



News from the Eastern Cape

The Annual Regimental Lunch was held at the Winston Churchill MOTH Homes Hall, Main Road, Walmer, PORT ELIZABETH at 12h00 for 12h30 on Friday, 24 September. The following members attended:

6966 Rob & Pam CLARKE, (5879) Shelagh STOW, Claire WILSON, Anne BASSON, WFR Mignonne GIBBINGS, 6687 Alan & Joan DICKINSON, PR James & Connie FISHER, 5144 Ray WEARE & daughter Norma MULLER, PR Rod & Betty SLATER (Humansdorp), 7890 Ed & Glynis HOLLOWAY, 5624 Pat & Lyn FERGUSON, 5621 Gerry FRITH, C245 Dave & Margy WHINNEY, PR Dave & Di CARTWRIGHT, PR Herbie DU PLESSIS & guest Tony QUICKE, 6443 Basil & Jill BLATCH, (4782) Jill MACKENZIE, 5922 Trevor & Pat COMPTON & guests Trevor & Tracy HARTWIG, 7777 Digby & Trish POCOCK and (8225) Margaret LE ROUX and daughter Melanie-Jane.

Apologies: 4696 Tony & Laura DOWN, WP137/281 Doreen NOWELL, 5907 Peter & Brenda WILSON, 6870 Dave LOW, 6570 Brian & Helena BURSTEIN, 9580 Peter & Lindsay KNOWLDEN, 9434 Jimmy & Liz SWINNERTON, (5225) Elaine CARSE, 8710 William & Linda GODWIN and PR Roger & Rose SOUTHGATE.

Proceedings were slightly delayed as there was a power outage in large parts of Port Elizabeth early that morning which caused some hassles in the preparation of the lunch by the MOTH team.

The lunch eventually got under way with a welcome by the Chairman Trevor Compton followed with grace by Anne BASSON. After the starter toasts were made to "THE REGIMENT" by James FISHER, "SOUTH AFRICA" by Claire WILSON and "ABSENT FRIENDS" by Rob CLARKE.

Alan DICKINSON, the Master of Ceremonies, was in top form and added some good humour in between introductions. He read out messages of well wishes received from some branches and called for a minutes silence in honour of Aubrey INGRAM, Dave STOW and Dave HOUNSFIELD who passed away since our last lunch.

After the main course, Trevor introduced the guest speaker Gerry FRITH who had travelled from Knysna to attend the function. Gerry had done his 3 in the BSAP and after an assortment of jobs joined the Hong Kong Police retiring as a Deputy Commander. His talk, which concentrated mainly on his service in the BSAP and some humorous times he had especially during equitation in Depot, was interlaced with some good humour which was much appreciated by the members who gave him a warm ovation. On behalf of the Branch, Alan DICKINSON presented him with a framed Dave BLACKER poem. Alan Dickinson was the recipient of a bottle of Bells Whiskey in the lucky ticket number draw.

Alan thanked the MOTH team for putting on a very successful luncheon. Trevor closed proceedings by thanking all those attending which had made the luncheon a success.

FUTURE FUNCTIONS:

The Xmas Bring and Braai will be held on Saturday, the 4 December at 12h00 at the Outspan MOTH Club, Kragga Kamma Road, Port Elizabeth.

Rob Carke
Hon Secretary
BSAP Regimental Association EASTCAPE.