Rob was taking long leave which he richly deserved.

Kerry and Olivia Hoadley went firstly to Europe and then to UK where they saw family and friends. He managed to attend the UK BSAP monthly get-together at the Victory Services Club in London where he met up with several former colleagues, including Ken Miners, Mike Abbotts and Alan Lane.

Steve and Linda Martin said anything other Committee members can do we can do better so off they went on a Round the World tour and had a wonderful time. Hopefully they might put pen to paper and tell us all about it.

Finally a non-committee member Jim Clampit and his wife Peggy visited Canada last year and by all reports loved every moment of their trip.

### Snippets and Welfare

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of the mother of 7682 Ian Calderwood in Scotland.

**Bunty Ludlow** our most senior member sadly passed away on Thursday 13 November 2008 at the age of 93. He joined the Force in 1934. He was blind and very frail at the time. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Several members attended his funeral. He contributed a most interesting article on his life in our Winter Outpost of 2003. (See the tribute written by his son Martin on page 6.)

I regret to report the passing of **Yvonne Drynan** wife of 4714 Tony Drynan after a long illness.

I also have to report the sad passing of F/R **John Ovenden** who died very suddenly 12 December 2008. John was a very popular, amusing and supportive member of the Branch and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes to his wife Jean and their family.

Some of our members are not enjoying the best of health at present, including Mike Preston, Sam Williams and Dick Scallan. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

### Committee Meetings

These are now held every second Wednesday of every even month i.e. February, April, June, August, October and December at the RSL Belmont on the corner of the Great Eastern Highway and Leake Street from 5.15pm till 7pm. You are more than welcome to attend. Please note that you can become a social member of the RSL Belmont at a cost of \$15 a year

### Help to make Station Notes interesting

Please help me in this regard with any snippets of interest that you may have and look forward to your contributions whether they are news or articles.

Walk Tall

John Seward (4649)

### MAIL BAG

From (5762) David Bruce

(I emailed David to confirm that we had both worked together in Salisbury in the 1950's. His reply is most interesting – Ed)

Yes I was a cadet in 1957. I was also in C.I.D. Salisbury in 1964-1965 when you were, I think in

Traffic Section. I have a feeling we played hockey together, too.

I am a member of the Queensland Branch as one of my sons lives in Brisbane. Trips to Perth are very rare now that I have retired.

My family has a history in Perth. Some useless information: Nedlands is named after my great grandfather Edward Bruce and Mt. Bruce near Tom Price is named in honour of my great great grandfather Lt. Col. John Bruce, who is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery above the WACA grounds. There are two books which mention the family history "Nedlands from Campsite to City" by A.E. Williams and "The Veterans" A History of the Enrolled Pensioner Force in Western Australia, 1850-1880 by F.H. Broomhall.

The next three generations of Bruces were born in India before settling in Southern Rhodesia in 1946. I emigrated to Australia with my family in June 1978.

Kind regards David Bruce

#### From Webmaster Andrew Field

The time is ripe to experiment with web logging. Recently, Les Burrow (Mandev), one of our esteemed Yahoo Group moderators, made available to me a number of facilities on his server, purely for experimental purposes. One of these is the concept of web logging or blogging. I have set up such a blog at the following link:<http://79.170.40.230/idgas.co.uk/bsapblog/>

This is temporary in nature for the time being, but this could be the conduit for all sorts of communications, both official and unofficial. I would like you all to visit the bsapblog and provide me with a little feedback. Perhaps you have other ideas about how this could be used. Many of you will have received my missive on internet based communications. This is an additional concept, which, if used to best advantage, could provide a powerful solution to many issues that have been raised in recent weeks. All Hon. Secretaries now have a powerful tool at their disposal to deliver information to the broad spectrum of former regular and reserve officers of the force, be they members of the Branches or not.

I shall be looking for former regular and reserve members of the force who are prepared to give a little time to the Regimental Association 'world wide' as regular contributors to this web log. Ideally, I need a few people who enjoy a little

writing and can produce short articles, regularly, concerning any subject, be this historical or current affairs, but in some way directly linked to the BSA Police, its former members, or social activities of the Regimental Branches. I will set you up as a user and you will have free access to publishing your material on this web log. We are looking for short, concise articles of 100 - 200 words, or thereabouts, in length.

With kind regards Andrew D Field – 8646

and....

#### Photographic History

With reference to recent communication on this subject the following is offered to branches for inclusion, where possible, in local newsletters.

In line with the inter-branch history initiative of the Regimental Association to gather, record and preserve certain records and images pertaining to the BSA Police, the [www.bsap.org](http://www.bsap.org) website wishes to make an appeal to all former members of the force concerning photographic material.

We are looking to collect and archive both physical and digital photographic material in a central location which, in due course, may be accessed by those seeking images.

To set this initiative on track we are going to make an appeal to former members to consider scanning their recruit squad photographs. For those who are unsure of themselves with respect to digital scanning there is a technical brief on the website. Other images, besides these squad photographs, are sought, but it would be best to liaise with the webmaster, Andrew Field (8646) - [webmaster@bsap.org](mailto:webmaster@bsap.org), or the 'Central Archive', Jim Hazlett (6630/7396) - [bsapdvd@ao.com](mailto:bsapdvd@ao.com), before delivering these, for the time being.

You may visit the BSA Police Regimental Association website at <http://www.bsap.org> and follow the link in the 'Webmaster's Notices and News' section or you could go directly to the page concerned via [http://www.bsap.org/\\_php\\_photo\\_form.html](http://www.bsap.org/_php_photo_form.html) - where general instructions can be found.

#### From Margaret and John Seward

We thought you might like to hear about our holiday. We have returned from a wonderful holiday in South Africa and Argentina. We left on the 21st of June 2008 and returned on the 8th of August. We very much enjoyed our time in South Africa catching up with old friends in Bloemfontein, East London and Durban. We

thought from what we saw of that country that it was going well. People looked more prosperous and were working hard and busy preparing for the World Soccer Cup in 2010. We were in South Africa for two weeks and then off to Argentina for the **100th Birthday** celebration of John's mother, **Flora**.

We arrived in Buenos Aires on the 6th July the same day as our son Michael and his family who flew there via Sydney and New Zealand. We met up in B.A. airport and journeyed into the city together so arriving at the apartment we had rented at the same time. The apartment was well situated and we could easily get to any destination by bus or rail from there.

The next day all seven of us went to see John's mother. I had never thought of her flat as being small before on previous visits to B.A. but with all of us there that was how it seemed. It was of course the first visit to Argentina for our Seward grandsons and they were fascinated by this great lady. She was well, definitely frailer than the last time we saw her in 2001 but she was still all there and still had a great sense of humour and joked with the boys and us. She could still switch from Spanish to English with great ease even though she very rarely speaks English now. This was the first of many enjoyable visits to her.

Michael and Carol and the boys went down to the snowfields for a week and all managed to learn how to ski and had a great time not just outdoors but drinking hot chocolate in front of a roaring log fire. We went north to a region called Salta and found the scenery amazing. Mountain ranges, the foothills of the Andes which were of many colours not blending into one another but immediate, definite bands of colours such as red to bright green to sand colour to grey and other colours.

Our guide told us they were 500 million years old. It was indeed a sight to see. We learned a lot about the history of that region too which was very interesting to us, from pre-Inca times, through the Inca period, to the Spanish invasion and settlement and then the Freedom Struggle by the then Argentine people to rid themselves of the Spanish Imperial Forces. We also saw and bought some beautiful goods of knitting and weaving for which the native people (descendents of the Incas) of the region are famous. There was much fine old architecture to admire.

We took a city tour and saw the stadium in La Boca where Maradona used to play. Jack our

soccer-playing grandson was thrilled to bits. We also went to see Tango dancing one night, great stuff.

Fiona our daughter and Chelsea our granddaughter then arrived and moved into the apartment too so we had lots to tell them of our experiences.

The Birthday Party was at lunchtime and was held in the home of one of Flora's grandsons who has a place in the country with a big living room and substantial grounds to make parking easy, about 50 km from B.A. We hired a minibus and driver to take our contingent there and later return us to the city. John's sisters had made all the arrangements for the party and they had it catered not just food but everything else so nobody in the family was too harassed attending to food and serving it.

There were about 70 of us there, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren coming from England, France, Spain, USA, Australia and of course the bulk of the guests coming from different parts of Argentina. Not only were her descendents there but her 95-year-old brother with his wife and two of their grandchildren and a sister of 88 years and a cousin. It was great catching up with so many people we had not seen for many years and the younger members of the family we were meeting for the first time. We were very busy swapping addresses and email addresses and promising to keep in contact.

When the Guest of Honour arrived, ferried there with her sister by the son of an old family friend, we all greeted her with cheers and clapping. She sat in our midst and accepted the birthday wishes and greetings from all of us like a Queen accepting homage from her subjects! Anthony, John's brother put together a video of her life, he had found photographs from her late teenage years until today with many family shots in too of all of us there. We all found this interesting and amusing. She was serenaded by a group of Folk Singers and she joined in the old Argentine songs. The cake with 100 in numbers and three short, fat pink candles was cut and as we sang Happy Birthday with Spanish and English versions mixed together. It became very emotional for us all and there were many teary wet faces to be seen. All too soon the time came for her to leave and we were sad to see her go. She was indeed Queen for the Day. We were all so proud of her and proud to be members of her family.

A few short days later we were on our way back to Australia, sad to say good-bye to the family there but happy to be home once more. It was truly a memorable holiday.

Margaret & John

(Editor's note: Congratulations also to Margaret and John who recently celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays at an event at the Belmont RSL. They requested no presents but suggested that those attending might wish to make a donation to SOAP (in aid of Zimbabwe pensioners). They received A\$500! Well done.)

### From (6952) Barry Dawson

Received the latest copy of the Outpost a few days ago.

It always makes pleasant reading, except of course the Roll of Honour. It seems to get longer with every edition. Inevitable I suppose seeing how old most of us are getting. Tempus fugit. Was especially sad to read of the death of Peter Nicholls. What a character he was, always joking and playing pranks. He was the E/Sgt when I was first posted to Victoria Falls. The member i/c was Ken Macdonald. Here is an anecdote concerning Pete you might find interesting.

In his room at the Falls he had copies of an American police gazette posted on the walls. I asked him how he got them. It transpired that, whilst he was stationed at Essexvale just south of Bulawayo, Radio Branch installed a VHF radio so they could speak directly to Bulawayo Information room without having to go through the SSB system. Listening to the radio one afternoon he heard some strange interference. Apart from the usual chatter from the Portuguese fishing boats working off the Mozambique coast. Every afternoon at the same time this interference got louder and louder until he could distinctly here a voice in English, with an American accent. It would say "Car such and such, proceed to such and such an address, code etc," What was this, taxi service, police, ambulance?

Curiosity getting the better of Pete he called them up and THEY ANSWERED! He was speaking to the officer in charge of one of the Precincts of the Chicago Police directing his mobile units to jobs. Pete and the Sgt at the Chicago desk exchanged names and addresses and began a correspondence, which continued long after the radio signals faded away. Whether they ever met I have no idea. Amazing really. VHF radio is supposed to be basically line of sight and here

was Pete speaking to someone halfway across the world!

RIP Pete, I'm sure wherever you are you will have them rolling in the aisles.

Was very disappointed to have missed Ken and Glenys Macdonald. I had no idea they were coming to Perth and must have left for Thailand just a few days before they arrived. Had I known they were coming I would have postponed my departure. Delighted however they caught up with John Henderson and Earl Cameron, I bet they had a grand time reminiscing about the heady, huntin', shootin', and fishin', at the Falls.

All the best to all members of the Association.

Barry Dawson 6952  
(Thailand)

### From Tony Down, Eastern Cape

Subject: BSAP East Cape Website

You are cordially invited to visit our new website [www.bsapec.gq.nu](http://www.bsapec.gq.nu) and sign our Guest Book.

You might find some old acquaintances in one of the Photo Albums or perhaps contribute your own photos.

It has been suggested that we might start a new album of "NOW AND THEN" photos of ex-members to assist in identification; what do you think?

### Obituary: (3411) Bunty Ludlow

Cecil Mendham Ludlow, known as Bunty from an early age was born in Enkeldoorn, Rhodesia in 1915. Son of Charles and Clara who braved the journey from Southern England and the arduous trek North from the Cape in 1898.

There was not much available in terms of schooling around Enkeldoorn in those days however Bunty was home schooled along with brother Jerry until the local Enkeldoorn School was founded in 1921. An epidemic of Rheumatic fever in 1925 took the life of brother Jerry and rendered Bunty extremely ill. It was thought best that he continue his education closer to the coast and attended Selbourne College, East London, RSA from 1927 to 1933.

Bunty joined the B.S.A.P. as a trooper (Force Number 3411) in August 1934 and embarked on a fascinating career which saw him stationed all over Rhodesia notably Mount Darwin, Concession, Gatooma and Marrandellas. Additionally he was called upon in 1941 to serve

with the Imperial forces in East and North Africa during WW2. Following the defeat of the Italians in East Africa Bunty was part of a number of BSAP personnel charged with the establishment of a police force in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

Returning to Rhodesia in 1944 Bunty continued his interesting career and was closely involved in the Royal visit of 1947 and was witness to some interesting events, some which would could have caused the late Princess Margaret a blush or two had they not been discreetly handled.

Shortly after marrying Aiofa, an Irish nursing sister, in 1952 Bunty, holding the rank of Inspector, was dispatched as second in command of a contingent of BSAP personnel to Bechuanaland to assist in quelling a significant tide of civil unrest. This was achieved without loss of life earning the personal gratitude of the late Sir Seretse Khama.

Bunty retired from the BSAP holding the rank of Chief Inspector in 1958 joining the Marrandellas Town Council for a few years before taking up employment with the Grain Marketing Board where he remained until retirement in 1981.

Bunty and Aiofa immigrated to Perth Western Australia in 1982 where he passed away on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the grand age of 93. He is survived by wife Aiofa, daughters Mary, Clare, son Martin and five grandchildren. Bunty will be remembered by all who knew him for his tremendous wit, sense of humour and integrity. We will all miss the tremendous tales of the past, which are alive in all of us thanks to him.

### **Professor Desmond Hill**

*Mounted policeman who turned to veterinary medicine, dedicating the greater part of his career to Nigeria.*

*Hill: served in the war with the British South Africa Police*

Professor Desmond Hill, who has died aged 90, worked as a vet in the tropics for more than three decades; for most of that period he was in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, where he was known as the father of veterinary education and development. Desmond Hayward Hill was born on August 7 1917 at Hornsea, Yorkshire, but spent most of his childhood in Spain, where his father was a consulting engineer. Desmond returned to Britain with his mother in the late 1920s to continue his education, first at St Bede's Roman Catholic school, Hornsea, and later at

Mill Hill, in London. In 1936 his father returned to England, having lost everything during the Spanish civil war – he arrived home with only 500 pesetas in his pocket after all his assets had been seized.

The following year Desmond joined the British South Africa Police (BSAP), with which he remained throughout the duration of the Second World War. In his youth he had been a keen boxer, and he was Southern Rhodesia's welterweight boxing champion during the period when he served in the BSAP. In his later years he turned to refereeing in the ring. It was Hill's experience as a mounted policeman in Rhodesia that motivated him to become a vet, and at the end of the war he worked his passage by sea to Canada, where he studied at Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph, near Toronto.

On graduating with first class honours and receiving a national award for outstanding achievement sponsored by the *Journal of Veterinary Medicine*, Hill was recruited by the British to work at the University College of Nigeria, Ibadan.

In 1950 he took up his first academic position, as a lecturer in the department of Animal Husbandry and Health; at the same time he held the posts of head and acting dean of the faculty of Agriculture. He was known to be a strong administrator as well as an excellent veterinary clinician, and in 1963 he established the first school of veterinary medicine in Nigeria within the faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Science at the University of Ibadan. In the same year he was promoted to Professor of Veterinary Medicine, then to head of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (1970-77) and finally to Dean of the faculty of Veterinary Medicine (1975-77).



Hill was a man of few words who preferred to lead by example. Every day before arriving at the

lecture halls he would ride around the veterinary farm on one of his horses to visit and assess every livestock unit and decide on any necessary treatment. His veterinary skills proved particularly useful on the polo field, where he was responsible for seeing to injured horses. In England during summer holidays Hill was particularly fond of fly-fishing for trout on the river Ure in Yorkshire. Music was another interest, and his taste was catholic, encompassing jazz (when on holidays in the 1940s he was a regular visitor to Ronnie Scott's), opera and pop. He himself played Spanish guitar, banjo and piano and had an excellent baritone voice.

Hill was a generous man who donated to eight charities throughout his life, while he also found resourceful ways to support the many students he taught over the years in Nigeria. In 1998 that country honoured his contribution to veterinary medicine when the University of Ibadan held a celebratory lecture to mark his 80th birthday. On retiring from Ibadan University in 1978, Hill took up the post of director of animal husbandry at the International Livestock Centre for Africa (now the International Livestock Research Institute) at its Nigeria office. In 1979 he moved to its headquarters in Addis Ababa. He introduced a novel approach combining animal health and husbandry with relevant areas of expertise such as sociology, economics, agronomy and agriculture. He retired from ILCA in 1981 and returned to Yorkshire. In his retirement he published a book on cattle and buffalo meat production in the tropics. He continued to enjoy singing in the local choir, as well as fishing and cycling.

He was appointed OBE in 1972, and CBE in 1978.

Desmond Hill died on April 21 2008. He married, in 1956, Heather Harley, who survives him with their two sons and a daughter.

### Blue and Old Gold

30° SOUTH PUBLISHERS is proud to advise that a revised, greatly augmented and lavishly illustrated edition of the history of the BSAP will be available from October, 2009.

This new book must be regarded as the final and definitive story of a force that served Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Zimbabwe- Rhodesia with excellence, pride and total commitment for more than 90 years. Fittingly, this superb pictorial will be published under the title, *Blue and Old Gold — The History of the British South Africa*

*Police* The final and definitive story of the world's finest police force

### Limited, leather-bound edition

30° South Publishers also proposes to release a numbered, limited, leather-bound edition of this historic book. To register your interest in the limited edition, or to order a copy of the standard edition, please contact your association branch, or email *Aulette Goliath* at [office@30degreessouth.co.za](mailto:office@30degreessouth.co.za) You can also order from our website from September, 2009: [www.30degreessouth.co.za](http://www.30degreessouth.co.za)

### Important News

The publisher is pleased to announce that 5% of the purchase price of each standard edition ordered through BSAP Regimental Associations will be donated to them to assist with ongoing charitable and other works, at their discretion.

IN AUGUST, 1980, one of the finest police forces in any country of any era ceased to be. Rhodesia's British South Africa Police became the Zimbabwe Republic Police after the country's transformation following a bloody and protracted civil war.

The seeds of that conflict were sown in the late 19th Century when Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company's Pioneer Column, escorted by his company's police, rode north from South Africa into a largely unknown and sparsely inhabited land which promised much adventure and riches for men of calibre.

During the next 90 years wars were fought and rebellions crushed but overall the justice and organisation took root and flourished in this new and fertile land. Interwoven in the bittersweet history of Rhodesia and Zimbabwe is that of the BSA Police, and no-one with a passing interest in southern Africa can ignore the huge role the force played in shaping the destiny of the country.

It is a story of men and women who made a new and raw country their home, and gave service to it, many with their lives. It is a tale of fun and glamour, yet of triumph and tragedy. But, above all, it is completely factual. This is a richly illustrated history combining a profusion of facts with humour and at times pathos and raw courage. It is the tale of a singular, outstanding police force. It is a tale that needed to be told. This new publication will appear as a 640-page, hard back with dust cover 'coffee-table' edition containing more than 700 photographs, extracts

from books prepared and produced by the UK Branch of the Association, as well as stories and anecdotes from The Outpost magazines and a mass of previously unpublished historical reminiscences supplied by one-time members of the force and others proud to be associated with a body of men and women regarded as among the best policing units in the British Empire — if not the world.

**Richard Hamley**, who contributed to the original history, has prepared a host of exciting new colour plates and the publisher feels sure that this imposing—indeed exceptional publication—will be a ‘must have’ for, not only members who served the force so proudly, but also historians, Rhodesians and all with a knowledge of a fantastic country that the BSA Police helped build and create.

### **The Benefactor’s Monkey**

By Chris Morten

This book is available directly from its Western Australian distributors at a cost of A\$29.95 plus postage and handling costs. Full details are available on:

[www.thebenefactorsmonkey.com/](http://www.thebenefactorsmonkey.com/)

Contact people are Phil and Michelle on 61-8-93099444.

### **Blazer Badges**

BSAP blazer badges are now available from the following for \$40:

Ken Palmer

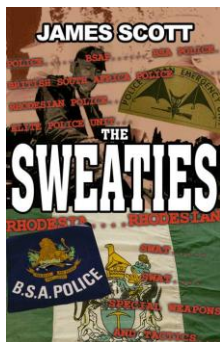
Phone: (08) 9459 8864 (H)

(08) 9365 1111 (W)

### **The Sweaties (£14.99)**

by James Scott

[ex-Insp John Larn 7727]



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### **The Rhodesian Independence Commemorative Medal**

The joint committee of the Rhodesian Army, Rhodesian Air Force and British South Africa Police (BSAP) Associations is proud to announce the striking of the Rhodesian Independence Commemorative Medal (RICM).

On 11 December 1979 Rhodesia ceased to exist as an independent nation yet the spirit of the people who called themselves Rhodesians lives on. Very trying times came to those living in Rhodesia between the declaration of independence on 11 November 1965 and the date when, for the first time in history, the British Government assumed control of the country under Lord Soames. Those trials were the consequence of communist sponsored armed rebellion that was soured further by the promotion of international sanctions. Rhodesian determination under responsible government was to achieve majority rule progressively and cautiously. However, the British government yielding to African and Cold War pressures, demanded immediate majority rule. No notice was taken of Rhodesia's warnings that a one-party government whose leaders, driven by personal greed and corruption, would destroy the country.

In the face of apparently overwhelming adversity following UDI, Rhodesians fought to uphold their beliefs and an already robust Rhodesian spirit was lifted still higher bringing about the unique determination that resulted in continued economic growth for the first 12 years of Rhodesian independence.

Rhodesians were never beaten by political disappointments, sanctions or the actions of hordes of armed men. It was political duplicity that brought about the destruction of all the good that Rhodesians had achieved for all races and fought so hard to protect. Whilst Rhodesians are naturally bitter about the situation that eventuated, there remains a deep sense of pride for the contribution each person made, be that small or great, in creating and keeping whole the fine fabric that made the nation so unique. No matter how much Rhodesians lost, their pride and memory of 'God's own country' lives on and can be publicly displayed when wearing the Rhodesian Independence Commemorative Medal.

### Obverse

On a polished background the obverse of the medal features an outline of Rhodesia around a snarling lion symbolising Rhodesian defiance encompassed by the words

'INDEPENDENT RHODESIA' and the dates  
11.11.1965 -11.12.1979.

### Reverse

The reverse of the polished medal proudly depicts the Rhodesian Coat of Arms surrounded by fourteen stars for 14 years of Rhodesian independence.

### The Ribbon

The medal is suspended from a brooch, ready to wear, by a woven ribbon comprising the green and white colours of the Rhodesian flag.

### Eligibility

The RICM is for all who lived in Rhodesia between 11.11.1965 and

11.12.1979 and remain proud to call themselves Rhodesians. An RICM can be purchased for the person placing the order or may be purchased by a husband, wife or child wishing to make it a gift of love and thanks. It can also be purchased for those wishing to commemorate deceased relatives.

E-mail: [award@crown-lane.co.uk](mailto:award@crown-lane.co.uk)

Website: [www.awardmedals.com/RICM](http://www.awardmedals.com/RICM)

(Note: anyone wishing to acquire the RICM should do so via the above email/website – Ed)

## SAGA OF LL 44

By Barry Dawson

Whilst stationed at Victoria Falls during the mid 60's there was a keyboard on the Charge Office wall upon which keys were hung including vehicle keys whilst vehicles were no in use. One day I noticed a key ring with what were obviously vehicle keys attached. It was a brand new leather tag with the inscription LL 44 inscribed thereon. Now where was LL 44? It certainly wasn't at the Falls, so being a nosey bugger I tried to find out..

It transpired that in the late 50's or early 60's Vic Falls was due a new police vehicle. Therefore a Eur. Constable was despatched to C.M.E.D. Bulawayo to collect same. Upon arrival the Const. was handed a brand new Land Rover the said LL 44, which he then proceeded to drive back to Vic Falls..

All went well until he reached the Matetsi River some 60 kms from the Falls. Now in those days the road over the Matetsi was a low level causeway, it wasn't until several years later a high level bridge was built. U

Upon arrival at the causeway it was in partial flood. The said Const. having tested the waters so to speak decided that it was safe to drive across and proceeded to do so. Needless to say, not having removed fan belts etc LL 44 stalled in the middle. Now what to do? Answer, simple go to the nearest kraal and requisition a couple of oxen to haul the vehicle out. Having removed the vehicle keys he duly set out to find the said oxen.

When he returned an hour or so later together with the oxen he was horrified to find that the Matetsi was in full flood there having been a huge cloudburst upstream..... of LL 44 there was no sign.

The Const. managed to get a lift to the Falls and the following day a search party set out to try and find LL44 downstream from the causeway. Despite exhaustive searching THEY NEVER FOUND IT!

So to this day there lie the rusting remains of a fully kitted out Police Land Rover buried deep in the mud of the Matetsi River, or perhaps even the Zambezi into which the Matetsi flows.

Can you imagine the questions that were asked.. I bet the board of enquiry took forever.

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**Roll of Honour**

<b>Force No.</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date</b>
3754	Desmond	Hill	UK	21 April 2008
5360	John	Hicks	Seychelles	5 June 2008
4446	Mike	Brough	Zimbabwe	30 May 2008
5233	Willie	Hamilton	Zimbabwe	9 June 2008
4269	Steve	Moore-Stevens	UK	19 June 2008
3749	Stanley	Edwards	UK	22 June 2008
3799	Anthony	Andrew	UK	2 July 2008
4393	“Tubby”	Lucas	UK	7 July 2008
6036	Don	Cruikshank	South Africa	30 June 2008
7176	Philip	Fraser	Not known	Not known
7155	Michael	Little	UK	20 June 2008
3844	Sydney	Bristow	Zimbabwe	18 July 2008
6349	Joseph	Eglington	UK	27 July 2008
4643	George	Leppan	South Africa	28 July 2008
4796	Christopher	Black-Foote	UK	28 July 2008
4941	Terry	Looker	Canada	12 August 2008
7298	Julian	Hinks	UK	24 August 2008
WPO 205	Minette	Arkley (nee Wood)	South Africa	14 August 2008
4640	Peter	Bell	Zimbabwe	5 September 2008
5189	John	Andow	South Africa	1 September 2008
4302	John	Wilson	UK	25 August 2008
7272	Charlie	Piscpou	South Africa	16 September 2008
4103	Jim	Downham	Zimbabwe	27 July 2008
5296	John Eric	Perrett	South Africa	22 September 2008
6112	Henry	Coetzee	South Africa	13 August 2008
FR	Rex	Chambers	South Africa	28 September 2008
4706	Peter	Hall	Zimbabwe	29 September
4968	Phil	Bembridge	UK	3 October 2008
4774	John (Butch)	Fletcher	South Africa	3 October 2008
4171	Reg	Vincent	UK	10 October 2008
4746	Thomas	Jones	Bulawayo	9 October 2008
6956	Geoff	Mowbray	U.K.	11 October 2008
4019	Phil	Owen	South Africa	30 October 2008
6852	Eric	Hurd	New Zealand	27 September 2008
5044	Tony	Bradshaw	UK	4 November 2008
P/R 17392	John	Ovenden	Perth, W Australia	12 December 2008
8792	Ian	Page	Cape Town	11 January 2009
8235	Martin	Kay	Johannesburg	17 January 2009
5740	“Buddy”	Deetlefs	Pietermaritzburg	6 March 2009

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**QUEENSLAND NEWSLETTER**

Mike Edden

**FUNCTIONS**

The Association held three functions in 2008.

The first of these was the AGM, in February at 7012 Mike and Ginny King's house which had a disappointing turn-out of only five other members. Twelve others sent in apologies but due to the paucity of persons present the planned social was abandoned and Mike King dealt with the business as quickly as possible. The Committee was returned en-bloc with the addition of Chris Wheeler and Margaret Underhay volunteering to assist the Secretary/Treasurer.

In April, the Chairman, John Gold and Will Keys entertained Alun Vaughan and Mark Doyle, who made a quick flight from Sydney where Mark was visiting the country on Rotarian matters from RSA, just to have lunch with us.

The second function was Christmas in July which was held at Fitzzy's Tavern on 20 July attended by 7012 Mike and Ginny King, 5757 Ian and Rachel Milton, 6278 Gerry Dyer, 4727 Mike and Rosemary Edden, 6303 Pete and Carol Nortje, 7432 Will Keys, 7429 Fred and Carol Carr-Thomson, 6604 John and Mary Gold and their guests 25621Y Glenn and Lisa Shannon. A pleasant lunch and chat among friends and the afternoon passed quite quickly with the usual exchange of presents.

The last major function was the annual dinner. For a number of reasons the dinner had to be postponed to 29 November and the venue changed to the Manly Sports Club which turned out to be a very pleasant place to hold the dinner and the meal was assessed to be the best we have ever had since the branch was founded. Unfortunately the time of the year coincided with a number of other important events which reduced the numbers, but at least 7012 Mike and Ginny King, 4727 Mike and Rosemary Edden, 6604 John and Mary Gold, 7432 Will and Jacquie Keys, 6969 Billy Budd, 5848 Dave and Jeanie Clinker, 5165 Don and Patricia Silliss, 205169J Margaret and Les Underhay, 25548T Simon and Jacqui Lucas, 6994 Colin John and guests Rob and Sandy Knights, ex-Internal Affairs had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. This year it was decided to have an informal function without the usual

speaker and traditional toasts and I for one found the opportunity to relax and chat to all and sundry was a very pleasant change.

John Gold was responsible for organising a number of coffee mornings at which he, Mike Edden and Will Keys met up with other ex-Rhodesians for a pleasant couple of hours.

Will Keys entertained Mike Edden and John Gold to lunch at the Combined Services Club.

**GENERAL**

The three local pensioners, Mike Edden, John Gold and Will Keys can get together from time to time but the inability of the majority of our members to attend functions has caused some debate and the members will be circulated with a view to downsizing the annual programme and merely providing a chat board to keep members up to date with matters local, national and international and only aim to hold an annual lunch/dinner to be held at a suitable date in September.

**BSAP HISTORY**

The proposal by Central that each branch appoint a member responsible for collating items of historical interest has been discussed but there are no volunteers to become the member responsible.

**THE CONTINUATION OF THE BRANCH**

The paucity of members close to Brisbane being able to attend social functions has declined over the years with members moving away, or just losing contact, and the Committee has long realised that there is no easy remedy, even though we are all appreciative of the efforts of those who are several hundred kilometres away making a special effort to attend the annual dinner. However we all realise that expecting this to happen on a regular basis is asking the impossible especially in the light of the current world-wide economic situation.

The long expected decision by Mike King to retire from the post of Secretary/Treasurer was delivered to the Chairman in January resulting in the Special Committee Meeting (SCM) dated the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our first and most important decision is to thank Mike and Ginny King for their unstinting efforts to keep the branch ticking over.

General discussion then took place on the future of the Qld Branch with the consensus that the local association remain operating but the onerous duties of the Secretary and that of the Treasurer be scaled back. This to be achieved by no further collection of fees and existing members being made "Fully paid-up" Members or a general moratorium declared on all future fees waiving the need for time consuming duties of a treasurer in chasing up and banking fees, etc. No organising of activities or receiving or transmitting of communications by a secretary thereby eliminating this post. Future activities will be created on a spontaneous or ad hoc basis with members (with a growing number reaching retirement) invited to the present coffee mornings or occasional lunchtime meeting. The Annual Dinner will remain as the sole regimental activity on the annual calendar

The proposal of the SCM and the email circulation to all members with registered emails has resulted in the decision to hold the AGM electronically which was overwhelmingly approved.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Previous Minutes: These were circulated after the 2008 AGM and no further discussion is warranted.

Treasurer's Report: The sum of \$3,288.62 is held in our account with the Queensland Police Credit Union. This total will remain "as is" unless there is a unanimous agreement by the three signatories, Mike Edden, Mike King and Gerry Dyer to use any funds for the Branch affairs.

Annual Subscriptions: Proposal "that all current members on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 be considered to be "Fully paid-up members of the branch" and that no further subscriptions be levied"; if you agree answer YES.

It is noted that 9596 Nick Russell is the only member to have paid his 2009 dues and this will be refunded.

Election of Committee: The Committee is standing down en bloc to give members the opportunity to select fresh blood.

However, in the interests of convenience it has been proposed "that the formalities of running such a branch in terms of the Constitution are waived and that the appointment of members

of the Committee is replaced by a more flexible arrangement – to wit;

(a). That the present Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer be reformatted under the title Chairman/Secretary to ensure the receipt of news from other branches are circulated to all Queensland members by email and

(b). To ensure the safety of funds held in our savings account at the Police Credit Union. (Funds cannot be withdrawn unless there are two of the three signatories already registered).

(c). And continues to provides Chairman's Chat news to the Australia Branch on request

Mike Edden has volunteered for the task; he will maintain the membership roll; be responsible for the existing funds, and distribute by e-mail the various branch Outposts and whatever additional info he chooses (whether or not that includes those who are deceased, which information would appear somewhere and sometime in one or other Outpost in any event).

Only one other post is needed and that is the Social Secretary and John Gold has said he will continue if approved.

(d). Proposed that John Gold remain the Social and Welfare Secretary for the foreseeable future to continue his successful coffee mornings, the arrangement of an annual dinner and to keep a watchful eye on the health and welfare of our members.

If you agree, please reply confirming the receipt of the AGM minutes and answer YES to the proposals.

That all members will be circulated by 31 January 2009 and answers to be in the hands of the Chairman by 10 February 2009. Anyone not replying by due date will be re-canvassed by email and/or phone to ascertain whether the member is still at the current address in our records and whether the member is interested in remaining a member or not.

Mike Edden