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## From the Editor

Our Annual Luncheon will take place on 12 September and members will shortly receive an official invitation through the post. This year, our Guest Speaker will be Col. Harry Harvey who was a former officer in the Rhodesian SAS and Director of Military Intelligence. Don't miss his interesting and informative speech.

Since our inception your Committee is rightly proud to have secured such high calibre speakers for our Annual Luncheons/Dinners. We would like to see, however, a greater number of our members attending this event, although we do realise that not everyone is available on a Saturday lunchtime. It should be appreciated that our attendances would be far less if we held an evening event, mainly because we are an aging Association and driving at night is not an option for many of our members.

If you haven't attended a Luncheon in the past few years, please make every effort to do so this year. Still only \$25 a head!

Finally, we are now sending out the Outpost via email to most of our members who are on the Internet. If, however, you would prefer to receive a hardcopy of the magazine or if you are unable to open the document, please contact our Secretary John Seward and he will forward a hardcopy to you.

Kerry Hoadley

## Station Notes

### Annual General Meeting 2009

This took place on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 at the RSL Belmont and was attended by 27 members. Hereunder is the report for the year 2008 by our Acting Chairman, Lew Whitmore:

"I have been asked to present our Annual report on behalf of your Committee. You will recall that at our last AGM there was no nomination for the post of Chairman, so over the year different Committee members were selected to chair meetings.

The year 2008 was a successful one for the Branch in that its membership grew, its financial position improved and it held a number of successful social functions.

However I will ask you to stand for a minute's silence as two members passed away during the year. They were our oldest in age Bunty Ludlow and the premature and sudden passing of John Ovenden. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

In addition on 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 Andrew Northcote our member in Victoria was a victim of the terrible bush fires where he lost his home and possessions. The Branch has helped him financially and Andrew and his wife Pam are most grateful.

For us in the Committee a most important aspect is our membership, as without members we

would not exist. We set our target for the year at 105 and I am glad to report that we more than achieved it with our membership now standing at 107.

We know that many ex BSAP members who have immigrated to Australia have not joined and this is cause for some concern. I will ask the incoming committee to make a concerted effort to bring them into the fold.

Your committee believes this branch needs to be in a healthy financial position in order that it can meet the possible call for welfare assistance and to subsidise social functions. Treasurer Kerry Hoadley will be presenting to you our audited report in which you will see that we are financially sound and I am sure he will try to answer any queries that you may have. On behalf of the Committee our sincere thanks to Kerry for a fine job well done and also thank you to our Hon. Auditor Tom Doherty.

I would take this opportunity to thank Steve Martin and Alan McGrath for successfully running raffles and extracting monies from members, which has helped to fill our coffers. I also wish to thank members who have donated prizes for the raffles.

## Annual Luncheon

The Annual Luncheon of the Association will be held on Saturday 12 September 2009.

A flyer will be sent to all members shortly. Please put this date in your diary today!

What can we say about the Aussie Outpost? The compliments that we have received have been numerous not only locally but from overseas. Not only is Kerry Treasurer, but also Editor, so once again a big thank you Kerry.

The welfare component is an important part of our constitution and is a provision common to all branches. The possibility of some of our former colleagues or families finding them in need is a very real possibility. So as we grow older welfare needs increase and this must become a top priority for the incoming committee. During the past year several needed care, some are in care, some have been in hospital, some have had serious operations, some have had accidents so not only do they need sympathy but also help for themselves their wives and families even if it is only in the way of transport.

Our two most important social events were the AGM and the Annual Luncheon.

Mr. Marcus Woodgush was our guest speaker and he was able to relate his experiences as a Senior Magistrate in Rhodesia and his connection with the BSAP. He was most amusing recounting his experiences and then comparing them with his experience in Australia. It was an eye opener and most interesting.

Our combined Christmas BBQ with RAWA in Kings Park was attended by only a few members. This is rather disappointing as it is a beautiful venue so hopefully next year more will attend.

Our branch welcomed members from overseas branches and where possible tried to arrange an informal function to give them an opportunity to meet local members.

We are an affiliated unit with the WA Branch of the RSL. This means that we are automatically invited to take part in the affairs of ex-service personnel and to be represented on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

You will be asked to elect a new committee for 2009. Please consider being nominated from the floor. We need new blood to ensure new ideas thus ensuring the future success of the Branch.

Finally there are a number of thank yous:

Firstly, to the RSL Belmont. They very kindly allow us to make use of their premises for the AGM, the Annual Luncheon and Committee Meetings. In fact we are privileged to have two of our members on their Committee.

Secondly, to the Women's Auxiliary of the RSL for their wonderful catering at our Annual Luncheon. However it is with regret that they have informed us that they will be unable to do the catering this year.

Finally to the past Committee members who have done sterling work over the past year to keep the BSAP flag waving."

Thereafter the Treasurer Kerry Hoadley presented the audited accounts for the year and stated that we are in a very healthy position. Our sincere thanks to our Auditor Tom Doherty.

The election of the new Committee found that the old one was re-elected and once again we regret the absence of new blood. Maybe next year.

On the completion of the meeting Steve and Linda Martin did their usual thing and produced a marvellous BBQ which we all enjoyed and thereafter a very successful raffle was held and thank you all those who contributed to it.

#### Travelling members

7236 John Henderson has been over to Scotland and hope to hear from his travels.

P/R Don Bulloch and his wife Joyce went on a cruise to Malaysia etc and whilst on the cruise Joyce fell and damaged her shoulder and was treated for some time in Kuala Lumpur. She is now home recovering and Don tells me that the medical service Joyce received was second to none.

Sylvia Holborn (daughter of ex member 2386) is still overseas seeing family in South Africa and the UK.

#### Welfare

It is with regret that I have to report the passing on 6275/7507/110719 **Mike Preston** in Perth on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2009 after a long illness. To his wife Shelagh and family we extend our deepest sympathy

F/R **Dick Scallan** in Bunbury has had some heart problems and is taking things easy. At one stage they thought he would have to have an operation but medication has avoided it

4105 Bert Freemantle, our senior troop, recently had a fall but is on the mend. **Val Davies**, widow of the late Roy Davies, also recently fell and had

extensive bruising but I am happy to report she is now much better.

F/R **Rod Blevin** has had knee reconstruction and heart problems but is recovering well.

### ANZAC Day Memorial Service

7682 Ian Calderwood represented the Branch at the ANZAC Memorial Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch.

Several members marched with the Rhodesian contingent at the ANZAC Day parade whilst our Secretary 4649 John Seward attended the Dawn Service at the RSL Belmont on behalf of the Branch and enjoyed the gun breakfast.

### Visitors

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

The only one that made contact with us was Brian Parnaby who was stationed at one time in the 50's at Bindura with John Seward. Brian was visiting his son in Perth and took the opportunity of catching up at a very nice BBQ with John Seward and his wife Margaret, and ex Bindura F/R and farmer Rod Blevin and his wife Brenda. Much 'when we' talk took place. His ex-squad mate Kerry Hoadley also dropped by for a chat.

### 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 Andy and Pam Northcote

We are moving again on Friday week (24 July). Up to the Kinglake Village this time as Whittlesea (Council) is dragging its feet in organising the Granny Flats.

It's a weird existence we are living at the moment...but we are getting used to it.

Pam and Andy

#### From "The Hardies", Natal

Dear Friends

Just to let you know, if you don't already, that John (4749 John Hardie) is now on his fourth dose of pneumonia in two years, which followed his second bladder infection, the anti-biotics for which caused a bad case of thrush.

This was speedily followed by pleurisy (caused by all the infections since his big fall in the old house two years ago).

Whilst halfway through the anti-biotic for this latest pneumonia, he "contracted" pharyngitis, and has had another anti-biotic prescribed.

Not content to be ill, he then nose-dived from his wheelchair on Saturday afternoon, down four stairs, landing rather heavily on the side of his not-so-long-ago-broken-collar-bone!! Has a huge gash in his arm, and may well have cracked a couple of ribs. He says he doesn't need to go to the doctor, as that will just mean x-rays, and advice to stay home and still, which he's doing anyway.

He's hoping to be better soon.

Bad news done! Best wishes

The Hardies

#### From Robbie Robinson

Hello There.

I am an ex RAF Police dog handler who served in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) 1955/58 and still searching for old comrades who served at one time or another in Ceylon. Could you please ask in your newsletter that if any of your members served in Ceylon to make contact. We also have a quarterly newsletter and have received info that one or two served in your police force.

Regards.

Jeff (Robbie) Robinson.  
Ceylon Old Comrades.  
(robinson.robby@talktalk.net)

#### From Celia Parkinson

I was just going through a book of Rhodesian history when I came across a cutting from a newspaper that Don must have cut out and kept



in this book. Unfortunately there is no date on it and I guess it would have come from the Rhodesia Herald, and it must have taken place when we were in Chibi from 1963-66. I will quote:

***Policeman made a kraal head (from Our Correspondent) Salisbury, Thursday***

A European member of the British South Africa Police was recently made a kraalhead by Chief Chibi at Chibi Police Camp, near Fort Victoria. He is S/O Ian Lewis (30), member-in-charge of the police at Chibi. Chief Chibi referred to the relationship between his people and the police.

As member-in-charge, S/O Lewis had similar responsibilities for the people under his care as a kraalhead under the tribal structure.

Chief Chibi wished the officer to be known in his tribe as kraalhead Ruswinga. The name is that of a range of hills which the Chibi police station overlooks.

A spokesman at police general headquarters, Salisbury, said the appointment would be treated as a purely honorary one.

Celia Parkinson

(Note: Celia's late husband Don Parkinson, was a District Commissioner in Rhodesia. The only Ian Lewis on our Nominal Role is 5543 C/Insp Ian David Lewis - Ed)

**From Andrew Field**

Obituary: 4165 Edgar Ian McKay

It is with regret that we receive the news that Ian McKay passed away on Sunday 26 July 2009 at London, United Kingdom.

Ian, who was born in Harrow, England, served in the force from December 1946 through until October 1976 when he retired as a Senior Assistant Commissioner. He did most of his service in the plain clothes branch. He spent a few years in Umtali heading the district, then provincial, Criminal Investigation Department before being appointed Provincial Special Branch Officer for Matabeleland in January 1969.

He served a period with Special Branch Headquarters, within Branch One of the CIO, and eventually assumed command of the Special Branch in January 1975, succeeding Derrick Robinson. Ian will always be remembered by former colleagues for his good and supportive

nature, his love for working with his hands. He was an accomplished snooker player.

After leaving the force, Ian took up a post with the CMED in Harare. He continued to live in Zimbabwe until very recently when he was forced to emigrate and return to the United Kingdom.

Our thoughts go out to his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter Ailsa, family and friends to whom we extend our sincere condolences.

With kind regards

Andrew D Field 8646

**From Fred Mason**

Re: 6097 Ted Painting

I have received news that Ted Painting suffered a stroke on the night of Good Friday, 10 April.

His daughter tells me that that, whilst he is paralysed down the left side, it is early days and that he is now at home receiving daily visits from the physio and stacks of love and care from his family.

I am sure that he would love to hear from old friends and colleagues - the moral support will no doubt have a huge impact.

Fred Mason (KwaZulu-Natal)

**From 6117 Roy Edwards**

I am looking for two Squad Members of Squad 1/60: 6119 Edward John Francis "John" BURBIDGE and 6126 John Haigh Howe THATCHER.

Most grateful if you would place a notice in your New Letter/Magazine  
Thanking you, all the best  
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**The Saga of the (almost) Headless Kiwi**

By 6952 Barry Dawson

One evening I was called out to attend an incident involving the daily mail train from Zambia to Bulawayo via Vic Falls. I proceeded in the Mini Moke to the level crossing over the main road just before the train station. There I



saw the mail train stopped about 20m from the crossing. Those days it was hauled by a 20th class Garret steam engine, the largest steam locomotive in the world at the time.

There, just in front of the front wheels lay the drunken, semi comatose body of a young European male. I asked the train driver what had happened and he said that as he approached the outskirts of the Falls station and was slowing down preparing to stop he glanced out of the cab and in the light of the large spotlight on the front of the locomotive he saw something on the track. He jammed on the brakes and managed to stop just 1 meter from the European who was lying with his head on the rail track.

All things being considered I let the mail go on its way, loaded to drunken male into the Moke and took him back to the Charge Office where I locked him up for the night (mainly for his own protection).

It transpired that he was tourist from New Zealand visiting the Falls and staying at the National Parks rest camp. Having seen the Falls itself he decided to indulge in the delights of the cold beer at the Vic. Falls Hotel. En route back to the rest camp feeling somewhat weary he decided that a nap would be in order and what better place than to lay his head than that nice comfortable looking railway line...

The following morning I let him out, of course he had no idea what was going on. I said, "Come with me I want to show you something." I took him down to the scene of the "crime" showed him where his head was and where the train came to a halt. I told him that he was very lucky that it was the mail train and not a fully laden copper train because they don't stop at the Falls, in fact get steam up to get them through the station.

I took him back to the charge office and fined him two pounds for "being drunk in public" As I handed him his receipt copy of the Z69j I suggested to him that he have it framed, hang it on his wall and every time he looked at it remind himself that he is one of the luckiest men alive on the planet. He assured me that he would...

Oh the evils of the demon drink! I think I'll have another....

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### A Moving Salute

by Mike Laing (brother of 6253 Ian Laing)

Colonel Brian Braithwaite wriggled into a more comfortable position and turned his attention to the scene in front of him. In the quiet of the early morning the trees seemed to stir and awake as the sun tipped the horizon. To the north the Zambezi valley fell away in a series of ridges, now highlighted by the first rays of the dawn sun. To his right small groups of game moved slowly as they grazed and, closer at hand, the insect swelled to greet the new day.

Now in truth the Colonel's situation could only be described as vulnerable and indelicate. He was perched on a bush toilet, shielded from the camouflaged camp to his – er rear but "full-monty" toward the vast plains to his front. His troops well knew his habit to cogitate thus in the unfolding dawn and were at pains to keep their distance. His time of isolation, perched on the loneliest long-drop in the world, were precious and protected.

The dust haze was starting to stir as a dawn breeze disturbed the smaller leaves and it brought the slight scent of the game. Some small movement to the left caught the edge of his vision. He frowned, screwing up his eyes as he tried to focus on the still dark, distant trees. Yes, there it was again, a small but definite movement. Instinctively he put his hand down to ensure that his rifle was close by but continued his concentration on the offending blemish to the peaceful scene.

The buck were also disturbed and, heads raised from their grazing, were all looking in the direction where the disturbance had occurred. He swung his head to the left again and could now make out separate movements in between the trees. However, the shadows cast by the rising sun distorted his vision and he adjusted his position and waited.

In time he could discern that there were men moving through the trees and again, his pulse quickening, he touched the rifle by his side. Then they moved into a patch of sunshine and he recognised the uniform of his own men. They were a patrol making their way back to the camp after spending the night in an ambush position some distance down in the valley. They moved cautiously, angling up the slope and avoiding the more direct, steep climb. It had been a fruitless night and, stiff and tired from waiting motionless



for several hours, they were anxious to reach the sparse comfort of the camp.

They moved closer to the enthroned colonel and looked as if they might pass by him unnoticed. The sun was in their eyes and their thoughts were on food and a mug of hot tea. Then the stick-leader caught sight of the figure perched atop the hillock. He gave a swift cautionary check of his surroundings and, finding nothing untoward, he grinned and then slapped his rifle in a salute.

"Eyes right" he called to the stick of men following him.

The troop did just that and swung their heads to the right towards where the colonel was positioned. Still seated on the toilet he solemnly raised his hand to his forehead in salute until the last of the troop had passed. Then, with a sigh he let his hand fall back. Such was life in a small corner of Africa in the 1970's.

### Subject: Prayer

A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time.

So she went to check it out. She went to the Western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site.

She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview.

"Pardon me, sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What's your name?"

"Morris Fishbein," he replied.

"Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?"

"For about 60 years."

"60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims. I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop. I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults, and to love their fellow man."

"How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?"

"Like I'm talking to the friggin' wall!"

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## Extracts from Central

(Courtesy of Peter Bellingham)

### Comment

How many of us follow news of disasters around the world with only a passing interest. With our improved communications, we are able to learn of all such incidents almost as they happen and see live pictures. We feel sorrow for the victims, but then we move on to the next without feeling any real empathy for them. This was certainly the case with me personally. However, this changed for me when I was advised that an ex member of the Force, 5363 Andrew Northcote and his wife Pam, lost their home and came close to losing their lives in the recent dreadful bush fire disaster that devastated large areas of the state of Victoria, and whole communities in that state. Andrew said, "Such was the speed and ferocity of that wall of flames that descended upon us and our house, that our motorcar was our saving grace. Even as we passed the end of our house, flames were emerging from the other side. Five seconds - that was all we had - and I wouldn't be writing this letter." With this knowledge, the Victorian disaster became so much more real and personal. It was no longer a disaster that affected unknown people in an unknown corner of the world. It was a disaster that affected real people, friends and colleagues. Knowing this, I was able not only to sympathise but also to empathise with ALL the people adversely affected by this terrible disaster.

6308 Dan Hughes forwarded the following poem that originated in Australia to the UK Branch editor who included it in the UK Outpost. I agree with Dan that the sentiments expressed in this poem echo the sentiments of Rudyard Kipling.

*It's the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the Freedom of the press.*

*It's the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us the Freedom of speech.*

*It's the Soldier, not the politicians, that ensures our Right to Life, to Freedom and the Pursuit of Happiness.*

*It's the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves Beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.*

### Zimbabwe News.

The following article appeared in The Herald: -

"State Pensioners to get Forex" - Herald Reporter



State Pensioners will now get allowances in foreign currency', the Minister of Public Service, Professor Eliphaz Mukonoweshuro, has said. In a statement, the minister said, 'All State pensioners would get their allowances by mid-March.' The Minister of Finance issued a Press statement on Thursday February 19 2009, where he announced that mobilisation of necessary resources for the payment of allowances of pensioners in foreign currency was currently underway and that payment modalities would be announced in due course. He said, 'Consistent with the above undertakings, all pensioners are therefore being advised that pension allowance payments, which take account of the foreign exchange allowance being paid to serving members, will be made to all pensioners in mid-March 2009', he said. Serving State employees started receiving allowances of US\$100 in redeemable coupons earlier this month."

So far, we have been unable to get any information regarding this change from the Pensions Office.

An article appeared in The Times, giving the details of a scheme to assist British Citizens to return to the United Kingdom. Details of the scheme appear hereunder: -

#### **"Elderly Britons given lifeline out of Zimbabwe - Wednesday, 18 February 2009**

Hundreds of British citizens are being offered a resettlement package to leave worsening economic conditions in Zimbabwe and move to Britain, The Times has learnt.

The emergency measure to fly people out of the country comes as increasing numbers of residents approach the British Embassy in Harare asking for help to leave. Up to 1,500 elderly and infirm Britons are expected to take advantage of the British Government's 'Zimbabwe Resettlement Programme'. Letters outlining the offer of help were sent to elderly, vulnerable and infirm citizens ten days ago and have already drawn responses from people keen to take it up. One elderly person described the deal as a 'lifeline'.

The offer is focused on helping the most vulnerable to leave the increasingly desperate conditions in Zimbabwe's collapsed economy. Britain is acutely sensitive as to how the resettlement offer will be viewed by Zimbabwe's new unity government. It is emphasising that it is a humanitarian move driven by a collapse in the

country's infrastructure, which is hitting the elderly and sick the hardest.

John Healey, the Local Government Minister, said yesterday: 'The situation in Zimbabwe continues to make it hard to access food and medical care. That's why we are offering help to older, vulnerable British people, who are unable to support themselves in Zimbabwe and want to resettle in the UK'. Whitehall has been planning the operation for months and officials said it was a coincidence that the timing of the offer came as the new unified government took power. It will be some months yet before the first group arrives. We have put in place this programme, which is available to older and vulnerable British citizens and British nationals with the right of abode in Britain", a Whitehall source told The Times. "We do not think Zimbabwe is about to blow up and that it is time to head for the hills, but life is getting tougher for the vulnerable."

The source added that the new Zimbabwean Government, whose Cabinet met for the first time yesterday after Morgan Tsvangirayi, the leader of the Movement for Democratic Change was sworn in as Prime Minister, could not be expected to put right the collapse of Zimbabwe's infrastructure overnight.

Under the programme, which is being coordinated by the Communities Department, people returning from Zimbabwe will be offered housing, state benefits and support. Ministers are preparing to waive the rules on residency tests to allow people to claim housing and council tax benefit on arrival.

**The programme is available to British citizens over 70 who are living in residential or nursing homes in Zimbabwe and to younger people in need of social care who live in their own homes.** They will be interviewed by British officials in Zimbabwe and will be allowed to bring spouses and partners with them.

There are an estimated 12,500 British citizens in Zimbabwe, of whom 3,000 are over 70. The Government believes that only between 500 and 1,500 will be eligible for the scheme, which will run over the next 18 months.

Under the terms of the scheme, the British taxpayer will pay for flights to Britain and a hotel stay until permanent housing can be arranged. Some of the returning Britons will be found places in nursing or care homes with the State



meeting the bill if, as is likely, they cannot afford to pay.

Those who can manage on their own will go into social housing or rental accommodation with the help of housing benefit. They will be provided with furniture and other household goods as the scheme does not include funding the return of furniture. There will be no help with transporting pets to Britain.

The Britons will be eligible for state benefits, subject to a means test, and will be offered a support worker to help them settle. The scheme, which will be means-tested to ensure that the Government does not fund the return of wealthy people, will apply only to those permanently resident in Zimbabwe for five years or more. The means-testing will not include a person's fixed assets, such as their house, as the Government believes that most people will find it difficult, if not impossible, to sell property in Zimbabwe's present economic conditions.

Ministers have not ruled out chartering an aircraft to fly groups of elderly people to Britain but for now they are looking at using scheduled commercial flights. 'Times Online'."

Commencing in March 2009, the Pensions Office commenced the payment of pension allowances to resident Zimbabwe residents in US dollars. Some pensioners, myself included, have experienced problems with the pension allowance being paid into the wrong account. These problems are slowly being ironed out. There is no intention to pay pensions to external pensioners at this time however.

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### **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

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by James Scott

[ex-Insp John Larn 7727]

A compelling story centred on the BSA Police Salisbury S.W.A.T. team in the final days of the war. Facing impossible odds, the 'thin blue line' was never thinner as they and the Special Branch faced the threat of armed insurrection in the city, the horrors of Communist-backed terrorism, and the ultimate atrocity.

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- Volume Six: *Life and Complete Works, Tpr. Eben Mocke*
- Volume Seven: *Military Operations in World Wars One & Two*
- Volume Eight: *Troopers' Tales of the B.S.A.P.*
- (dedicated to the memory of Mike Leach)*
- Volume Nine: *Commanding the Regiment*

Volumes One to Seven have already been published in first edition as Outpost Memorables.

A description of each book is mentioned hereunder.

The books are available from UK Branch QRep, Bertie Cubitt, orders by email to: [bsapuk2@aol.com](mailto:bsapuk2@aol.com) or by post to:

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Postage and packing are additional costs which can only be determined once an order has been placed.

**BOOKS of the BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA  
POLICE**

1. “The British South Africa Police Origins and Early History 1885 – 1901” by 1084 Trooper W.B.Bussy Price £6.50 + P&P.

This book is a collection of articles that first appeared in the Police Review (the fore-runner of the Outpost) between 1911 and 1914 and describes the events and formation of the various units that lead to the formation of the BSAP. The articles were written by the first editor of the Police Review and, because he knew and spoke to most of the participants, it must be regarded as an

authentic account. These articles formed the basis of the later Force Histories by Gibbs and Philips.

2. **Zambesi Patrol by 2753 Tpr J.H. Hoddinott**  
**Price £5.00 + P&P**

This book recounts, in Patrol Diary style, a four month foot patrol by the author in the Zambesi Valley in 1928 to verify a report of smallpox in the area and, if confirmed, to establish cordons and vaccinate the native population. Accompanied by three Native constables and 22 bearers, no pack animals could be taken because of tsetse fly, he covered 1500 miles and wore out four pairs of boots. The papers that formed the diary were found amongst his widow’s possessions following her murder by terrorists in Inyanga in 1978 and are now in the National Army Museum.

3. **Sunrise Patrols by 2829 J.E. Palmer**  
**Price £6.50 + P&P**

Palmer’s memoirs of his time in the BSAP from 1926 to 1933. He served in Gwanda, Mteteengwe, Fort Rixon, CID Bulawayo, Member i/c of the newly opened Beitbridge station and Nyamandhlovu. He takes the title from the advice given by the Commissioner to his squad at pass-out, to do their patrols early in the day for the benefit of the horses, not the troopers!

4. **Down the Decades with the BSAP**  
**Price £6.50 + P&P**

A collection of articles from the Outpost from each decade of the Force’s existence and illustrates the evolution of the BSAP.

5. **Not Without Incident by 374 W.H. Rabbetts**  
**Price £5.00 + P&P**

This tells of the author’s service with the BSAP from 1902-1914 and his post BSAP service.

6. **Mocke – Life and Works by 1437 E Mocke**  
**Price £9.75 + P&P**

Eben Mocke was one of the most prolific and accomplished contributors to the Outpost under the nom-de-plumes of 1437 and Pioneer. This book, one of the largest in the series, is a complete collection of his works and includes the epic “Kalahari Patrol”, his description of a patrol



lasting 8 months that he carried out in 1912 in the wilderness area that later became the Wankie National Park. He was accompanied at the start by two Native Constables but by the end, following a series of adventures, including treating a sick bushman who later repaid the debt by treating Mocke when he came down with blackwater fever, he had accumulated 27 companions, mostly primitive bushmen whom he brought back for resettlement. He describes later in the book his meeting some 50 years later with the bushman who saved him from the fever.

**7. The B.S.A.P. Military Operations in World Wars 1 & 2 compiled and edited by Cliff Rogers, Alan Stock and John Berry  
Price £8 + P & P**

Currently being reprinted to include new material this book describes the operations involving BSAP personnel outside Southern Rhodesia during the World Wars. These include accepting the first surrender of German troops during WW1, a number of descriptions of Murray's column and the experiences of some of those seconded to various theatres in WW2. Nominal and medal rolls of those who took part are included.

**8. Troopers Tales' of the BSAP compiled and edited by John Berry and Alan Stock**

**Price £10.70 + P&P**

Eleven stories by members of the BSAP who started out as troopers at times ranging from the earliest days to immediately after World War 2, including the unfinished memoirs of H.G. Seward, who rose to the rank of Lt. Col., and those of 3967 Dennis "Johnny" Johnstone covering his BSAP service. Also recounted is story of the gold robbery at Filabusi where the chief suspect was a BSAP Trooper.

**9. Commanding the Regiment by Fred Punter and John Berry Price £5 + P&P**

With a foreword by General the Lord Walker, patron of the BSAP Trust and former son of Col

Walker BSAP, this book provides descriptions and short biographies of the persons who over the years commanded the BSAP.

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**Obituary: Jennie Marsh**

It is with regret that I have to report the death of Jennie Marsh, wife of Malcolm 8210, on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Her funeral was held at Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone, Kent on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Jennie, who died from cancer, was much more than the wife of a member and will be known to many of us in her role, as assistant to Esme MacIntosh, as librarian at the Police Club Library in Salisbury. Jennie had close family connections with the BSAP. Her father being Ben Hustler 4048 (Signals Branch), uncle, Vince Hustler (Signals Branch) brother, Rusty Hustler 7899 S.U. and one of her daughters Sally is currently serving as a Sgt with the Kent Police.

Jennie had been working as a Deputy Head of a local private school prior to her death and her funeral was well attended by members of staff and the school community. Also present at the funeral, other than those already mentioned above were, John (Tacky) and Esme MacIntosh 4777, Peter Biddulph 7211, and Judy & Tony Brown 7212.

7217 Tony Brown



### Roll of Honour

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6739	Johnny	Johnson	RSA	12 May 2009
7720	Derek	Tasker	Johannesburg	28 March 2009
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4563	Mike	O'Hara	Johannesburg	31 May 2009
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4991	Rex	Craker	RSA	24 June 2009
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