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Comment

The latest Matabele Outpost, No. 3 issued in November 2010, reports on the three Victoria Crosses awarded during the rebellions of 1896, which are now referred to as the first Chumurenga War. It gives full details of the first award to Trooper Henderson of the Bulawayo Field Force. The other two awards were made to Frank William Baxter, also of the Bulawayo Field Force, and to Ralph Cosby Nesbitt of the Mashonaland Mounted Police. There have been six Victoria Crosses awarded to Rhodesians since the medal was first awarded by Queen Victoria in 1856. In addition to the first three medals awarded as set out above, three more Victoria Crosses were awarded, firstly, to Frederick Charles Booth of the BSA Police, whilst he was seconded to the Rhodesia Native Regiment, for valour displayed in East Africa during the first world war; secondly, to John Dering Nettleton of the Royal Airforce for valour displayed during a daylight bombing raid over Germany on the 17th April 1942 during the Second World War; and thirdly, to Gerard Ross "Toys" Norton of the Kaffrarian Rifles, but whilst attached to The Hampshire Regiment, for valour displayed whilst serving at Montegrifolfo in Italy on the 31st August 1944. Although Norton was South African by birth and served with a South African regiment, he farmed in the Raffingora area of Banket after his demobilization. An excellent record for a small country!

Continuing with the theme of the Victoria Cross, 8151 Lawrie Mabin, the editor of the Western Cape Ourpost, revealed in his November 2011 edition that his Great Grandfather, George William Mabin, was one of the survivors of the attack on Rorke's Drift Mission Station during the Anglo Zulu war in January 1879. I will not go into the details of this action for it is very well documented. Sergeant Major Mabin did not receive one of the eleven Victoria Crosses or five Distinguished Conduct Medals that were awarded for gallantry during this action, presumably because he was a member of the Staff Corps and was not attached to the Regimental detachments based there. Again, during the first Anglo Boer war, he was Adjutant to General Colley who commanded the British Army at the battle of Majuba, and was standing next to the General when he was shot in the head and killed. He did receive recognition though in 1897 for was presented with a Gold Meritorious Service Medal. Only two of these medals, struck in gold, were ever awarded. This medal is today on display at the South African Military War Museum in Pretoria.

Zimbabwe News.

The initial euphoria with regard to the announcement that the Zimbabwe Government intended to commence the payment of pensions to external pensioners in December 2009 has gradually dissipated, and slowly it has been replaced by the realization that this is not going to happen in the immediate future, but may still happen in the longer term. We are

told that the main problem to be resolved is the method of payment. Payment through a commercial bank would be very expensive, and a cheaper alternative is being sought!

Mashonaland Branch.

The Mashonaland Branch together with the Airforce Association held a most successful lunchtime Christmas Braai at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Saturday the 11th December 2010. The attendance was excellent from both services, but unfortunately, I do not have a full list of those attending.

5568 Dennis Anderson; 7615 Tok Arnold; 5261 Colin Bedford; 5281 Peter Bellingham; 6384 Peter Birkett; 6640? Stuart Blake; 11997 Dennis Borra; 900511F Paul Chisolm; 9016? Pat Cox; 203509E Connie De Kock; 9348 Bill Edwards; 4728 Bill Ellway; 8648 Andrew Field; 7458 Mike Fox; 6262 Nigel Gabriel; (6583) Nora Griffin; 9491 Pat Hammond; 9357 Charlie Hand; 5118 Ian Hayes; (4234) Pat Hobley; 111038 Cliff Johnson; 9403 Gerry Koplien; 5652 Bill Linfield; 10115 Dave Mackintosh; 9889 Don Mackintosh; (4300) Rose Macmillan; 9213 Les Mallett; 4371 John March; 4394 Dave Martin; 5680 Brian McDonnell; 9406 Red O'Connell; 8477 Peter Quick; 5784 Auv Raath; 4059 Peter Robinson; 9342 Ron Roper; 9494 Malcolm Smith; 8746 Rick Summers; 9663 Brian Wilson; 6206 Stuart Wood; W134 Denise Woodiwiss; (4130) and Betty Wright.

The Mashonaland and the Central Annual General Meetings were held at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Sunday the 29th May 2011 commencing at 12 noon. The attendance though was disappointing. Those attending were: -5568 Dennis Anderson; 7615 Tok Arnold; 7737 Brett Baines; 5281 Peter Bellingham; 5503/6384 Peter & Sheila Birkett; 139459 Simon Bouchet; 9348 Bill Edwards; 4728 Bill Ellway; 8646 Andrew Field; 5917 Rod Finnigan; 7458 Mike Fox; 5118 Ian Hayes; 111038 Cliff Johnson; 6319 Chris Looker; 4394 Dave & Nella Martin; 6377 Tony Maycock; 24082B Dusty Miller; 6047 Dudley Naude; 9406 Red O'Connell; 7532 Gillie Oberholzer; (5387) Jane Phillips; 8477 Peter Quick; 9494 Malcolm Smith & (4130) Betty Wright.

Monthly gatherings continue at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on the evening of the second Friday of every month, which are very popular, and are generally well attended.

Matabeleland Branch.

The Annual General Meeting of the Matabeleland Branch was held at the Academy of Music on Saturday the 19th March 2011, and commenced at 2.00pm. In attendance were; 8347 Dave Anderson, Tom Cranston, 901227 John Glossop, 9499 Karl & Denise Hurry, 7435 Taffy Jones, 8766 Gordon Kent, (8496J) Margaret Learmonth, Colin Learmonth; 5247 Ken MacDonald, Pat Parker, 10280 Ian Paterson, Ass Peter Rollason, 17859L Ian Terry and C1231 Tony Turner. The existing committee was returned for a further year but the members opted for a change of Chairman. The new committee is therefore: -

Ken MacDonald - Chairman
Karl Hurry - Vice Chairman/Treasurer
Denise Hurry - Secretary
Tony Turner- member

A showing of the DVD "The Last Parade" was followed by a braai in the gardens of the Academy of Music.

Under the heading "A Step Back in Time" Some Matabeleland History", Edition No. 3 of the Matabeleland Outpost relates the following: -

Three Victoria Crosses were awarded to Rhodesians during the Matabele/Mashona Rebellions (Now referred to the “The First Chimurenga War”) of 1896/7. One to Captain Ralph Cosby Nesbitt (For the valiant leadership of the Mazoe Patrol – 19th June 1896) and one to Trooper Frank William Baxter of the Bulawayo Field Force (posthumously for his heroics on the Umgusa River on the 22nd {April} 1896). However, the first was won on the 30th March 1896 by Trooper Herbert William Henderson, a tale of gallantry, two graves and two medals!!

Herbert was born at Hillhead in Glasgow on the 30th March 1870, the fourth son of William Henderson who was employed at the Bishop Street Engineering works. After his early education at Kelvinside Academy, Hillhead, Herbert served his apprenticeship with J & J Thomson Engineers in the same city. He then moved to Belfast where he was employed by the famous ship builders Harland & Wolff.

In 1892, Herbert left for the Rand in South Africa where he was connected professionally with several gold mines. Two years later, in 1894. He moved to Rhodesia where he became the engineer on the Queens Mine north of Bulawayo.

At the outbreak of the rebellion in March 1896, Herbert volunteered for the Bulawayo Field Force as a Scout. Indeed, he soon volunteered to ride from Queens Mine to Bulawayo to obtain relief for his stranded colleagues. He had for his protection only a revolver and one round of ammunition – all that was available. It is not clear if it was, in fact, Henderson, who brought the news; but on Saturday the 27th March 1896 a report was received in Bulawayo to the effect that seven white men were surrounded by the Matabele at Inyati (Approx 15 miles NE of Queens Mine and some 50 miles north of Bulawayo).

A small party of eleven mounted men under Captain Pittendrigh (Afrikander Corps) rode out just before mid-night to rescue the trapped men. First stopping at Jenkin’s Store and then riding on to relieve Mr Graham the Native Commissioner at Inyati.

Finding all was quiet at Jenkin’s Store the party, now raised to nineteen pushed on to Inyati. They were riding through the Elibani Hills when they were attacked by a strong detachment of Matabele armed with assegais and rifles. Two men were wounded but the patrol managed to throw off the attackers and made for Campbell’s Store across the Bembezi river. Once there, they found Mr Graham, Sub-Inspector Hanley and four miners had been massacred after holding out against overwhelming odds.

The area was swarming with warriors mainly from the crack Ingubu Regiment. Pittendrigh decided to fortify the store confident that they could hold out as they had about two thousand rounds of ammunition. Two Troopers, Mostert and Fincham were sent back to Bulawayo by another route to call for reinforcements.

That night, Sunday the 28th March 1896 a second, stronger force under Captain MacFarlane, left Bulawayo to relieve Pittendrigh’s force. This consisted of thirty horsemen (15 from the Afrikander Corps under Commandant Van Rensberg and Captain Van Niekerk, the remainder from the Rhodesian Horse Volunteers). Riding through the night with only a brief halt at Queens Reef Mine, they pushed on to Campbell’s Store. Heading the patrol as scouts at a distance of some 300 metres were Troopers Henderson and Celliers.

In the early hours of the morning of the 29th, the patrol was attacked in dense bush some five miles from the store. The Matabele opened fire from close range, and although the darkness and thick bush favoured the attackers, the accurate return fire from the patrol enabled them to fight their way through the ambush. A running fight ensued which lasted half an hour. Finally emerging from the bush at dawn, the patrol rode across the open veld and dashed up the river bank to the store to the relieved cheers of the besieged men. It was only then that they realised that Henderson and Celliers were missing.

The two scouts had been well ahead of the main body when the Matabele sprang their ambush. Celliers was shot through the knee and his horse was hit in five places. Subjected to heavy fire and effectively cut off from the main party the two men swung their horses off the main track and headed into the dense bush. After a wild gallop lasting a few minutes, they reined in their horses. Sporadic firing could be heard above the shouting on the Matabele.

Cellier's horse finally collapsed from its wounds. Henderson dismounted, lifted the injured Celliers onto his own mount and taking the reins, led it away from the sounds of battle. Celliers, in great pain and suffering from loss of blood appealed to Henderson to leave him. It would be suicidal he reasoned to try and walk back to Bulawayo, better that he should be left to die. Henderson refused to listen though. Ahead lay thirty five miles of rough country thick with bands of fierce Matabele.

As dawn was breaking, Henderson led the tired horse carrying Celliers into thick bush where he treated the injured mans wounds as best he could. They had no food with them but managed to catch some sleep, although they were unpleasantly close to some Matabele encampments. For two days and nights, Henderson trudged through the bush leading the horse carrying his injured companion. Both were suffering from hunger, and Celliers was in intense agony. On Tuesday the 30th March (Henderson's 26th birthday) they hid in the hills. Never, he said later, Did he want to spend another birthday like that. That night, Henderson had to exercise extreme caution as he weaved his way through Matabele Impis which encircled Bulawayo. On Wednesday morning, a bone weary Henderson walked into Bulawayo with his faithful horse and injured companion.

Celliers had his leg amputated but he died in hospital on the 16th May 1896.

At a general parade called for the 3rd June 1896, in his address Earl Grey referred to Henderson's gallant conduct and brave feat. Captain MacFarlane, the leader of the patrol, wrote a letter to the Administrator recommending Henderson for the award of the Victoria Cross. The award was gazetted on the 7th May 1897; the citation was drawn from MacFarlane's letter. Henderson was decorated by Lord Milner on the occasion of the opening of the Bulawayo Railway on the 4th November 1897."

Regional News.

Natal Branch.

The Club de Vie Restaurant in Le Domaine Estate was the venue for this year's Natal Branch Lunch, held on Saturday 24 September. Ninety four members and guests attended (see list below) and were treated to an excellent repast, the majority expressing the opinion that it was the best meal ever at a Lunch (or Dinner, for that matter).

The Guest Speaker, Prof Donal McCracken, gave an excellent, humorous talk on the Irish influence in the various police forces of Southern Africa. Our intended Reply Speaker, John Haswell, could not be present and our Hon Secretary was press ganged into giving the Reply, mentioning many Irish 'characters' in the Force.

Unfortunately, a number of our usual guests, including Judge Hilary Squires and Steve Stevens, the chairman of the Midlands branch, could not be present, the latter's place being filled by Alan Bennett, Midlands Branch Hon. Secretary. Attendees from outside the province included Lee and Jan Le Crerar, from Nelspruit; Phil and Robin Devlin from Johannesburg; Peter Combes, also Johannesburg; and Rob and Shelagh Hamilton from Ladybrand.

We also welcomed two visitors from the UK – Hazel, widow of 5943 Ray Borrett, and her travel companion, Eileen Vincer. Hazel is the sister of Denis Wyatt.

Those attending were: - ARNOLD, Peter (5042); AYRTON-WHITE, Mike (5754) & Ethne; BAKER, Lionel (6422) & Rose Mee; BECK, Phil; BENNETT, Alan (8242) & Flik; BORRETT, Hazel; BRISTOW, Rob (8308); CARROLL, John (6519) & Nancy; CLARK, Nobby (5283); CLARK, Robin (6030) & Pauline; COMBES, Peter (6650); COLEPEPER, Peter (5836) & Gill; CROSSLEY, Ant (6136); De Wit, Graham (6170); De WITT, Laurie (PR 12300) & Doreen; DOLBY, John (5251) & Carla; DIXON, Hugh (6717); DRIVER, Chris (7706); DUTTON, Trevor (5293) & Beryl; DYER, Dickie & Betty (4726); DEVLIN, Phil (5526) & Robin; FORD, Louise (WP71); GARDENER, Roy (5930) & Pauline; GATLAND, Pete (7543) & Elsa; GIBSON, Peter (5156) & Kathy Mumford; HAMILTON, Rob 7402 & Shelagh; HARDIE, Laurette; HOWSE, Des (7229) & Trish; HUGHES, Stretch (7026) & Val; ISEMONGER, Dick (5958); JOHNSON, Robin (5087) & Pat; KEMPEN, Rob (11166) & Linda; KNOETZE, Jock (7639); LAWSON, Dave (8090); Le CRERAR, Lee (6371) and Jan; LEES, John (6454); LYNN, David (6872) & Maddy; McCracken, Donal & Patricia; MASON, Fred (5934) & Lindsay; MESSINA, Andy (7129) & May; MILLER, John (6759); PAINTING, Ted (6097) & Sue; PERKINS, Brian (8276); PHELAN, Wanda; SHEWELL, Paul (5749) & Heather; SMITH, Smudge (4254) & Shirley; STARR, Derek (5842) & Doris; SUTHERLAND, Vic (5939) & Reena; THURLBY, Dawn; TORRANCE, Malcolm (5760) & Jean; TEMPLE, Hugh (8594) & Denise; VINCENT, Eileen; VON HORSTEN, Butch (6467) & Hillary; WILLIAMS, Mike (6484) & Hazel; WILSON, Trevor (5661) & Linda; WILTSHIRE, Malcolm (5268) & Daphne; WOAN, Barry (8157); WOOD, Ken (5802) & Yvonne; & WYATT, Denis (8068) & Marian.

Eastern Cape

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Cape Branch was held at the Outspan Moth Shell Hole, Kragga Kamma Road, Port Elizabeth at midday on Saturday, 5 March 2011. The following members attended: - PR Pilot Dave & Di CARTWRIGHT; 6966 Rob & Pam CLARKE, 5922 Trevor & Pat COMPTON, 6687 Alan & Joan DICKINSON, PR Herbie DU PLESSIS, 5624 Pat FERGUSON, WFR Sonia FISHER (Visiting from the UK), PR James & Connie FISHER, 7311 Ken GAULT (Visiting from the UK), WFR Mignonne GIBBINGS, 7890 Ed HOLLOWAY, (4782) Jill MACKENZIE, WP137/281 Doreen NOWELL and 7777 Digby POCOCK. Apologies were received from: - Anne BASSON, 6443 Basil & Jill BLATCH, 6570 Brian & Helena BURSTEIN; 4696 Tony & Laura DOWN, 8710 William & Linda GODWIN, 6870 Dave & Ruth LOW, PR Rod & Betty SLATER, PR Roger & Rose SOUTHGATE, (5879) Shelagh STOW, 5144 Ray WEARE, C245 Dave & Margy WHINNEY, 5001 Jamie WHITELAW and Claire WILSON. The present committee as follows was returned unchanged and is as follows: - Chairman: Trevor Compton. Secretary/Treasurer: Rob Clarke. Members: Anne Basson, Claire Wilson and James Fisher. The Chairman was very disappointed with the poor turnout of regular members. Regrettably, this appears to be the tendency whenever the AGM is held. Following the meeting formalities, a "bring and braai" was enjoyed by all those attending.

A curry and rice lunch was held at the Winston Churchill MOTH Homes Hall, situated at Main Road, Walmer, at 12h30 on Thursday the 16 June 2011. The following members attended: Anne & Will BASSON; 6443 Basil & Jill BLATCH; 6570 Brian & Helena BURSTEIN; PR Pilot Dave & Di CARTWRIGHT; 6966 Rob CLARKE; 4768 Bob COLQUHOUN; 5922 Trevor & Pat COMPTON; 6687 Alan & Joan DICKINSON; PR Herbie Du PLESSIS; 5624 Pat & Lyn FERGUSON; PR James & Connie FISHER; WFR Mignonne GIBBINGS; 7890 Ed HOLLOWAY; (4782) Jill MACKENZIE; WP137/281 Doreen NOWELL; 7777 Digby & Trish POCOCK (Port Alfred); PR Rod & Betty SLATER and guest Eva O'BRIEN. (5879) Shelagh STOW; 9434; Jimmy SWINNERTON & Liz MAXWELL; 5144 Ray WEARE & daughter Norma MULLER; 5907 Pete and Brenda WILSON and Claire WILSON. Apologies were received from: - 4696 Tony DOWN; 6664 Norman FOSTER; 8710 William GODWIN; 8018 Alan GORDON; 9580 Peter KNOWLDEN; 6870 Dave LOW; PR Roger SOUTHGATE; C245 Dave WHINNEY. The MOTH Committee prepared an excellent meal, and the lunch turned out to be a great social event. Photographs of those who attended the lunch can be viewed on the website www.bsapec.ggnu.net.

Transvaal Branch.

A Currie and Rice Luncheon was held at the Rosebank Bowling Club on the 26th June 2011. This was again very well-attended and a good time was had by all it seemed. Close to a hundred were present and assisted in our fundraising project by having a good lunch and supporting the raffle. Many thanks also to those who donated prizes. The following signed the register: - 8053 Gus Albertson, 110758 Peter Allum, 19761D Neil Archer, Visitor Helen Arnett, 0480 Ian Bate, W422 Hilary Beck, Guest Len Beechey, 110756 Chris Birtle, RLI Papi Bolton, Visitor Michael Bowery, Guest Sheryl Boxshell, Guest Roger Crosby, Guest Paddy de Jager, 110854 Flo de Meyer, 5526 Phil & Robin Devlin, Guest Jackie Diamond, 6817 Keith Douche, Guest Carol Doughty, WP58 Gwen Drummond, 7489 Ian Duncan, 9214 Ian Edwards, 5619 Barry Enslin, 110977 Mike Evans, 8081 Peter Francis, 6145 Alex Fraser, 6769 Dick Glanville, 7382 John Gray, (5703) Judy Hankinson, 4228 Bruce Harrison, 110887 John Herdman, 10555 Peter Hobson, 6345 Dave Holmes, Visitor Alisha Howe, Visitor Chris Howe, 6059 Laurie & Liz Ibbitt, 7855 Alan Jewson, Guest Tom Julyan, 7651 Dick Latilla, 6255 Jack & Fi London, 6538 Glenn & Jo Macaskill, 64358 Richard Margetts. Guest Clare Marshall, 110905 Doug McGibbon, 6019 "Sakkie" McKay, Visitor Gill Merriefield, W346 Maureen Merriefield, 22979 Mike Miskulin, 823? Brian Newton, Guest Karen Noonan (from South Carolina) 110615 Bryan Peach, 6610 Jock Pirrett, Guest Ruth Reed, Assoc Lorraine Rutherford, Visitor Keith Scafturus, 110687 Nick Sheward, 6416 Terry & Veronica Smith, WP74 Aila Stanton, 5809 Peter Stanton, Guest Sandra Stevens, 7819 Rob Stewart, 4831 Peter & Fran Stiff, Visitor Alan Strachan, Guest C Sullivan, 7670 John Sutton, SAP Col Blackie Swarts, Guest Johan van Eysen, Karoo 1 Rod Walker, 6419 Clive Wheatley (and Guest Theresa Shepley), Guest Moira Winslow, 6316 Bob Wishart and 5666 Dave Wright,.

Western Cape Branch.

This year the Dinner took place at the Westlake Golf Club on Friday 9th September and was attended by 45 members and guests. A somewhat disappointing turnout considering the efforts that were made to meet members requests to make the occasion more affordable. Fifteen apologies were received which perhaps makes the low attendance a little more palatable. The proceedings were opened by Rob McLean who gave his rendition of a traditional Scottish grace. Rod Eterman was called upon to toast "Absent friends." The toast to "The Regiment" was delivered by Dave Blacker when he recited, word perfect and with the passion it deserves, his poem entitled "The Regiment" This is truly an awesome poem and for those members not familiar with it, and with Dave's permission, it is produced elsewhere in this magazine. Our guest speaker was David Biggs the well known newspaper columnist with The Cape Argus. David is the writer of the popular column "Tavern of the Seas". He is also a renowned wine expert and has penned many books on the subject. He gave a short insight into his life as a columnist in which he said that he counts himself very fortunate as he is able to write what appeals to him – many writers do not have that freedom. He touched briefly on his wine tasting expertise and ended by saying that he is one of the few people he knows who gets paid for getting "p---ed" He was quick to add though that on such occasions he always has a driver to take him home. This year two raffles were drawn. The first was our traditional raffle and the second a raffle for a beautiful "BSAP" Cake. Lockie Howie did a sterling job in organising our usual raffle. Our grateful thanks is extended to those who kindly donated prizes for the raffle which raised R1200 for the Association funds. The fine food and pleasant venue, appropriately decorated for the occasion by Neville Spurr, Mike Mays and Tony Rozemeyer, proved to be a great success and a good time was had by all. The very favourable comments received after the event supported this view.

Those in attendance were:- WPO Debbie Aron , (Guest) Alan Barnes, (Guest) Roche Beneke, (Guest Speaker) David Biggs, (5483) Dave Blacker, (6846) Jim Blain, (6354) Derek Bothwell

and guest Rudolph Murray, (6920) Andy Bullmore, (7751) Alan Crook, (Guest) Guy Du Gruchy, (Guest) Des Easom, (8895) Rod Eterman, (Army) Bobby Gibbons, (7797) Eddie Gleeson, (5860) Doug Grierson, (7473) Dave Hillman, (8173/8952) Lockie Howie and guest Kai Howie, (7310) Ed Ions, (6780) Graham Janse, (6118) Pat Keyser, (7702) Chris Le Mesurier, (Piper)Ralph MacArthur(5880) Stan Macillan, (8304) Niall MacKrill, (C697)Mike Mays (Photographer) (Guest) Steve McEvoy, (8244) Rob McLean, Wendy Meyer, (7364) Dusty Millar, (6893) Brian Oberholster, (Guest) Dave Osborne, (6120) Dave Parry, (6158) Don Peters, (7389) Taffie Roberts, (8793) Alastair Semphill, (6874/8032) Neville Spurr and guest Nicholas Spurr, (6248) Basie Van Heerden, (8897) Karl Van Woerden, (Army) Ted Vickery, (Guest) Kevin Vos, and (8336) Mike Webster. (Photographs of those attending can be seen on the Western Cape section of the BSAP Website www.bsap.org).

International News.

Australia.

The Australia Branch AGM was held on Saturday, 12 March 2011, commencing at 12 noon, at the City of Belmont RSL Leake Street Belmont Perth WA. It will be followed by a “Bring and Braai”. The new committee is Chairman: 7045 Rob 'Bob' Gates; Hon. Secretary: 6929 Howard Martin; Treasurer: 5316 Kerry Hoadley; Committee Members 7049 Lew Whitmore; 7694 Steve Martin; 7365/8217 Peter Scott & 4649 John Seward.

The Annual Luncheon of the Australia Branch was held at the City of Belmont RSL Club Saturday on 10th September 2011. The Guest Speaker was Mr. John Redgment who was Chief Prosecutor, and later became a Senior Magistrate in Salisbury. Those attending were: - 11556K Don & Joyce BULLOCH; 16865F Rod & Sheena BATER; 15152 Mike CAVE; Betty CELLIERS; (4306) Carol CLAPHAM; (4147) Vivienne CORDY HEDGE; 7028 Alan PRINCE & Theresa; 4326 Tom DOHERTY; (4977) Valerie DAVIES; 19003E Noel & Patricia DAVIES; Norman & Heidi DAVIES; 4105 Bert & Sylvia FREEMANTLE; 7045 Rob & Laurie GATES (Chairman); Mike & Jane GALE; 22835V Mike & Frankie GOLDBERG; 5567/ 6219 Dick & Helen HAMLEY; (2386) Sylvia HOLBORN; WFR Merle HOWDEN; 7825E Arthur HUTSON; Assoc. Bill JOHNSTONE; WFR 202541C Aoifa LUDLOW; 6929 Howard & Jan MARTIN; 19034N Alan & Joyce McGRATH; Greg McALLISTER; (6387) Margot MORGAN; (9234) Margaret O'NEILL; 7340 Chris & Dorothy MORTEN; FR Robert & Barbara OSBORNE; 20453F Paddy PARKER; FR52876 John & Di REDGMENT (Guest Speaker); Alan & Yvonne RICHARDSON (RSL President); 4663 John & Janet SAVAGE; 17845W Charles & Adele SCOTT; 7365/8217 Peter & Cecelia SCOTT; 4649 John & Margaret SEWARD; Michael & Carol SEWARD; 12597R David SYMINTON; 9849 David “Taffy” Van Zuydam & Trish SWANNACK; 7049 Lew & Joanne WHITMORE; 4780 Sam & Elizabeth WILLIAMS & Dave & Sarie WILTON.

New Zealand.

The following satirical commentary appeared in the 2010 New Zealand Outpost and is copied hereunder. I just hope that the various nationalities who read it are able to laugh at themselves.

“National Security Levels. The British are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats in Islamabad and have raised their security level from “Miffed” to “Peeved.” Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to “Irritated” or even “A Bit Cross”. Brits have not been “A Bit Cross” since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies all but ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from “Tiresome” to a “Bloody Nuisance”. The last time the British issued a “Bloody Nuisance” warning level was during the great fire of 1666.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from “Run” to “Hide”. The only two higher levels in France are “Collaborate” and “Surrender”.

The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability.

It's not only the French who are on a heightened level of alert. Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout loudly and excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing". Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides".

The Germans also increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose".

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual, and the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels .

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Americans meanwhile are carrying out pre-emptive strikes on all of their allies, just in case

And at a local level, New Zealand has also raised its security levels - from "baaa" to "BAAAA!" Due to continuing defence cutbacks (the Airforce being a squadron of spotty teenagers flying paper aeroplanes and the Navy some toy boats in the Prime Minister's bath), New Zealand only has one more level of escalation, which is "Shit, I hope Australia will come and rescue us".

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, mate". Three more escalation levels remain: "Crikey!", "I think we'll need to cancel the Barbie this weekend" and "The Barbie is cancelled". There has not been a situation yet that has warranted the used of the final escalation level."

United Kingdom.

7th December 2010 – the snow had gone but the day was bitterly cold and the evening more so. Despite this a good number of members, wives, family and guests turned out for this the Christmas Gathering. During the course of the evening our Chairman, 6905 Peter Phillips, welcomed everyone present and especially those who had made the considerable effort to travel long distances to attend – this included our two senior members present 4046 Ted Galloway and 4158 Tim Weimer - and wished everyone a very happy Xmas and best wishes for 2011. Following a very tasty finger buffet the usual raffle was held which raised £170 for Association funds – a special word of thanks go to those who donated raffle prizes and sold the tickets.

Making up the numbers and helping to make the evening such a success were: - 5975 Mike and Audrey Abbotts, 7784 Stephen Acornley, 6197/7208 Keith Addison, 5468 Dave Adshead with son Christian, 7211 Peter and Margaret Biddulph, 6338 Eddie Bodington, 7407 Tony Bradbury, 6735 Ian and Carol Cochrane, 6737 Mike Coleman, 7359 Bertie Cubitt, 4882 Peter Dancer with daughters Wendy and Carol, 7677 Peter Dewe, 8086 Tony Granger and Penny Timmis, 5469 Dave Grimbly and daughter Sarah Furia, PR 32720 Kevin Hall and Ian Stuart. 4851 Murray and Mavis Harrison, 5662 Barry Henson, 8131 Brian and Anne Hodson, 4503 Derek and Joan Humberstone, 6514/7562 Chris Johnson, 9270 Geraint Jones and Kathrin Herbst, 5248 Alan and Pauline Lane, FR 8704 Keith Latham, 4819 Brian and Jackie Lay, WPO 484 Carol and Graham Mackenzie (nee MacIntosh), 5615 Tom and Joan Meekin, 6360 John Moxham, 6527 Mike O'Donnell, 6609 Hywel Parry-Jones, 6015 Alistair and Jean Patterson, 5635 Dave Riley, 4735 Cliff Rogers and daughter Ariane, 5507 Brian Taylor, 7391 Alan Toms and 7072 Terry and Jan Walmsley. This very good turnout of members, wives, family and guests helped to enhance what was a great Christmas Gathering.

The inaugural Scottish Gathering of the UK Branch of the BSA Police Regimental Association took place at 28 York Place, Edinburgh (formerly the Police Club) on Saturday the 14th May 2011, commencing at 11.00 am. There were 59 members, wives and guests in attendance. Our guests included Glen Brown, Chairman of the Lothian and Borders Branch of the IPA; Mike McCourt of the RAF Association (Guest of Jack Bacon) and James Cox ex Kings Own Scottish Borders and SAS (Guest of Andy Nicoll).

Strict formalities on this occasion were kept to the minimum, being a brief address from the UK Branch Chairman, Peter Phillips, and Almoner Peter Biddulph. Our Chairman brought news and warm greetings from his Committee and members who attended the AGM a week earlier in London, and went on to say some very nice things about the impressive support of Scottish members so evident at our event. The newly appointed Almoner for the UK Branch gave an outline of his task, an assurance of prompt attention when called upon and an appeal to be kept advised of local needs.

Lunch consisted of a well prepared selection of snacks from a buffet which more than met everyone's expectations for quality and quantity. This was followed by the draw for the numerous prizes on impressive display, including BSAP publications and regalia, meal vouchers for two at the Royal Scots Club, bottles of malt whiskey (one from the Glenkinchie Distillery), wines and many other items besides. Members will be pleased to learn that our finances are sound. An income and expenditure account has been forwarded to the UK Branch Committee. For the purposes of this newsletter, the summary is that income from catering charge, donations and the raffle came to £ 906.00, and expenditure amounted to £632.30 leaving a surplus of £273.60. Of this £100.00 was forwarded as a contribution of UK Branch Welfare Funds and the remaining £173.70 retained for future local events.

Sincere thanks are due to the many that made the event a success. We thank especially our Chairman Peter Phillips and Almoner Peter Biddulph from the UK Branch, who travelled up from South England to inaugurate our event. This support was added to by a donation from the UK Branch of BSAP Publications and regalia for the raffle, thanks to Bertie Cubitt.

Recognition is due to all of our members here for their enthusiastic support and generous raffle donations especially Eric Robb, Gordon Best, Norman Vincent and Ian Cochrane. To all of those who visited from England, thank you and hope to see you at the next Scottish Gathering. Finally to Mark and his Team at 28 York Place who made us so very welcome, who provided such helpful and efficient service. Very grateful thanks also to our wonderful hostesses, Wendy Acornley and Pauline Seaward, for their help and encouragement, as well as the cheerful support of our widow members.

On Sunday morning after the event, they paid a visit to Brenda Braes in Livingston to give her news of how things had gone, as Brenda had been so disappointed that it had been impossible for her to attend. Brenda, the widow of 3803 Andy Braes and mother of 110619 Bruce Braes, extends greetings and best wishes to all her friends.

Here are our list of members and others who were present at the Gathering: - 7784 Steve and Wendy ACORNLEY; 4368 Dave ALLAN; 5111 Jack BACON; 14521 Jim and Elieen BAILEY; 7264 Gordon and Moira BEST; 7211 Peter BIDDULPH; 7836 Howard & Katherine BIGGS; 6800 Keith and Sharlie BLACK and daughter Katheryn; 6546 Peter and Denise BOTWRIGHT; 19434Y George and Jill BOYLE; Glen BROWN (Guest IPA - Lothian & Border Chairman). 6736 Ian and Carol COCHRANE; James COX (Guest KOSB/SAS); 5766 George and Jane FAIRLIE; 5919 David and Ailsa GALL; 4046 Ted GALLOWAY; 5355 Hugh and Ray GIBSON; 8635 Barry HENDERSON; 6880 Bert and Katherine HILLIARD; 4700 Brian and Helen HUGHES; 7418 Colyn and Jutta JAMES; 9019 Al and Lulu KENNEDY; 6835 Eric and Lorna KENNELLY; 8278 Tony MARILLIER; Mike McCOURT (Guest RAF); 7424 Andy NICOLL; 6905 Peter PHILLIPS (UK Chairman); 7612 Jerry RICKSON; 5976 Nigel and Pauline SEAWARD; 5926 Jim and Ann SHIEL;

6160 Bob SMITH; 7490 Peter Hugh Jefferson. SMITH; 6434 Alf and Jean TAYLOR; 5559 Dick and Bev THOMPSON; & 5658 Alan WHITEHURST.

A number of others in the UK who could not make it sent messages of support. They were: - 5975 Mike ABBOTTS, 6955 Dave AITKEN, 4539 Hugh ALEXANDER, 6369 Eric BIRREL; 9077 Dave BROWN, 4614 Jock BULMAN, 7394 Brian CROASDELL, 6551 Jock CRUIKCHANKS, 7359 Bertie CUBITT, 6992 Bob DALZIEL, 4175 John, DENNISON, 7411 Jock EDIE, 755 Stewart EDWARDS, 8307 Flash FIRTH, 7157 Reg GRAHAM, 9645 Billy HAND, 6609 Parry JONES, 5956 Dave KENNEDY; 5248 Alan LANE, Dave MacGREGOR (BMAT) 7440 Jeff MANNING; 7795 Harry NAISMITH. 6308 Sandy RANKIN, 4586 Bert SELLY & 20899 Norman VINCENT.

Special Greetings were received from: - 6388 Will CORNELL (America), 8105 Peter CUTTING (KwaZulu Natal). 5293 Trevor DUTTON (Natal); 4777 Tackie MACINTOSH, 7423 Rod MORTON & 6610 Jock PIRRETT (Transvaal). Apologies and best wishes were received from these two who were on leave, 6743 Bruce and Paddy ALLEN who were in South Africa & 5601 Eric and Trudi ROBB on holiday in New Zealand

There had been some apprehension regarding this event as it was the first event to be held in Scotland but all was well, and many new friendships were forged. Throughout the day there was no one seen alone or not chatting happily. Everyone made new friendships, based on mutual acquaintances and experiences from life in the BSAP and in Rhodesia.

Perhaps the best response is by the impromptu verse penned by Beverley Thompson (Apologies to the poets!)

BSAP EDINBURGH, MAY 2011

This was a gathering of folk from near and far
In a police club venue, with quite a different bar...
Not really strangers tho' ~ we'd all just met that day.
New friends instead who had decided, in this cold land to stay...
All people who had journeyed from a bygone age.
A history full of heroes which went on page by page,
Rhodesia our land with a magnificent band
Of men and women together, who valued all the flaws.
And now -alas - a place just full of flaws...
And yet there's plenty laughter galore
With tales and tears; emotion, really still quite raw,
We're more than just related but joined by kin-folk blood,
Despite the horrors of the past
When all our fates and fortunes were taken by the flood...
We all do still enjoy – a really serious blast...
Our numbers are much smaller now, but still all loyal and true.
Completely and forever –
TO THE GOLD AND TO THE BLUE.

Mailbag.

5070 Tom Holden sent in this report on he and his wife's recent nostalgic visit to the Gwanda District

"Sheila and I spent many happy years in Gwanda. I was first stationed there whilst in the Uniform Branch in 1954/55 under 3668 Laurie Turner, 4145 Mark Freemantle and finally 3839 Tony Rayner.

I returned to Gwanda in 1962 when I opened the CID/SB station there, and remained there until 1966. The various Dispols during my second posting to Gwanda were 3643 Mike Murray, 4320 Guss Armstrong and 3925 Bill May. The Members in Charge were 4091 Ginger Branfield and 4153 Terry Smith.

Before going to Gwanda in 1962 I was clerking for P.C.I.O Salisbury who was then 3844 Sid Bristow (Who later became Commissioner of Police) when he commented that O/C CID could find nobody to open CID Gwanda! I said immediately that I would like to go.

After having spent some six years in South Africa, I recently returned to Matabeleland on a nostalgic visit, and took the opportunity to visit Gwanda

My daughter and I collected my grandson Thomas from Falcon College for an exeat weekend. The College is situated on the site of the old Bush Tick gold mine not far from Esigodini (Essexvale). We then headed south to Gwanda. After getting over the culture shock – having left there in 1966 – our visit was one of extreme nostalgia. On approaching the town, Mount Cazalet Kopje was still there and did not appear to have changed but, the house where we used to live on an 80 acre smallholding was unrecognisable. It was very overgrown and the river frontage was full of reeds and pollution. The pipeline from the Mtchabezi River, from which the house got its water, brought back memories of wrestling with the old Gooles pump when it gave trouble. The veldt, devoid of cattle was magnificent, the mopani trees in particular.

The population of Gwanda District we were told was down to twenty five whites, and these are all self-employed in the mining and transport industries. The Vubachikwe gold mine, which is situated just outside Gwanda, has been producing gold continuously since the early 1920s. It is the deepest mine in the country. However, as the mine is unable to rely on the National Grid for its power requirements, for safety reasons it has had to install four x 1000 Kva diesel generators, which consume some 600 Litres of fuel per hour! The whole underground workings are managed by black employees with the exception of one elderly Afrikaaner who apparently knows the location of the levels, pumps etc.

We visited Southill ranch which is now occupied by war veterans. They were very friendly when we told them we had acted as caretakers of the 30,000 acre property in the Sixties. In those days we could not afford a normal holiday but we enjoyed the seclusion there, riding the horses and fishing. The homestead, which was built in 1921, had a large open verandah which had a marvellous view of the Blue Hills in the distance. We had enjoyed many good evenings there.

Back in Gwanda the old Police camp has been abandoned and a modern police station erected east of the railway line next to the location. I found this rather sad. Unfortunately my contact was not available to show us round, and as it was Sunday lunchtime, we went off down to the Sports Club. This was very much as we remembered it, except that it was lacking paint! The bar was frequented by all races as was the ballroom where the badminton courts were laid out. The lists of the old stalwarts of the tennis and golf sections were still on display. We enjoyed a few beers there and found the company amenable.

We stayed that night with the Colins family whose grandfather Alan came out to West Nicholson in 1920s to build the meat plant for Leibigs there, and stayed on thereafter. His son Mike, who runs a transport business, was a great friend of the late 5270 Dave Goodhead who took over C.I.D. from me in 1966.

We visited the Nichols ranch and met up with Stan Nichol and our talking continued well into the evening. The well known Nichol family of Banket and Chinoyi all started life on this ranch. The Nichols had 11 sons. Stan was the youngest and is the only surviving member. He and Val had six children who had all had been raised on the lovely Longeville Ranch.

After dropping grandson Thomas at Falcon College, we returned to Mashonaland via Balla Balla, Shabani and Selukwe. The road was quiet and in good condition, and we were able to avoid the Bulawayo – Gweru traffic which was an advantage. I did not have such fond memories of Shabani which I had visited on scenes of crime duties from C.I.D Gwelo. I can recall being entertained by 3630 Sandy McCall-Smith whose son Alexander is a celebrated author who has written some fifty books. His series of books about a Botswana woman detective named Precious Ramotswa, were made into a successful television series.

The late 3922 Dave Holt, who was stationed at Selukwe, used to call on the services of CID Gwelo frequently, and so our trip down that part of the world was again very nostalgic. As we drove through, we saw that there were large open cast platinum mines between Selukwe and Shabani.

The scenery on the western side of Zimbabwe is so different from both South Africa and Mashonaland and this factor alone evoked many happy memories. This return to Matabeleland was all too short however!"

Received an E-Mail from **4005 Stan Forrest**, now resident in the UK, conveying to all members of the Zimbabwe BSAP Regimental Association branches his best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas. He said "May health and good fortune be your companions in 2012". Our thanks and Good Wishes for both Christmas and the New Year are extended to Stan and his family.

Rusape Rescue.

A recent ORAFS Newsletter reported an Airforce Alouette helicopter rescue of a climber who had been found hanging from a rope on Mount Mhanda, a huge granite kopje situated near to Rusape. However, the rescue was not all Airforce.

On the 21st September 1969, a Veterinary Officer named David Mansfield from Umtali, who had discovered a falcon's nest in a crevice on Mount Mhanda, decided to investigate the nest in company with a friend, Hannes Coetzee. Equipped with a length of rope and an additional safety rope, the Mansfield was lowered down to the nest. However, he slipped from the rock face, was left suspended in mid air, and due to the safety rope encircling his upper arms was unable to pull himself to safety. Coetzee was unable to pull him to safety, and so he made a report to Police Rusape. A police team was quickly assembled and dispatched to attempt to rescue unfortunate Mansfield. A Police Reserve member of the team named John Davidson was lowered down the face to assess the situation. He saw that the rope on which Mansfield was suspended was fraying, and he assessed that if an attempt was made to pull him to safety using this rope, the rope would break. There was a ledge lower down the face, and the Davidson arranged for his team above to lower both he and the Mansfield down and onto the ledge, where he managed to release the pressure on the Mansfield's upper arms. Police Rusape had requested helicopter assistance from the Airforce, but by this time it was dark, and the Airforce said they would attend at first light. The rescue team remained in situ overnight, with the Davidson remaining on the ledge with the injured Mansfield. The helicopter arrived very early the next morning. However, the helicopter crew had not been informed of the need to use the hoist, and so they had brought no hoist operator. 5001 Clive Bulley was given a quick course on how to operate the hoist whilst flying from Rusape to Mount Mhanda. With Clive operating the hoist, the Airforce technician was lowered down to the ledge and uplifted the injured Mansfield, who was flown to a waiting ambulance. The helicopter then returned and uplifted P/R Davidson from the ledge. When the Mansfield arrived at Umtali General Hospital, it was decided that both his arms would have to be amputated, and this was done, but unfortunately he subsequently died. The rescue called for some precision flying by the Airforce pilot Flight Lieutenant Randy Du Rand due to the close proximity of the rock face. John Davidson, the

 Police Reservist who spent the night on the ledge with the injured Mansfield, was awarded a Governor’s Commendation for the part that he played in the rescue, and the Airforce technician, Sergeant R. V St. Quintin, was awarded the Military Forces Commendation (Non Ops) for lifting the unconscious Mansfield from the ledge.

Roll of Honour

<u>Force No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Forenames</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
8511	Alderson	Gerald Douglas	London, UK	31/05/2011
7874	Atkins	Ronald Peter	Cape Town, RSA	23/11/2011
6180	Bennett	Barrington Sinclair Ernest “Barry”	Pretoria, RSA	01/03/2011
(4321)	Berry	Molly (Widow of 4321 ex C/Supt Jack Berry)	Ruwa	21/04/2011
9463	Boddy	Clive Richard	Harare	05/06/2011
A9322	Bryson	Ian Grant “Brick”	Ballito, RSA	19/04/2011
Assoc	Burnett	David Brian (Ex NRP & Transvaal Scottish)	Johannesburg, RSA	12/07/2011
110627	Cavanagh	Stephen George	Durban, RSA	09/09/2011
5436	Champion	David Thomas	Spain	04/09/2011
6064	Milne	Rory Campbell Wardlaw	London, UK	24/04/2011
4891 A/Res	Cooper	Sydney “Sid”	Salisbury, UK	24/12/2010
3905	Coetzee	Theunis Gert “Dennis”	Harare	10/04/2011
(4768)	Colquhoun	Grace Evelyn (Wife of 4768 Robert Dawson Colquhoun)	Port Elizabeth, RSA	20/05/2011
4346	Cottam (Tpr)	Terrence	Auckland, NZ.	24/01/2011
4988	Crossan	William John Maxwell “Jock”	Johannesburg, RSA	28/10/2011
(6686)	Day	Betty (Wife of S/O(T) Eric Day)	Johannesburg, RSA	25/05/2011
9890	Douglas	Richard William	Komatiepoort, RSA	22/06/2011
6268	Du Toit	Leon	Johannesburg, RSA	11/04/2011
WP517	Earwood	Alexandra Joy	Johannesburg, RSA	20/11/2011
6942/8465	Elder	David	Bulawayo	23/05/2011
6550	Fee	Edward Henry	Wentworth, UK	25/12/2010
(5505)	Finegan	Renee (Widow of 5505 Patrick Oliver Finegan)	Durban	02/01/2011
(4774)	Fletcher	Joan (Widow of 4774 John “Butch” Fletcher)	Somerset West, RSA	21/10/2011
(7133)	Foster	Brenda (Wife of 7133 ex S/O Derek Foster)	Perth, Western Australia	23/09/2011
8709	Franklin	Michael Gordon	UK	02/01/2011
7460	Good	Ronald Charles	Poole, Dorset, UK	25/02/2011
PR32720	Hall	Kevin Julian	New Malden, UK	20/04/2011
WP314	Boothway, nee Hay	Angela Elizabeth	Triangle	05/06/2011
PR26062	Heslip	Norman Livingstone	Johannesburg, RSA	10/03/2010
10033	Howard	Eric William	Bronkhorstspuit. RSA	25/12/2010
(3923)	Howard	Kathleen (Widow of	Harare	27//11/2011

		3923 ex C/Insp William Percival Howard)		
4228	Hubbard	Anthony Michael	Cape Town, RSA	31/01/2011
(4228)	Hubbard	Margaret Jane	Harare	22/04/2011
4491	Irwin	Ralph	Oxford, UK	24/09/2011
4016	Jones	Eric Donald	Brisbane, Aus.	15/06/2011
PR24637	Kemp	Charles Frederick	Southend-on-Sea, UK	17/02/2011
5539	Learmonth	Andrew Gilchrist	Johannesburg, RSA	04/02/2011
5312	Lindley	Michael Edward	New Ollerton, UK	12/02/2011
5877	Mackinnon	John Angus Hamilton	Harare	06/08/2011
9514	MacRae	Craig Alexander Robert Beaton	Harare	22/01/2011
4380	McCulloch	Patrick James	Howick, RSA	16/11/2011
5197	McGuinness	Michael John Peter "Mac"	Pretoria, RSA	06/07/2011
2222B	McKinley	Harold Victor	Johannesburg, RSA	20/09/2011
Associate	McManus	Greg	Auckland, New Zealand	24/08/2011
4328	Maskell	Karl Aubrey Peter	Harare	28/10/2011
6792/7510	Milne	David Campbell	Aylesford, Kent. UK	01/05/2011
6064	Milne	Rory Campbell Wardlaw	London, UK	24/04/2011
4521	Mingard	Phillip Gordon	Pietermaritzburg, RSA	31/7/11
10472	Palmer	Peter Hercules	Harare	10/07/2011
6431	Penfold	Iain William	Truro, UK	23/01/2011
(4725)	Pratt	"Martie" (Widow of the late ex A/Comm David Wilfred Pratt)	East London, RSA	22/07/2011
P/R	Rausch	"Skip"	London, UK	12/12/2010
PR8940	Reynecke	Adam J	Bulawayo	01/01/2011
6209	Rule	Ian Taylor	Southend on Sea, UK	22/02/2011
4808	Russell	Donald Hugh "Don"	Portimao, Portugal	22/09/2011
PR6407	Shattock	James S "Jim"	Marondera	21/04/2004
5695	Sloman	David John	Johannesburg RSA	04/01/2011
4064	Stevens	Alan Charles Norman	Frankston, Va, Australia	27/11/2011
9324	Stober	Frank	Harare	03/12/2010
5494	Sutherland	Sinclair Henry Mackay "Seamus"	Edinburgh, UK	20/11/2011
6057	Tasker	Michael John	Marondera	20/01/2011
7217	Tedford	John Dill	Australia	02/01/2011
8007	Tilley	John	East London, RSA	04/11/2011
(4154)	Thompson	Mary Elizabeth(Wife of 4154 ex C/Insp Ralph Clement Thompson)	Harare	25/04/2011

7120	Tunney	David John	Pretoria, RSA	01/10/2011
4738	Walker	Raymond Horace	Swainesthorpe, UK	21/12/2010
4157	Watkins	James Oliver	Cape Town	12/04/2011
7370	Weeks	John Graham	Mutare	10/01/2011
6271	Wilhelm	Harvey Francois Otto	Cape Town, RSA	10/10/2011

Obituary 3905 Theunis Gert “Dennis” Coezee.

It is with deep regret that we have to advise of the death of Theunis Gert Coetzee, Dennis to his family and friends, who died in Harare on 10 April 2011. Dennis was born in Enkledoorn (Now Chivhu) on the 17th July 1922. He attested into the BSA Police on the 12th August 1940. He served in the Midlands at Gwelo for several years, before transferring to the Criminal Investigation Department. He became an expert in the discipline of scenes of crime investigation, specialising in fingerprints and photography. He attended most serious crime scenes in the then Rhodesia during his service. He was commissioned in July 1961. The following year, he was awarded the Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service. He served until the 31st August 1964, when he retired with the rank of Chief Superintendent. After his retirement, he went into farming. He joined the Police Reserve in 1965, becoming a very active member in the Mabelreign Rural Section. He was appointed Group Leader at Mabelreign and ran a very efficient Police Reserve Unit there. He was awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service (Security Forces Division) on the 17th November 1978 for his outstanding service with the Police Reserve. He also served on the Harare West Rural Council until 30-6-1993, when it was disbanded. He will be sadly missed by all who know him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Rhodesia and to his daughter Lynn, both of whom are resident here in Harare, and his sons Ted and Kevin, now resident in the UK.

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