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EDITORIAL by Dave Sloman

By the time you read this the World Cup soccer will be over and life as we once knew it will have returned. Doubtless there will be footie fans among you who followed the games but as a non-footie fan there were two things which immediately struck me: One was the promptness of Police and Courts to handle Cup-related crimes (15 years for robbery from foreign journalists and all in a couple of days – good work, lads!). Secondly was the utter indifference (or ignorance) of certain players, especially the English team, who when lined up for their national anthems had no idea of the words. Our national anthem is a little more difficult to learn but even Colonials knew the words of ‘God Save the Queen’.

By the time you read this our branch Secretary will have recovered from the trauma inflicted on him when three thugs entered his home uninvited and robbed him with a gun to his head. Can we hope the vigour shown to World Cup criminals will be turned to this almost every day crime we read of in Jo'burg. Don't hold your breath – they're not the BSAP!

By the time....you know the rest, the Blatherwick Memorial will have been unveiled to the memory of the BSAP at

the National Arboretum, UK. This is indeed an honour where our service will be forever remembered as well as being a fitting tribute to those who fell in defence of a wonderful country – Rhodesia. Dave.

Our vice-chairman Dick Latilla has been very ill with pneumonia which had him in ICU at Milpark Hospital. He's recovering slowly and would love to receive messages of support by sms only please. See committee details at the end of this newsletter.

Now to upcoming events:

10th September: Annual Dinner at Joburg Country Club. See more details on Page 4.

14th November: Remembrance Day parade and braai, Dickie Fritz Shellhole.

As a dwindling breed, we have to look at the future. Where do we go when we no longer have a committee? How do we project the BSAP ahead? Who will take the reins? Do we go to the offspring of current members? These are very difficult questions and I hope that someone out there can answer them. I'm a MOTH and we have the same problem. Think on these things, Glenn.



RECENT EVENTS.

Curry and Rice Luncheon: 27th June, 2010.

Bring and braai: 28th March 2010.

This was held at the Dickie Fritz Shellhole and a good time was had by all. It was great to see some new faces. Those who signed the register were: 6769 Dick Glanville, 6017 John Hill, 6610 Jock Pirrett, 7038 Ashley Collings, guest Morag Willis, 7489 Ian Duncan, guest Rosalind Duncan, 10488 Markham Batstone, 8053 Gus Albertson, 7628 John & Sheila Morland, guest Chris Mardell from Australia, 110887 John Herdman, 7717/8640 Tony Merris, 8436 Brian Hutchinson, 22115M Alf & Marion Whiston, RLI Louis & Pam do Bois, guests Clive & Denise Mugford, guest Lynne Compton, 9790 Duncan & Carol Waugh, 9574 Ian & Shelly Anne Denholm, 76198 Army Kevin Coetzee, 7088 John Martin, 9951 Mike Harris, 7651 Dick Latilla and Tiana, (5703) Judy Hankinson, 110838 James Demetriou, 6817 Keith Douche, guest Tony Carter, 6538 Glenn Macaskill, RLI Papi Bolton & Terry Kotze.

Monthly sundowners: 9/4/2010, 14/5/2010, 9/7/2010

These were held at the Rosebank Bowls Club while renovations were taking place at The Jocks. Most of the usual faces were present. It was also good to see 8318 Dave Cushworth from the USA, 6068 Gordon Geddes from Bulawayo, and 8040 Roger Rudd.

This was also at the Rosebank Bowls club and we had a fine attendance. Present were: 6769 Dick Glanville, WP58 Gwen Drummond, guests Lynne Pritchard and Annabel Seed, (5703) Judy Hankinson, guest C. Von Memerty, 4577 John Yeoman, 110905 Doug McGibbon, 6610 Jock Pirrett, 110887 John Herdman, 10488 Markham Batstone, Pascale Batstone, Sean Batstone, 5619 Barry Enslin, 24569 John Harvey, 9214 Ian Edwards, guest Brian Newton, 110687 Nick Sheward, 22115M Alf & Marion Whiston, 6059 Laurie & Liz Ibbitt, guest Trevor Harvey, 6817 Keith Douche, guest Tony Carter, guest Donal Sammon, V4028 Allan Lord, 7489 Ian Duncan, 607907V Lawrie Poorter, WP346 Maureen Merrifield, assoc Lorraine Rutherford, 5405 Brian Thomas, guests K. Scafturis, Chris Howe, Alisha Howe, guest Jill Merrifield, 6255 Jack & Fiona London, 6143 Bryan & Margo Kilborn, 6137 John Wright, 6144 Dick Judson, guest 9th Bat Ted & Jackie Coetzee, 6145 Alex Fraser, 4831 Peter & Fran Stiff, guest Clare Marshall, 22979B Mike Miskulin & Ruth Reed, guest Alan Strachan, guest Carol Doughty, 7670 John Sutton, Army Ian Bate, 6904 Ian Lawrence, 6534 Ian & Dee Cuthbertson, 9790 Duncan & Carol Waugh, (6325) G. West, W. Heystek, 6538 Glenn Macaskill, 5809 Peter Stanton, 7038 Ashley Collings & Morag Willis, 8410 Andy Sternslow.

Well done to all the helpers!



REMINDER!!!!

Monthly gatherings every second Friday at the Rosebank Bowls Club until the Transvaal Scottish (The Jocks) is ready for us later in the year. Anytime after 5.30pm. Wives, partners and guests welcome Please make the effort – you'll not be disappointed and you'll be surprised at who you meet.

Next big event:
Annual Dinner at
Joburg Country
Club on 10/9/2010.

N.B. We no longer have a credit card facility for those wishing to book for the dinner – too expensive and Nedbank also said we were not having anywhere near the minimum turnover the bank requires to justify the system. Our bank account is –

FNB Rosebank (253305)

A/c No 50371111078

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We also exhort those who have not paid their subs to do so without delay by direct deposit/EFT to that account indicating their name and number as a reference. Please emphasise the dangers of posting cheques and negotiable instruments etc because of the "hazards" in the post office.

We are able to contain the ticket price at last year's R250.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

U.K. Branch

THE LAST PARADE

This was held on Sunday 25th July 2010 at the National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR.
 Unveiling - General The Lord Walker of Aldringham.
 Dedication - Rev. Terry Mesley-Spong (4600)



The Reception was in our own dedicated Marquee, kindly supplied by Mike Coleman (6737), that was marked with BSAP Flags. The Dress Order was badged blazers (or lounge suit) and Regimental Tie. Medals were worn.

At the conclusion of Unveiling/Parade, the Roll of Honour was laid up in the Arboretum Chapel.

Souvenir Programmes were available on the day and a DVD of proceedings will be available subsequently.

First report

This was one of the most memorable weekends in the history of the Regimental Association, although held in UK and organised by the UK Branch Committee it was undoubtedly a World Wide Association gathering with many former members travelling from far and wide, with representatives of just about every branch. Hopefully in due course a list of all attendees will be published.

When The Last Parade "got fell in, in three ranks (I don't want you in fours, screeched Tackie Mackintosh)" for the march up to the Memorial I found myself in about row 10 or so from the front, where the Standard Bearer (Parry Jones) was in the lead closely followed by No.9207 Garth Long and others who managed to get their place in the front row, but I cannot recall who the right marker was. There was a Landrover ahead with loudspeakers pointing out from the rear which played the Regimental March as we moved off.

As we reached the end of the march I glanced to the rear and was absolutely amazed to see how long the parade was, I would estimate at least 40 rows. No doubt photographs of the parade will soon be appearing.

The speeches and prayers associated with the unveiling were well delivered, poignant and very moving.

As most of you know I am not one to generally give accolades, but this event deserves every praise one could give. The Chairman of the UK Branch and his committee deserve the thanks and congratulations of all Association members for the organisation and hard work that obviously went into arranging the building of the Memorial and for the arrangements for the day, everything went off without a hitch.

There will never be another gathering like it. Fortunately, I and many others, can say, "We were there".

Regards,
Fred Punter. 4853.

Second report

The unveiling, prayers and speeches were emotional and there were a few tears, a couple of wives were quite overcome. After the unveiling I had a stream of former members I had not seen for years, and in fact had forgotten, come up to me and say, "You recruited me," or "Do remember when you were my Member *i/c* at ???" There were former NSPO's who attended and also one former UK PC who had been



on the Zim Election monitoring force, a former member now blind from a rocket attack on his landrover, former members in wheelchairs, a lot of guys made great efforts to be there. Roger Cook flew in from his hotel in France just for the day. Roger Capper came from Florida, Will Cornell from LA, Terry Keen from Canada, it is hoped that the DVD will include a list of all that attended. At the Braai on Saturday we only needed you [Brian Thomas] to complete a Bulawayo rugby team, there were over 200 at this event and standing around having drinks outside in the pleasant early evening there were a great number of former Matabeles, I can't remember the names now, but I could have easily formed a scrum.
Fred Punter.

The Final Parade By Peter Petter-Bowyer

On Sunday 25 July 2010, Brig. Vic Walker as chairman of the Rhodesian Army Association (UK) and PB of the Rhodesian Air Force Association were official guests at THE FINAL PARADE for the unveiling by General Lord Michael Walker of the BSAP memorial in the magnificent grounds of the British Memorial Arboretum north east of Birmingham city. The last Commissioner of Police, Peter Allum, delivered a short key-note address. Four wonderful metal plates designed and produced by Winston Hart (SB) are affixed to the four sides of the painted stone walls of the monument.

This is a memorial to that great force that served Rhodesia so well from 1889 through

to 1980. It stands apart from other commonwealth police monuments such as the Hong Kong Police and Northern Rhodesian Police in 150 acres of memorials and trees planted as a living tribute to those who have served, died or suffered in the service of their country. The most prominent of these is raised above the surrounding area and contains walls within two huge circular outer walls all bearing the names of British servicemen killed on active service post WW2. The number of names appearing in blocks for war theatres such as Korea, Borneo, Iraq and so on is absolutely mind boggling. The continuing losses in Afghanistan necessitate ongoing extensions on which stone engravers are kept busy on a daily basis.

The BSAP parade was a very well attended and moving occasion. It would be wonderful if the Rhodesian Army and Air force could have similar monuments alongside that of the BSAP. However the chances of raising about £20,000 for each service seem somewhat unlikely now.

NEWS FROM CENTRAL

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Comment

During November 2009, I drove down to South Africa for a shopping trip as I generally do at this time of year. Heading south from



Mvuma (Umvuma) I came to what used to be Chilimanzi. Alas, Chilimanzi is no more! All that is left there now are two derelict houses. One was the house of the Member in Charge Police, which is on the right hand side of the main road when heading south. The other was the house of the Animal Health Inspector, which is on the left hand side of the main road. There is nothing else there to indicate that there was once a police station and a small administrative centre there. The police station and administrative centre has moved to Chatsworth.

As I drove through what used to be Chimimanzi, I got to thinking about my posting ex Depot to first Midlands Province and then to Fort Victoria in January 1955. Three members of Recruit Squad 6/54 were posted to Midlands Province, 5278 Andy Stirling, 5279 Gerry Moores and myself, 5281 Peter Bellingham. The three of us travelled by train overnight from Salisbury (Harare) to Gwelo (Gweru), and arrived in Gwelo at some ungodly hour as I remember. We met Propol Midlands, 3088 Col. Walker, (The father of General the Lord Walker who was Chief of the General Staff when he retired from the British Army) that morning. He told us that Andy was being posted to Enkeldoorn (Chivhu), and that Gerry and I were being posted to Fort Victoria (Masvingo). Gerry and I left Gwelo by train that same morning en route to Fort Victoria, arriving there at 5.30pm that evening. This was without a doubt the slowest train journey of my life. We were met at Fort Victoria Station by 4899 Mike Walsh who greeted us with the words,

"Welcome to the arsehole of the Empire"! I will never forget that greeting.

Gerry and I met Dispol, 3369 Major Harries, the following morning. Gerry was posted to Fort Victoria Urban where 4023 Sgt Joe Rowley was Member in Charge, and I was posted to Fort Victoria Rural where 4034 Sgt Jock Binnie was Member in Charge. The other members of the District Headquarters were the District Inspector, 3630 S/Insp Sandy McCall Smith, the District Clerk 4225 Ron Underwood and the Radio Operator 4670 Sgt Arnold Thome (Mr. ZEF7).

Fort Victoria in those days was a typical small Rhodesian town. It has grown considerably since 1955. The commonage area along the Salisbury Road where I used to go riding is now a residential area, as is the area along the Beitbridge Road. What used to be the rifle range is now also a residential area. It is possible to see where the butts of the old range used to be at the base of the kopje to the south of the houses, but only if you know where to look.

I have very many happy memories of Fort Victoria in the 1950s and my mind was full of nostalgic thoughts as I headed south for Beitbridge and South Africa.

Getting back to Chilimanzi, which is what brought about this chain of thought, the Member in Charge Chilimanzi at that time was 4413 Dickie Cox, who now lives in Vancouver, Canada.

Zimbabwe News.

External Pension Payments. After the suggestion last year that the Government would start paying external pension



allowances, it is with great regret that I have to advise that there has been no further progress on this score. This is likely to remain the case as long as there is "disunity" between the partners of the Unity Government. We were told that the exercise may commence around Easter this year, but this is now unlikely. We can only hope that perhaps South Africa and SADCC can apply sufficient pressure to the government here to make this happen. Another aspect that must have a bearing on this issue is the availability of the hard cash with which to pay external pension allowances! The EU has recently renewed sanctions for another year, but pressure from Great Britain, the EU and the USA does not appear to help very much. Such pressure just antagonises the Government here, and makes it dig in its heels!

Mashonaland.

The Annual General Meetings of both the Mashonaland Branch and of the Central Advisory Committees were held at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Sunday the 31st May 2009, and these were followed by a braaivleis. Those attending were: 7615 "Tok| Arnold, 5281 Peter Bellingham, 6384 Peter Birkett, 5608 Dave de Burgh-Thomas, 6083 Hugh De Robeck, 4728 Bill Ellway, 8646 Andrew Field, 5917 Rod Finnigan, 7458 Mike Fox, 6262 Nigel Gabriel, 90849 John Hammond, 5119 Ian Hayes (with son Shane), (8235) Lynn Kay, 5652 Bill Linfield, 6319 Chris Looker, 8150 Dave Lurie, 10115 Dave Mackintosh, 4394 Dave Martin, 3976

Taff Morgan, 9406 Red O'Connell, WP228 Shevaun O'Donnell, (5387) Jane Phillips, 9494 Malcolm Smith, 8746 Rick Summers, 8375 Dave Winhall and (4130) Betty Wright.

Apologies were received from: - 7706 Rod Bowan, WP275 Pam Cooper, 8294 John House, 11038 Cliff Johnson, 902015 Mike Lear, WP191 Wendy Lurie, 4371 John March, 6377 Tony Maycock, 7532 Gilly Oberholzer, P/Pilot Ron Pascoe (Praw), 10107 Dave Payne, 6007 Bob Schonken, P/R Obs. Richard Seward (Praw), 6026 Jamie Tennant, 8654? Les Townsend and 9210 John Van Zyl,

The new Mashonaland Committee was largely unchanged and with 9406 Red O'Connell holding the reins once again as Chairman. His committee members' are 9494 Malcolm Smith, 10115 Dave Mackintosh, 111038 Cliff Johnson & WP134 Denise Woodiwiss. Also, the Central Advisory Committee was largely unchanged. 9494 Malcolm Smith was brought onto the committee to replace Mike Rowley as the representative for Manicaland & Masvingo. Mike relocated to the UK at the beginning of the year.

Once the formalities were over, those of us who did not have other commitments enjoyed an excellent braai. The weather was good, the company was excellent, and the beer was cold. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

The Mashonaland Branch held a pre Christmas Braaivleis at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Saturday the 28th November 2009. Those attending were: - 5568 Dennis Anderson; 5281 Peter Bellingham; 6384 Peter



Birkett; 11997 Dennis Borra; 760 Rod Bowen; WP.275 Pam Cooper; 5608 Dave de Burgh-Thomas; 9348 Bill Edwards; 4728 Bill Ellway; 5917 Rod & Laura Finnigan; 7458 Mike Fox; 6262 Nigel Gabriel; 9491 Pat Hammond; 5118 Ian Hayes; (4234) Pat Hobley; (8235) Lyn Kay; 90402 Gerry Kolpien; 5927 Max & Judy Macdonald; 10115 Dave Mackintosh; 9406 Red O'Connell; (4086) Olive Osborne; 8477 Peter Quick; 9494 Malcolm Smith; 8746 Rick & Roz Summers; WP.134 Denise Woodiwiss; and (4130) Betty Wright.

Apologies were received from: - 7615 "Tok" Arnold; P/R Pilot Jim Barker; 4795 Bob Burrell; 8263 Athol Estment; 8646 Andrew Field; (4049) Esme Jarvis; 5652 Bill Linfield; 6319 Chris Looker; 5949/6735 Tony Machan; 5877 John Mackinnon; 6377 Tony Maycock; 4829 Terry Oatt; (5387) Jane Phillips; 5162 Mike Robinson; 6007 Bob Schonken; 7014 Malcolm Smith; 6029 Jamie Tennant; 9210 John Van Zyl; 7437 John Woodward and 6783 Dave Young.

This was a most enjoyable "get-together". The venue was great, the food was excellent, and a great spirit of camaraderie prevailed. The Branch arranged a first class raffle with a large selection of prizes and these were equitably distributed amongst those attending. All in all, it was a most enjoyable event.

The Mashonaland Branch have instituted a monthly "get-together" on the second Friday of each month at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club from 5.00pm onwards. So far this is receiving good support from Harare residents, and a great feeling of camaraderie has been

established by these evenings. The Branch is very grateful to the Mount Pleasant Sports Club for permitting us to use their premises. At the March 2010 "get-together" we had a visitor from the UK, 5507 Brian Taylor, who was out here on a routine visit. It was good to see him once again. *(Brian and I were stationed together in Sinoia (Chinhoyi) in the early 60s. Ed)*

Matabeleland Branch.

The Matabeleland Branch produced their inaugural Newsletter in May 2009 (Volume 1 No. 1). The Newsletter is very well presented. It is printed in A5 booklet format on good quality paper, is printed in colour and contains colour photographs of various Matabeleland Branch functions. The Editor is 9499 Karl Hurry who takes on this onerous task in addition to his duties as Vice Chairman. We hope that this will be the first of many Matabeleland Outposts. *(I think it was great - Ed.)*

A Sundowner was held on Monday the 6th April 2009 a new venue – Busters Sports Club – in their private bar. The following members attended: - 8510 Dave Adams; NRP Tony Adams; 8347 Dave Anderson; 4750 Ken Berry; 111040 Jeff Davidson; 4993 John Fielder; 5117 Dick Hall; Ass. Kit & Margaret Hawkins; 9499 Karl & Denise Hurry; 7435 Taffy Jones; 8496 John & Margaret Learmonth; 5247 Ken & Glenys Macdonald; NRP John Minshull; Ass. Peter Rollason; NRP Ian Terry with Pat Parker; Guests Rod &



Anne Tourle; 961231 Tony Turner and Associates Piet & Joy Van Rensberg. Despite the almost inevitable power cut, the event was most successful. In fact, the candlelit effect gave the evening an additional charm which made the event all the more enjoyable.

Australia.

The 2009 Annual Lunch took place on Saturday the 12th of September 2009 at the RSL Belmont. It was attended by 66 members and guests, amongst whom were the Guest of Honour, Colonel Harry Harvey ex Director of Military Intelligence and his wife Bente, Special Guest Alan Richardson JP President of the Belmont RSL and his wife Yvonne, and John Standing, the Secretary of the Kenya Police Association.

Amongst those attending were: - 8260 David Amm, 11556K Don and Joyce Bulloch, 7682 Ian and Breda Calderwood, PR Pat and Moira Cane, 8617 Doug Capper and guest Pete Van Aarde (The Editor of the Bundu Times), (4147) Vivienne Cordy-Hedge, Valerie Davies (Widow of the late Roy Davies), 380126E Dave De Salis, 4326 Tom and Marjorie Doherty, PR27613 Pat Dunne, 4105 Bert and Sylvia Freemantle, 7045 Rob and Laurie Gates, PR22399 George Gault, 8755 Alan and Lesley Hadfield (Flew in from Sydney), Col. Harry Harvey and his wife Bente (Guest Speaker), 5316 Kerry Hoadley, (2388) Sylvia Holborn (Daughter of 2388 Tpr Stewart),

WFR Merle Howden and her guest Betty Cilliers, 7625E Arthur Hutson and his guest, son Robert Hutson, Intaf Bill and Liz Johnstone, 7694 Steve and Linda Martin, 6929 Howard and Jean Martin, 19034N Alan and Joyce McGrath, (6387) Margot Morgan, PR Rob and WFR Barbara Osborne, 200894M Celia Parkinson, 4564 Peter and Jean Reynolds (Visiting from Natal) & their daughter Jenny Joseph, Special Guest Alan Richardson and his wife Yvonne (President of the RSL Belmont), 4663 John Savage & guest John Standing (Secretary of the Kenya Police Association), 17845W Charles Scott and his daughter Amanda English, 4649 John and Margaret Seward, with guests son Michael Seward (Ex Army) & Michael Gale (Ex Intaf), 9849 Taffy Van Zuydam, 383583 Chuck and Peggy Warren, 7049 Lew and Joanne Whitmore, and 4780 Sam and Elizabeth Williams.

NATAL BRANCH

O.B. Extracts: 18 June 2010.

It has been a long time since the last OB Extracts, but I went for a ball of chalk health-wise and it has taken me a month of Sunday's to get back up to speed again. I'm now on 'Duty and Medicine' so here we go. Thanks for all the messages, support and prompts to get started again! Enough of that so let's see if we can get the show back on the road again.



AGM Natal Branch: The 2010 AGM was held at the German Club on Friday 4 June with 24 of the normal suspects attending. I must compliment Chairman the 'Nobel Nodus' on his tactics – he spoke so quietly that the folk at the back of the meeting could not hear a word and were invited to move to the front – silly boyz! They no sooner reached the front when the Nobel Nodus concluded his speech, the Financials were dealt with in double quick time and then it was voting time. Two of the naïve sitting in the front, Dick Isemonger and Trevor Wilson, were ambushed and found themselves being voted onto the committee to replace Chairman Nobel Nodus and the Staff Officer Finance, Malcolm Wiltshire. The unsuspecting Trevor Wilson is now the new Chairman of the Natal Branch. The new look committee is: Chairman - Trevor Wilson, Des Howse - Chief Staff Officer Admin supported by Trevor Dutton (Staff Officer Outpost), Staff Officers Factotum -Ken Wood and Dick Isemonger. The outgoing committee were thanked for a sterling job of work.

Those attending were: 7229 Des Howse; 8068 Dennis Wyatt; 6283 Nobby Clark; 5802 Ken Wood; 5661 Trevor Wilson; 5293 Trevor Dutton; 5268 Malcolm Wiltshire; 4717 Pat Knight; 4254 Smudge Smith; 4726 Dickie Dyer; 8966 Derek Lowe; 8276 Brian Perkins; 8303 Rob Bristow; 5958 Dick Isemonger; 8181 Malcolm Dale; 5842 Derek Starr; 5934 Fred Mason; 5428 Ian Hogg; 7706 Chris Driver; 6872 Dave Lynn; 5087 Robin Johnson; 5939 Vic Sutherland; 8105 Peter

Cutting; 6695 Peter Lyes. Apologies were read out but I was taking cover in the back row and failed to take note (sorry chaps!).

It was confirmed that the Annual Dinner (oops Lunch) will be held at the Augusta Club, Hillcrest mid-September. More details to follow latter.

Hillcrest Station Function: A bring and braai was held on Sunday 23 May at the Augusta Club, Hillcrest. Weatherise one could not have picked a better day. With good weather, good company and mighty fine venue what more could the faithful 26 who attended ask for? The attendees were: Des & Trish Howse; Alan & Flick Bennet; Ben Pretorius; John Carroll; Pat Knight; Smudge Smith; Derek & Megan Kerr; Chris & El Driver; Dennis & Marian Wyatt; Brian Perkins; Hillary Squires; Trevor Dutton; Rob Bristow; Nobby Clark; Vic & Reena Sutherland; Trevor & Linda Wilson; Ken Wood; Alan & Gerda Cunningham. Des Howse and his little team must be complimented in organising these events, they are really enjoyable outings and an opportunity to 'chew the fat' with old friends.

You need to try it sometime – you may just be pleasantly surprised!

The Ladybrand Station: To me the Free State has always been an area that is flat, uninteresting and somewhere to avoid. Lindsay and I were invited to Ladybrand and to visit the Hamiltons , only for me to find out it was anything but what I have just described. This nook of the Free State has



spectacular countryside and mountains ... and such very nice people. Apologies to all the Free Staters I have maligned over the years. Whilst visiting Rob and Shelagh Hamilton on their cattle farm outside Ladybrand, Cowboy Rob decided after three years of procrastinating that it was time to launch the Ladybrand Station. We, Lindsay and Fred Mason, enjoyed a delightful Saturday afternoon on the farm in the company of Rob & Shelagh Hamilton; Phil & Geetha Hart, 10688 Lance Lucas and his daughter Tracey. Lance's wife, Jane (ex-WPO Jane Noble), was overseas at the time. With 4 ex-members they have the nucleus of a station and will now scout around the area, including Maseru for other members (Regular or Reservists). Phil has now retired having spent more years with his ex-employer than he did in the BSAP. Shelagh and Rob will be planning another gathering later this year. Limited accommodation will be available for anyone wishing to come along – more later.

South West England. From Dave Kennedy came news that on 15 May they had their Spring gathering in the S.W with 59 heads attending. They have moved pubs to the Cromwell Arms in the Devonshire village of Bovey Tracey, Ex-Byo. bods attending were: Pete & Ann Fitzgerald, Ron & Margaret Peters, Dave Macdonald, Peter & Angela Brock and yours truly Dave Kennedy. A good time was had by all. We were disappointed that Ted Sheriff, who has recently been repatriated to the U.K. from Harare did not manage to come along with Jim O'Toole -

Ted recently underwent some surgery for a hip replacement (or could it have been his knee - not sure which!!) and did not fancy the rather long trip from Barnstable. We hope to see him in October at our next bash. (Thanks Dave for your news FCM.)

Police Wedding: On Sat 15 May, 7026 Stretch Hughes and WPO96 Val Oldham tied the knot at a family wedding at our home in Hillcrest. Family from both sides had flown in from overseas. Guest of Honour status was shared equally by the mothers of both the bride and groom. After a week of blissfully warm, sunny weather, the day dawned bleak and the light drizzle developed into a steady rain as the afternoon wore on. Nothing however blighted the warm, family atmosphere and obvious enjoyment of all. Val was indeed the 'blushing bride' and looked lovely, while Stretch cut quite a good figure despite the walking stick! We wish the couple much happiness.

Station Transfer: After many, many years in Durban North, Dick and Jenny Isemonger have at long last come to their senses and have accepted a transfer and now moved from muggy Durban North to the idyllic Hillcrest - phew you District bods were and still are such slow learners!! Welcome to a suburb of heaven!

Squad 11/1958 and Mounted Troop 1959 Re-Union: We had a very successful gathering of the 11 Squad and the 1959 Mounted Troop late last year. At the time we



were unfortunately unable to make contact with a few of the lads and some others couldn't make the do. Our ambassador at large, Alan Cunningham and his wife Gerda, are now visiting Quin Lamb and Ian Beattie in the UK to persuade them to join us all for a last fling to celebrate jointly, tongue in cheek, the squad members 70th birthdays!

Promotion: Barry Woan has now been promoted to Member in Charge Margate and writes as follows:

One of my first "Official" duties as Member In Charge Margate was to acquaint myself with an area on my northern border and took the opportunity to visit Brick and Jenny Bryson in Ballito. Brick is in remarkably good health when you consider he has been bedridden for more than six years! We all had a wonderful couple of hours talking about the BSAP, our time in Fidelity Guards together and the football. He stays on a farm which has been turned into a care centre which is extremely well run set in very tranquil surrounds. Jenny is holding up well and has to be admired for her continued love and devotion to her man under very difficult circumstances.

I then headed into town and had lunch with Joe and Pam Reeler. Joe has let his BSAP Association membership lapse and is now in my sights. I can already sense the R80 on its way via me to Durban Association Finance Department!!!! Joe is well and is still employed as the Estate Manager on a local residential Estate in Ballito.

Sick Parade: I am pleased to report that Ted Painting continues to make steady progress following his stroke. He is now able to talk freely on the phone and goes from strength to strength due to his determination and loving support from Sue and the family. Well done, Ted – see you at the lunch soon!

Alan Brent continues to battle along, refusing to give in to the emphysema. He has the odd speed wobble, but otherwise he is holding his own.

The Welsh Dragon and Matabeleland centre, Brian Thomas, has been battling cancer for some time and now plans to retire to the Cape later this year. We look forward to a brief visit from the ole 'bath-bun' and Myra in September en route to the Cape .

This and That:

After all these years, Alan Cunningham and Garth Hatton have sold up their fishing rod company, Purglas, and are now flirting with this new thing called retirement. Good luck to you both.

From the pen of Don Rowland comes this message from Silvia Freemantle "..... On the home front it isn't great, Bert is developing dementia and it makes life very hard at times as I never know where I will find something he has washed up, also he is VERY bent from OP. and his eyesight is very poor. He still goes out for a walk on his own I don't go with him as it is so painfully slow, when we first came here we used to stride out down by the river and walk a brisk 5\6k's We were at the Dr's last week and asked for a mental test which he didn't pass.



Sorry if I sound like a grumpy old woman [which I am at times] also if anyone gives a sign of sympathy I choke up, even writing this little bit I am in tears.

Take care and God Bless. Love Sylvia."

Compiled by Fred Mason

WESTERN CAPE

The 41st Annual General Meeting of the BSA Police Association of the Western Cape was held at Timour Hall, on Monday 1st March, 2010.

The Chairman's Report was presented by Tony Rozemeyer and the Treasurer's Report by Ed Ions.

The following Committee Members were elected for the forthcoming year.

Chairman – Jim Blain

Secretary – Neville Spurr

Treasurer – Ed Ions

Outpost Editor – Lawrie Mabin

Member – Tony Rozemeyer

Member – Lockie Howie

Member – Dave Riley

Associate Member – Wendy Meyer

Alan Toms from the UK Association addressed the meeting in regard to 'The Last Parade', the official ceremony and unveiling of the BSAP Memorial to take place on the 24th and 25th July, 2010, in the National Memorial Arboretum in Rutland, UK. It was proposed, and the meeting agreed that the Western Cape Association would donate five hundred pounds to this fund.

The following members (24) were in attendance. 6780 G. Jansen, 8151 L. Mabin, 5860 D Grierson , 5689 G. Potter, 6226 A. Stevens, 5098 D. Riley, 5217 N. Harris, 5483 D. Blacker, 8302 N. McKrill, 6893 B. Oberholster, 15414 D. Brown, 5795 G. Reade, 6222 R. Traill , 7544 D. Hawks, 8714 J. Munro, 5959 J. Marriot, 8299 M. Reeler, 6900 M. Gee, 8173 L. Howie, 6494 T. Rozemeyer, 6639 B. Beddingham, 6874/8032 N. Spurr, 6846 J. Blain, 7391 A. Toms (UK member)

Apologies were received from the following members: George Stuart, Percy Hadfield, Dave Rogers, Rob O'Molony, Wendy Meyer, Mike Mays, Peter Shout, Rod Eterman, Stand Mcmillan, Richard Horn, Guy Bekker, Jan Steenkamp, Andrew Wood, Traves Nettleton, Peter Watermeyer.

TRANSVAAL INPOST

Extract from *the Overseas Pensioner*. April 2010 edition.

Journal of the Overseas Service Pensioners' Association (OSPA) based at Tonbridge Wells, Kent, England.

ZIMBABWE PENSIONS

Internal Situation

There has been some small improvement in the general internal situation in Zimbabwe, but the so-called power sharing Government



is not working effectively. While some problems may seem to be getting better, others remain as bad as ever or even worse. One change is that the US dollar and the SA rand have replaced the former Zimbabwe dollar, which virtually has disappeared. There is no run-away price inflation as there was before, but with almost total unemployment and little economic activity most people remain desperately short of money of any kind.

Hopes of a pension allowance payment outside Zimbabwe

As far as Public Service pensioners are concerned, most of them will now have heard that the Director of the Government Pensions Office had said in September last year that he was seriously hoping that he would be authorised and enabled to pay pension allowances of some amount in US\$ to pensioners now living outside Zimbabwe, whether or not they had formally emigrated. This follows news that some mining companies and other corporations had managed to make small US\$ interim payments to pensioners outside Zimbabwe. On the basis of that information, which was confirmed by the British Consul in Harare, the news was spread among all Public Services pensioners by the OSPA (through the notice in the last journal) and by other pensioners' associations in Britain, South Africa, Australia and elsewhere, that they should provide certain documents which would be sent to the Pensions Office so that payments could

be made if the Zimbabwe Governments decided.

In South Africa Mr John Redfern, the honorary National Secretary of the Flame Lily Foundation (FLF), mounted a vigorous information campaign that led to his receiving over 785 completed responses from pensioners in that region, and these were transmitted to the Director of Pensions in Harare. The Director is still engaged in processing all those applications. The OSPA office in Tonbridge has received 336 responses from pensioners in Britain and many other countries including Australia, New Zealand, Canada and elsewhere in Europe. The Pensions Office Director continues to say that he is not ready to receive these applications, but he will tell us as soon as he wants them to be sent to him. They are therefore still being held safely in the OSPA office until we are asked to transmit them to Harare.

Despite all the effort and trouble that pensioners have gone to, to obtain and send in their applications in the form required, there is still no news of a decision by the Zimbabwe Government about actually making payments.

Lobbying in Britain

Disappointingly, our (OSPA) approaches to the Liberal Democratic Party, by letters from the Chairman to their Foreign Affairs Spokesman, Mr Ed Davey, MP, have received no response. We had asked that the party should recognize that in principle there is a moral obligation on the British government to



give some practical recognition in the form of positive financial support for the Zimbabwe Public Service pensioners, and that the party should take the opportunity to press the Government to act accordingly.

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BSAP Squad 1 of 1960 : Reunion.

Early February 1960 saw the attestation into the BSA Police of the following who were to become Squad 1/1960:-

- 6117 Roy Edwards
- 6118 Patrick Keyser
- 6119 Edward Burbridge
- 6120 David Parry
- 6121 Mike Harvey
- 6122 Richard Evans
- 6123 Brian Pym
- 6124 Neville Eva
- 6125 Michael Horner
- 6126 John Thatcher
- 6127 Errol Cunningham
- 6128 Brian Jeffreys
- 6129 Kenneth Keens
- 6130 Randolph Symmons.

Fifty years on, and in April 2010, a Squad reunion was held at the Clouds Wine Estate, Stellenbosch, attended by Roy Edwards (South Africa), Pat Keyser (South Africa), Dave Parry (South Africa), Mike Harvey (New Zealand), Dick Evans (South Africa), Brian Pym (United Kingdom), John Thatcher (South Africa), Ken Keens (South Africa) together with their respective wives / partners.

Sadly two members of the Squad had since passed on, namely John (Stork) Burbridge and Neville Eva, both of whom were remembered during the course of the proceedings, as were those unable to attend – Mike Horner (United Kingdom), Errol Cunningham (South Africa), Brian Jeffreys (Australia), and Randy Symmons (United Kingdom).

The initial gathering occurred in Cape Town at Kirstenbosch Gardens, followed by a lunch at Quay 4 on the V & A Waterfront . Thereafter to Clouds Wine Estate in Stellenbosch where that night an informal “braai” was held.

The next morning saw visits to various wine estates, needless to say accompanied by much “tasting” or perhaps a little more !!!, ending with a picnic lunch at the well renowned Boschendal Estate.

A semi formal dinner was held that evening at which various speeches were given as was the loyal toast, and toasts to our absent and departed friends. Following dinner Mike presented a slide show he had prepared on the Squad’s History set to the music of the BSAP Band.

Regrettably, the following morning saw a break up, as we went our various ways, of what had been a truly memorable occasion at which many acquaintances were renewed and memories shared.

This event will be remembered by all when proudly wearing the “BSAP Squad 1/60” Sports Shirts kindly donated by Roy and reading the “Cherished Times and Fifty Years On of Squad 1/1960” compiled by Mike.



Photographs were taken of the occasion and anyone wanting to see copies should contact Roy Edwards: roy@cerefco.co.za.

Brian Pym
2nd May 2010

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"Hi Glenn

Sorry to disappoint but Dave's article/story in the last issue on the Last Post is untrue. Check it out on Snopes. The wonderful poem are the words to TAPS:
<http://www.romantidovesecrets.com/Taps-Bugle-Call-For-Military-Funerals.html>.

The words of The Last Post by Robert Graves are:

The bugler sent a call of high romance—
"Lights out! Lights out!" to the deserted square.
On the thin brazen notes he threw a prayer,
"God, if it's this for me next time in France...
O spare the phantom bugle as I lie
Dead in the gas and smoke and roar of guns,
Dead in a row with the other broken ones
Lying so stiff and still under the sky,
Jolly young Fusiliers too good to die."

Chris Russell (7184)

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"Chris,
Thanks for the correction.

I cannot now recall who sent me the story of 'Taps' as attributed to Capt. Robert Ellicombe but further research now tells me that Major-General Daniel Butterfield is recognised as the originator. I say originator as opposed to composer for it is accepted in the US military that Butterfield actually revised an earlier bugle call. He did not put words to the call, these came later from an unknown pen. I am not sure of the relevance of the Robert Graves poem in the context of 'Taps'.

The story of Ellicombe is apparently a popular myth that seems to have surfaced in the 1930s, but there is no evidence to back up the story of his composing the call or even of his existence. It is interesting to note, however, that Butterfield was at the battle at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, when he made the bugle call revision - the same place where Ellicombe was said to have found his son and the music notes in his pocket.

I stand corrected.

Dave Sloman

[Editor: This subject just won't lie down! We've had several e-mails either correcting or agreeing with Dave. Any further complaints can be sent in a plain envelope to Union Buildings.]

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"Hi Glenn.

Please can you give us a prominent spot in the next BSAP Outpost for the Annual Golf Day. Details are:



**Date: Friday 26th November 2010
Roodepoort Country Club,
Johannesburg.**

**Inflation has finally caught up with
us and we have had to increase
cost per player to R400.**

This includes golf/prizes/dinner.

Bookings to ianbate@pirrett.co.za

**Please give this event your
maximum support. Golf Day has
been one of the major fund raisers
for many years.**

**How about a challenge from other
branches to enter a team?**

**Cheers
Ian Bate"**

*Come on the other branches – here's a
challenge for you! – Ed.*

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"It has been a little while since I wrote to you
all. I try and write every six months or so,
just to keep in touch with all of you who have
registered through the website.

There are a couple of issues which I would
like to raise, the first of which is to bring to
your attention the work which has been done
on your web site www.bsap.org. Over the
last three months much has been done to
refresh the look and feel of the web site and
to add content which was considered of

interest. Things have been shuffled around a
little, but the main change is the introduction
of 'news' pages for each month of the year.

This month's news page can be found at
<http://www.bsap.org/newsjun.html> These
pages will carry the latest news available to
me from within our network and newsletters
from most of the Regimental Association
branches. We are trying to encourage each
of the branches to 'maintain' their own pages
with listing of committees and forthcoming
events. I am always open for ideas for
content which would interest you all.

I would also like to bring to your attention the
promotional on the book, '**Blue and Old
Gold**'. The web site has a promotional page
on this book and where reviews are made, I
shall add them to the content - please go to
<http://www.bsap.org/blueoldgoldprom.html>.

The book is a work well worth owning and I
am sure many of you will enjoy many happy
hours browsing an amazing range of images
and reading. Get yours now! Zimbabwean
stocks of the book are almost sold out.
Distributors are listed on the webpage.

As the months go by, more and more former
members are becoming more technically
competent on the web. Many have e-mail
addresses, but, we guess, a good number are
not registered on the 'international' database
that I maintain. If you are receiving e-mails
from former colleagues, whom you suspect
are not aware of the listing I maintain, please
encourage them to communicate with me.
Direct them to the web site, I am sure they
will enjoy the experience. Former members
do not have to be members of the



Regimental Association to be included on this database. Obviously I would encourage their joining up and enjoying face to face networking with former members, you will enjoy the experience, but this is your choice.

I believe that there is something in the region of 900 former members listed on the website (Trevor Dutton counted them!), providing contact details and enabling old comrades to make contact. Some entries on this public listing originated from the Rhodesians World Wide Web site, and sadly many are stale. I am slowly working on refreshing these lists. A new feature is the inclusion of your image against your entry. If you have not been listed before, go to the site and complete the forms, but more importantly if you are already listed, go check your details and update them where they are incorrect.

We continue to run more interactive social networks for former members. There are a few 'chat lists', which are e-mail based, for former members of the force. You may subscribe to any of these by simply sending a blank e-mail to:
 General Group - BSAPAssn-subscribe@yahoo.com - Run by the team, Andrew Field, Les Burrow and Geraint Jones

History Group - BSAPHistory-subscribe@yahoo.com - Run by Geoff Quick for the more serious history topics
 Traffic Talk - TrafficTalk-subscribe@yahoo.com - Run by Spike Werner

Christian Group - BSAPChristian-

subscribe@yahoo.com - Run by Chris Russell

There is another form of networking which has evolved recently and which had proved popular for former members, their spouses and children. This can be found at www.facebook.com which you would need to register for online and then search for the group "British South Africa Police" or simply "BSAP". This is a less formal network than the e-mail groups, but you will find old friends here and the Facebook groups have a good collection of BSA Police images. Give it a try if you are a frequent web browser. This kind of networking is not for everyone.

Many of you will be gathering in the United Kingdom for the unveiling of the memorial to the British South Africa Police at the National Memorial Arboretum on the 25th July. I guess a good number will be at the UK Branch Braai the night before. I hope to meet many of you there, people I have known for months, if not years, in cyberspace, but have never actually met in person. I will probably know your e-mail address better than what you look like, and doubt I could identify most of you in a crowd, so that is going to be an interesting experience!

Finally, I would like to pay special tribute to all the Outpost Editors who do much work to bring the news of old comrades to members and who allow the reproduction of their newsletters on the web site. They volunteer many hours digging for information and compiling these regular newsletters. They deserve our gratitude. I would appeal to you



all for some support by at least giving them feedback and your appreciation, if not, contributing news to your local editors, where you have news. I am sure they would welcome the input and old comrades would enjoy your news too. All the editors' contact details are on the site under the 'Contacts' tab at the top of each page on the website.

For those of you who like to hear all the news out of Zimbabwe, all I can say is that, as I write, there really is not much to tell. The political situation is ongoing and much of the hope we had for change and a different attitude to rule evaporated many months back. Business has become very difficult to maintain, especially with a corrupt bureaucracy.

I wish you all happy browsing, where you can and encourage you all to stay in touch with your former colleagues.

With best wishes,

Andrew Field - 8646

Pro Rege Pro Lege Pro Patria

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"Glenn,

This can't be right!

UK's Bedfordshire Police's rules regarding terrorists and dangerous criminals

If they're non-Muslim

Consider the most opportune time of day to be able to arrest suspects with minimum resistance

Apply all necessary force to enter the premises and arrest suspects accordingly.

If they're Muslim:

Community leaders must be consulted before raids into Muslim houses.

Officers must not search occupied bedrooms and bathrooms before dawn.

Use of police dogs will be considered serious desecration of the premises.

Cameras and camcorders should not be used in case capturing women in inappropriate dress.

If people are praying at home officers should stand aside and not disrupt the prayer. They should be allowed the opportunity to finish. Officers should take their shoes off before raiding a Muslim house.

The reasons for pre-dawn raids on Muslim houses needs to be clear and transparent.

Officers must not touch holy books or religious artefacts without permission.

Muslim prisoners should be allowed to take additional clothing to the station.

With this continuing appeasement, no wonder it's now predicted that Britain will become an Islamic state by 2070.

Chris Russell 7184"

Absolute shocker . How does one explain this nonsense and so-called political correctness? Where is the world going? – Ed



DEATH NOTICES

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

4638 Andrew Kenneth Patrick (Andy) Armstrong

He died in Howick, Natal, South Africa on the 21st of March 2010. Andy leaves his wife Sas (Sandra) to whom the Natal Branch extends their heartfelt condolences. Andy joined the Force on the 17th June 1950 leaving as a Constable on the 16th of June 1953; he was a member of the Natal Midlands Branch of the Association. As per Andy's wishes there was no funeral.

3005 John Franklyn Bellamy

At the age of 102, the Association's oldest member died peacefully in his sleep on 30th June at the Deer Park Home, Holsworthy, Devon. Franklyn served 30/3/28 - 15/5/49, retiring with the rank of Sub Inspector.

6468 Chief Inspector David Callow

He passed away on 2 June 2010, from cancer at the hospice in Port Shepstone.

Dave joined the Force on 28 August 1961, retiring from the Support Unit as a Chief Inspector on the 2 May 1982.

In recent years Dave was the leading light behind the very successful BSAP Margate Station. He was also a member of the

Transvaal Branch. Condolences go to his wife Penny and their family.

6235 Lynn Andrew Carlisle

Sadly we report the death in Johannesburg of Lynn on 19th July 2010. Lynn had stoically battled cancer for an extended period and was found dead in his flat by his neighbour. He served from 7th December 1960 until 21st March 1966 leaving as a patrol officer. A memorial service was held at the North Riding Methodist Church in North Riding, Johannesburg on the 29th July.

3531 James Desmond Dooge (Jim) Cave

He died at Kingstone, Surrey on Saturday 15 May 2010 after suffering from pneumonia. Jim, who was a widower, was a member of the UK Branch and served 23/1/1936 to 31/12/1939, leaving with the rank of Constable.

4307 Timothy James 'Jimmy' Collins

He died on 26 April 2010 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Jimmy served in the force between July 1948 and September 1978. Prior to joining the force he had seen active service in the Royal Air Force, No. 75 (New Zealand) Bomber Squadron, during the Second World War. He was awarded the



Distinguished Flying Medal. His initial postings in the force were to Bulawayo. He was commissioned in 1966 and transferred to the Salisbury South District. Jimmy also served at PGHQ as Staff Officer (Police Reserve) and in May 1976, then with the rank of Assistant Commissioner, took command of the BSA Police Support Unit, where he remained until his retirement. He was awarded the PMM in November 1975. Jimmy was a keen sportsman, playing cricket and soccer, the latter for which he was a first grade referee. He was a member of the Natal Midlands Branch. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his wife, Joan, family and friends.

4250 Ian Andrew Dixon

He died as a result of a heart attack in Durban on 28 March 2010. Ian served in the Force from 1 May 1948 to 25 January 1954, leaving 'at own request' as a D/Sgt.

3921 William Anderson Earle

He died at Cirencester on 1st May 2010. Bill, who was a member of the UK Branch, served from 31/3/46 to 31/12/66 and retired with the rank of Staff Inspector. Our sympathies go to his widow Helga.

4642 David Ranleigh HOUNSFIELD

He died from cancer on 7 May 2010 at Port Elizabeth. Dave joined the BSA Police on the 3

July 1950 leaving on the 11 August 1962 as a Staff Sergeant.

6569 Felix Johannes Joseph Kuttner

It is with regret that we report the death of Felix who was tragically killed in a road accident on 28th July 2010. He was travelling from Triangle to Chiredzi and his car had a right front blowout near the Buffalo Range Airport. It swerved into the path of an oncoming bus. Felix served from the 6th January 1962 until the 30th April 1980 when he retired holding the rank of Superintendent.

9705Y Peter Kenneth Langley

We are sad to report the death of former A Reservist Peter Langley in Johannesburg on 26th June 2010 following a heart attack. Peter had been adjutant of the Oasis MOTH Shellhole in Johannesburg and held a commission in the now defunct Sandton Commando in which capacity he used to visit the Transvaal Branch regimental dinners. The funeral took place at the Muldersdrift Union Church on 9th July and the association was represented by Dick Glanville, Glenn Macaskill and Jack London. Peter's son Jeremy and his wife flew from the UK for the funeral. Jeremy's address is jeremylangley@gmail.com Peter was a Direct Entry Clerk, General Duties, in the RRAF before joining the police reserve.



F/R Mike Leask

Mike passed away in Kwe Kwe on the 3rd March 2010, he had just celebrated his 70th birthday a few months before. He was a staunch member of the Field Reserve and PATU.

8165/8856 Stephen Geoffrey (Geoff) Lloyd

Geoff died from cancer on 1st June 2010 at Johannesburg. He was a long time member of Dog Section and his last posting was Depot Hard Square.

6477Air Wing Police Reservist Douglas Harold Lyon

He passed away on 17th of July at the age of 88 in Mandurah. Doug suffered a stroke about 5 years ago and was wheel chair bound and as time went by he became very frail indeed. He was a prominent farmer in the Glendale/Bindura area and at one time was President of the Cotton Growers Association of Rhodesia and also a prominent member of the Rhodesia Farmers Union. He joined the revitalised Police Reserve at its inception in 1954 and due to his war service with the Royal Air Force joined the Air Wing from 1968 and played a prominent part in the Mazoe Flight. He and his wife Nancy - also a WFR - retired in the 80's to Mundaring and later due to Doug's illness to a retirement home in Mandurah.

6342 Dave Marks

He passed away in the UK on 18th May 2010. He died after a short illness. I have no more detail at this time. David served 21/3/61 - 20/3/64, leaving as a Constable. He had been a member of the Transvaal Branch.

Colette McKay

The wife of 6019 Winston 'Sakkie' McKay passed away on 18th July 2010, in Johannesburg. She had suffered a stroke and died of a heart attack while he was visiting her in rehab. She was the sister of Dot Hancock, wife of Stan Hancock. Her funeral was held on 22nd July. Our condolences go to Sakkie who is considering a move to the Natal south coast.

Denise Miller

She passed away in Pietermaritzburg on the 4th of April 2010 after a long and courageous battle. To her widower 6759 John Miller (a member of the Natal Midlands Branch), son Colin and all members of the family, the Chairman and members of the Midlands Branch extend deepest condolences.

7530 Inspector Norman Nimmo

He died tragically in a car accident in the Nelspruit area on 3rd May 2010 .



Norman served in the Force from 2 December 1966 to 24 September 1978 Before retiring as an Inspector; he was the son of the late 3335 Chief Inspector Andrew Norman Nimmo.

In recent years Norman was totally and completely committed as a full time member of the Zimbabwe Pensioners Support Fund, to easing the plight of the Zimbabwean pensioners. Our condolences go to his wife Pam and family.

7006P Phillip Percy Phil Palmer

Phil was the last Chief Pilot of the Police Reserve Air Wing. He passed away in Durban on 10 March 2010. Death was caused by a brain haemorrhage following a fall at his home in Kloof.

13355 Gerald CV Spanton MSM

He died at Henneman, OFS on the 25th April. 2010. Gerald had been unwell for several years. A staunch reservist, he was in charge of the Reserve in Gwelo for many years and was well known to members who did service in Gwelo and the Midlands. Our condolences go to Anne and family. Gerald was a member of the Cape Branch and recently joined the Transvaal Branch.

Those who attended the funeral were: 6610 John Pirret; 5619 Barry Enslin; 6255 Jack London and 6769 Dick Glanville. They were pall bearers and John Pirrett delivered a moving eulogy. Anne, Gerald's widow and

the family expressed grateful thanks to our members who travelled from Johannesburg to Hennenman in the Free State to attend the funeral.

6063 Alan Peter Stock

He died on 20 June 2010 at St Wilfred's Hospice, Eastbourne. Alan served from 31/8/59 to 31/8/84, retiring with the rank of Staff Chief Inspector. He will be remembered as the long time Editor of the Outpost. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Colleen and children Stephanie and Michael.

10317 Michael William Taylor

We are sad to report his death from cancer at Edenvale, Johannesburg on 26th May 2010. He served from 5th January 1978 until 22 January 1981 leaving as a P.O. Mike leaves his widow Sue (W/P412 Susan Jane nee Brown). We extend our heartfelt condolences Sue and the whole family.

Lt General G P (Peter) Walls GLM, DCD, MBE

He died on 20th July 2010 at George Airport where he suffered a fatal heart attack. General Walls (who desired to be known in our Association simply as "Peter") was a former member of the Transvaal Branch and was immensely proud of his membership of the Regimental Association.



Our deepest sympathies go to Eunice and his family.

Obituary:

Served as Commanding Officer of 1RLI from 1 December 1964 to 18 June 1967 Peter Walls was born and educated in Rhodesia. He first served in the military with the Black Watch at the end of World War Two. He returned to Rhodesia after the war and served in the Staff Corps, before being commissioned into the Northern Rhodesia Regiment (NRR). In 1951, he was selected to take an all-white unit, The Malayan Scouts, to Malaya to assist with that Emergency. He was promoted to captain as 2IC of the unit with an experienced British officer as OC. On reaching Malaya it was decided that, as it was an all-Rhodesian unit, it should be commanded by a Rhodesian - he was thus promoted to major and became OC. The unit stayed in Malaya for two years, becoming C (Rhodesia) Squadron SAS.

On return to Rhodesia in March 1953 the unit was disbanded. For his services in Malaya he was awarded an MBE. After various staff appointments he attended Staff College at Camberley in the UK, before assuming command of RLI in 1964 and transforming the battalion into a commando unit.

He was responsible for introducing the regiment's green beret, which subsequently distinguished it from all other units on parade. On relinquishing command he became Commander 2 Brigade. He later became Chief of Staff as a major-general, before becoming Army Commander in 1972.

He was appointed Commander of Combined Operations (ComOps) in 1977, an appointment he held until he retired to South Africa in late 1980 after Zimbabwean independence.

He was a man of great integrity and grit and led the armed forces of Rhodesia well in the toughest of wartimes. He will be sadly missed by all the members of the 1RLIRA and we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Eunice, the family and Peter's friends.

Obituary submitted by the Chairman of the RLI association.

18084F Norman Cuthbert BINDER

He died on 9th April 2010 in Nelspruit at the age of 91. Norman had been in the PR Recce Unit and latterly in "Bright Lights" guarding farms in the Centenary Block. He was for many years in the reserve and was immensely proud of his connection with the BSA Police. Norman is survived by his partner of over 40 years, Isabella Prinsloo who desires to remain a member of the Regimental Association having for many years "mixed with the boys" of the BSAP in rural Rhodesia. Norman suffered a stroke from which he succumbed. He was immensely sad that in the latter years he was too old to travel and attend our Regimental Dinners which hitherto he thoroughly enjoyed. We extend our condolences to Isabella.

10231 Brian WILLIAMS



He passed away in Johannesburg on 8th July 2010 from complications of cancer of the throat. He served from 29th January 1977 leaving "by purchase" on 18th October 1979. Brian had recently relocated from Cape Town and had undergone a tracheotomy. Brian had divorced from his former wife Sandy some years ago though we extend to her and their two daughters our sincere condolences.

ARTICLES, BOOKS ETC

BSA Police Golfers' DAWN PATROL

As far as can be traced, the BSA Police is the only Force in the world to own a golf club. Sophistication and viability are two words which can be applied to the clubhouse and course in Salisbury in 1975. But the club was strictly from "pioneer stock" in its origins, and the early years called for strenuous individual effort and ingenuity on the part of many members in creating, nurturing and developing the fledgling sport. Terence McCormick, ex-C.I.D., has dug deeply into the records for the story of the golf club, and the following outline has been taken from his writings.

In 1921 the Rhodesian Defence Force Journal published an article indicating that golf had become an active and addictive

sport which was penetrating the ranks of the BSA Police. Early records suggest that the first tee was to the rear of the Officers' Mess and the ninth somewhere near the Saddler's shop. On July 12, a dance was held at Meikle's Hotel, complete with band and "chuckers out", and the evening was "a boisterous success". On May 7 the course was opened officially with a match between officers and NCO's, the results being:

General Edwards I, Tpr. Maxwell 0; Major Parsons 1, SM. Walker 0; Major Dacomb ½. Sgt. Whitely ½ Captain Pitt-Schenkel 0, CPL Todd 1; Lieut. Adams 1, Sgt. Ockenden 0; Lieut. Bugler 0, Tpr. Jordan 1: Lieut. Morris 1, Sgt. Coni 0; and Lieut. Parr 0, Cpl. Stewart 1.

Players were then asked to submit score cards of three nine-hole matches played within a month for handicapping.

The impetus for the development of the game probably came mainly from Jock Simpson, who had charge of the "course" but was losing ground, literally, to the turfed sports fields, and by 1934 50 acres of land adjoining the Depot had been leased from the Municipality. Jack Seaward and Jock Simpson, with 10 years of hard work behind them, had the satisfaction of seeing the Commissioner. Brigadier J. S. Morris hit the first drive in a match between the Force and a team representing the Regimental Association



on June 28, 1935. At that time Seaward was the Mashonaland champion, and Constable Ellis the Manicaland and Sgt. Christie the Umtali champions. By the end of 1937 the last two holes were moved from Depot and grass tees had been built for both men and ladies (who had been active for some time, although their section was not constituted officially until 1958).

The first trophy of any significance was organised for the Club by Captain N. St. Quentin, presented by the Rhodesian Milling and Manufacturing Company, and the first winner of his Gloria Cup was Sgt. G. Rolfe. Says Terence McCormick:

The Outpost mentioned a certain prominent Police sportsman whose behaviour was, to say the least, erratic. It was, in fact, Jock Simpson, whose enthusiasm for the game sometimes caused him to pursue the caddy in full cry up the fairway after an indifferent shot. If you enjoyed the pleasure of a round with Jock you had an even chance of seeing him wreck a club or two during the nine holes. In 1940 the caddies went on strike, insisting that 3d for nine holes and 6d for 18 was gross underpayment. Their claim was resisted and they eventually returned to their tasks, but the 'lost ball' problem seemed to increase just after the dispute."

In October, 1943, a brick edifice went up

between what is today the Provost Camp and the Ordnance Store. This was the "new" Clubhouse, and for 20 years was to remain the "alma mater". The after-golf parties became — as one member said — "part of our social lives, and were famous throughout Mashonaland and, indeed, Rhodesia itself."

On August 3, 1947, the Robinson Cup, donated by A. M. Robinson of Meikles Hotel, was played for the first time in the form of an inter-district event. At first confined to the Police Golf Club, the competition was adjusted to alternate between Salisbury and Gwelo, but in recent years Salisbury has become the host centre and the competition has become the most important event for a gathering of the Police clans from all over Rhodesia.

In September, 1973, a Press photograph showed Terence McCormick, Ronnie Fleming, Jack Wood and the late Malcolm Bryer celebrating the participation of their team in the Robinson Cup for 25 years. One or two years had unavoidably been missed, but on the twentieth occasion Meikles gave the team a slap-up dinner — reported to have had ghastly effects on the cellars and the appearance of the golfers came the dawn.

McCormick has paid a sincere tribute to the ladies of the Police Club, who, he says, "held things together in the



formative years". And he has added: "They supplied sustenance and succour to all under the most exacting conditions. Some wives even extended sympathy to their husbands on "the morning after'."

The first Captain of the Ladies' Section was Betty Fourie, and the first committee members were Betty Martin, Maud van der Walt, Peta Clayton. K. Irvine. Nerine, Pinnar. Pauline Bailey and Joyce Porter. The Police Club may be unique in that here is no restriction on the Ladies' days.

On July 31. 1964, the Commissioner. Mr. F. E. Barfoot, opened the new clubhouse after nine holes had been added to the course.

The Visitors' Book in the clubhouse has always reflected the popularity of the club, and increasing use of the "watering place" forced the committee to enlarge the premises. The Commissioner. Mr. J. Spink, officially opening the extensions on February 27, 1970. Among the first official guests to enjoy the new facilities were golfers from the South African Police, taking part in what has now become an annual fixture. The Force championships were held on April 19 the same year, the first holder of the title being Patrol Officer Graham van der Veen, second place being taken by Staff Chief Inspector Reece, after a play-off with Inspector Collier. Soon afterwards Van der Veen won the Natal Amateur Championship.

"In any sporting organisation it is always a great advantage when the man at the top is an active participant," wrote Terence McCormick. Four Commissioners fell into that category. They were Brigadier Morris, Basil Spurling (following actively in the foot-steps of his predecessor), Jimmy Spink, still an enthusiastic player, and Syd Bristow who plays as often as he can. The present Commissioner. Mr. P. D. W. R. Sherren, is also a keen player.

McCormick might have added that "characters" also help to build a club's morale and reputation. Consider the "Dawn Patrol". Many years ago this happy band decided that the crack of dawn was the right time for starting a round, so that they could be showered and changed by 11 a.m. They then took their appointed places at the bar and started on the serious work — and woe betide the ignorant stranger who occupied one of those reserved stools! Among the original members of this esoteric community were Jack Wood, Ronnie Fleming, Malcolm Bryer, Reg Lowings ("the Duke of Highlands"), Dan Airey, Ray Crowther, Bennie Franklin and McCormick. (Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon. but it has been suggested that this Sunday morning group might be classified as an additional tourist attraction in Rhodesia).

Several members of the Club have been



prominent golf administrators. Guy Hetherington dimaxed his outstanding service to Police golf by being appointed President of the Mashonaland Golf Union for five years, president of the Junior Golf Foundation from 1961 to 1973, and Vice-President of the Rhodesia Golf Union for three years. Algy Porter became Vice-Captain of the Senior Golfers' Society and a committee member. His appointment as Vice-President of the Police Golf Club for 10 years is probably a record. Dan Airey was appointed President of the MGU for 1973-1974. Some original members of the 'Seniors' are still active at Gun Kopje, including Algy Porter, Gerry Estcourt, Alan Godwin, Franklin, Spink, Hetherington and "Duke" Lowings. Bill Buchanan had a distinguished run as Club captain.

In spite of the heavy calls on all members of the BSA Police in Rhodesia's current circumstances, the Golf Club continues to keep on its toes and flourish.

Characters

The BSA Police Golf Club has always had its characters. Primus inter pares was probably Antonio, Barman, caddy master and green-keeper — and often co-opted as chef by the hungrier members, he was respected as "a gentleman of the first order", and when he retired not so many years ago he was presented with a cheque in the lounge-bar of the present clubhouse — an emotion-charged

occasion for the older members and for Antonio.

When Jock Simpson retired, Steve Maybrooke took his place as the guide and mentor of golfing activities (and also as Club Captain), and he was followed by Guy Hetherington. Among the players and bar habitués of that period were Ken Wastie, Dr. Bill Murray, Bobby Byrne, Jack Shepherd, George Gould, Chris Paling, Piet van der Walt, Graham Rolfe. Dr. George Ross, Mr. J. S. Morris, Jack Morris, Jack Seaward, Lofty Long, Ronnie Fleming, Jack Wood. Malcolm Bryer, Doc Lawson, Bob Stoker. Gerry Estcourt, Bill Taylor, Cuth Funnell, Paddy Gilmour, Robert Paul, Slim Jones, Dick Drewitt, Frank Walshaw, Claud Milbourne, Tommy Rutherford, Charlie Cosser, Stan Hodgkinson, Charles Simpson, Jimmy Young and Tommy Thompson. Each was an individual. Some were members of the Force, others were in the Police Reserve, and some were professional men and "dose associates" of the Police.

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This review was recently published on the SA "Defence Web"

www.defenceweb.co.za, and was written by Leon Engelbrecht.



Blue and Old Gold is probably the definitive one-volume history of the British South Africa Police (BSAP) and it is unlikely to be trumped anytime soon. The text is not exactly new – a strength as well as a weakness. While allowing for the re-publication of fine out-of-print material, it may have benefitted from a 21st Century refresh. Made up of the three parts, the first two are abridged versions of the late Peter Gibbs' more comprehensive "First Line of Defence", published in Salisbury, Rhodesia, in 1972 and "The Right of the Line" in 1974. These cover the years 1889 to 1939. And there the history of the BSAP languished until Australian publisher, Something of Value, commissioned Hugh Phillips to complete the trilogy started by Gibbs. Called "The End of the Line 1939-1980", this was published in 2000.

Here, Volume I, the shortened "The First Line of Defence" covers the conquest of Matabeleland and Mashonaland, a period where the BSAP was the armed wing of Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company (BSAC) that spearheaded white settlement in what later became Rhodesia and is now Zimbabwe. It was both a chartered cavalry regiment and a private police; a combination that's not unique in the British empire: the Royal Canadian Mounted

Police is another example. In addition to accompanying the Pioneer Column, the company police's role in the Jameson Raid of 1895/6, the suppression of the Matebele uprising and the South African War (1899-1902) is well recorded and superbly illustrated. Indeed, the sheer volume of photographs in this work is a highlight in itself and provided days of entertainment. "The Right of the Line", chronicles the period after the turn of the 20th Century until the outbreak of the Second World War. The main thrust during this time is the steady transformation of a paramilitary with cavalry traditions into a small but efficient civilian police under "responsible government" rather than BSAC control. The End of the Line 1939-1980, Phillips documented the BSAP's role during and after that global conflict, the immediate post-war years, the 1965 declaration of unilateral independence – that placed many police in a difficult moral position and finally the 1966-1980 Bush War. Of particular interest in regard to the latter are the chapters devoted to the Police Anti-Terrorist Unit (PATU) and the Support Unit, the famous "Black Boots".

Clearly aimed at Rhodesiana enthusiasts and former BSAP troopers, it is an essential complement to the similarly-formatted "The Saints:



The Rhodesian Light Infantry" and "Masodja: The History of the Rhodesian African Rifles". Blue and Old Gold includes a set of Richard Hamley colour plates depicting regimental uniforms over the years as well as a comprehensive male and female nominal roll and Roll of Honour.

Blue and Old Gold – The history of the British South Africa Police 1889-1980, Peter Gibbs, Hugh Phillips and Nick Russell: 30Degrees South Publishers, Johannesburg. [Editor: On sale at *Exlusive Books.*]

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GREEN PIG

This a super novel written by Reginald Furber about the Police Reserve involved in the Bush War, with so many memories and reminiscences. Please contact Reg at Tel 011-882 2552.

I wonder how many out there know what a Green Pig is? – Ed.

THIS AND THAT

Quickest and cheapest route to Rhodesia: Cape Times Christmas Number 1895

Phil Devlin submitted a Photostat of the actual advertisement for publication. It's too long to quote the whole item, but here are some interesting prices:

Fast saloon rail coaches twice a week via the Bechuanaland route. Cape Town to Bulawayo (1st class) £32 5 4. Bulawayo to Salisbury £12 0 0.

HOCKEY GOLD

Who remembers this? Ed

From The Sunday Times
May 11, 2008.: Caught in Time: Zimbabwe win hockey gold, 1980 Moscow Olympics.
Cathy Harris

A balmy summer's morning in Moscow in 1980 turned into an unforgettable day in the history of the newly independent Zimbabwe. Liz Chase provided the pass and Pat McKillop scored the goal to seal a 4-1 victory over Austria as Zimbabwe wrote themselves into the record books as the first winners of the women's Olympic hockey gold medal. It was their first Olympic medal of any colour. Ann Grant, the captain, a 25-year-old bookkeeper from Harare, led her ecstatic side on to the podium to acknowledge the acclaim for an extraordinary triumph. Most western nations boycotted the Games in protest at the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. With the best teams out of the tournament, including Holland, Germany and Australia, the



organisers were forced to invite countries that would never have qualified. In the round-robin six-team format featuring the hosts, Poland, Austria, India and Czechoslovakia, Zimbabwe remained unbeaten.

It was a fairy-tale ending for the new African nation, but it might never have happened. Grant, sister of Duncan Fletcher, the former England cricket coach, said the invitation to compete came out of the blue. "We weren't in training, didn't have a team and hadn't a clue what to expect." The squad included the nucleus of the side that had represented Rhodesia, the former name of the country before it emerged from civil war as Zimbabwe. Hurriedly assembled, the team flew to the Zambian capital, Lusaka, en route to Moscow in a plane normally used for transporting meat. "The stench was terrible," recalled Grant. "There were no seats, so we all sat on the floor, strapped in and set off into the unknown. We didn't even have the right shoes to play on the artificial hockey surface." The fortnight in Moscow was crucial: the squad forging an indomitable team spirit as they set their sights on realising a dream. McKillop wrote herself into the history books by scoring the first goal in Olympic women's history. She was also the top scorer in the event. In the euphoria that followed, President Robert Mugabe's wife, Sally, promised every player an ox. Sandy Chick, whose identical twin, Sonia, was also in the side, said: "It took us a while to realise we'd won gold. Suddenly, everyone wanted a part of us - we were immensely proud. People wanted to know all about

Zimbabwe and we were invited to a party at the Kremlin. We couldn't believe what a thrilling experience it was. There we were, chatting to Daley Thompson, Seb Coe and Steve Ovett - it was unreal."

The Golden Girls returned to a huge welcome and were feted for months.

However, the promised oxen failed to materialise, and at a ceremony hosted by Mrs Mugabe, they were amused to receive a small polystyrene packet of meat each. The squad continued to help develop the game, but, sadly, hockey has failed to capture the imagination of the population. Purpose-built stadiums in Harare and Bulawayo lie derelict, with most people reluctant to play or unable to afford the equipment. Cultural obstacles and transport also remain big problems.

Twenty-eight years on, their triumph remains a tribute to their outstanding qualities.

Nobody who shared the joy of the players and officials could deny them their moment of glory. They freely acknowledge that they won the gold medal without competing against the best in the world, but, like many athletes in Moscow in 1980, they seized their chance.

1 Audrey Palmer. President of the Zimbabwe Women's Hockey Association from 1980 to 1995, she died last year, aged 74.

2 Linda Watson. Her pace as one of the country's top hurdlers and sprinters helped make Watson a useful utility player. Now follows swimming, as her daughter shows promise.

3 Sue Huggett. The midfielder has lived in Melbourne for 22 years and works in



accounts.

4 Gill Cowley. Lives in New Zealand with her teenage son and works for an accountancy firm.

5 Sonia Robertson. Sandy Chick's twin married Springbok rugby union player Ian Robertson. Sonia coached and umpired hockey for years before the family moved to Durban, where they own a coffee shop.

6 Sandy Chick. The Chick twins also represented Zimbabwe at basketball. Sandy was a prolific goalscorer. She left Harare in 2006, moving to Dubai and now Natal.

7 Liz Dreyer (manager). Dreyer moved to Cape Town and was head of a girls' private school.

8 Pat McKillop. After retiring from hockey in 1995, she took up golf and has represented Matabeleland. Lives in Bulawayo.

9 Brenda Phillips. Moved to South Africa in 1984 and lives in Johannesburg with her husband and two sons. She is deputy head at Roedean Junior School.

10 Maureen George. George has lived in Cape Town for more than 20 years. Works as a PA.

11 Sarah English. The goalkeeper played hockey and softball until 1986. She works as an accountant for a construction firm in Harare.

12 Arlene Boxhall. Boxhall is the youngest women's hockey gold medallist, aged 18 years and 302 days. Nobody has heard from her since 1980.

13 Trish Davies. One of the few who remained in Zimbabwe. The family farm was seized four years ago in Robert Mugabe's

land-grab. Davies works in accounts in Harare.

14 Chris Prinsloo. Prinsloo moved to Johannesburg, but works three months on and a month off in the UK as a carer.

15 Helen Volk. Emigrated to Johannesburg in 1984 with her husband and two sons. Her medal was stolen in a burglary in 1990. Despite repeated appeals, it was never returned.

16 Anthea Stewart (player/coach). Married Rob Stewart, who represented Rhodesia at diving. Their son Evan won the 1m springboard 1998 Commonwealth Games gold and world championship title in Rome in 1994. Stewart lives in Harare.

17 Ann Grant. Came from a sporting family; Duncan Fletcher is the most famous of her five brothers. She moved to Durban in 1981 and is the financial director of several companies.

18 Liz Chase. Trained as a physical education teacher and has lived in Johannesburg since 1983.

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NEW GAME

Three strangers strike up a conversation in the airport passenger lounge in Calgary, Alberta, while awaiting their respective flights.

One is a native Indian from the Sarcee Reserve; another is a cowboy on his way to Lethbridge for a livestock auction. The third passenger is a fundamentalist Arab student,



newly arrived at the University of Calgary from the Middle East .

Their discussion drifts to their diverse cultures. Soon, the two Albertans learn that the Arab is a devout, radical Muslim and the conversation falls into an uneasy lull.

The cowboy leans back in his chair, crosses his boots on a magazine table and tips his big sweat-stained hat forward over his face. The wind outside is blowing tumbleweeds around, and the old windsock is flapping, but still no plane comes.

To break the silence, the Indian clears his throat and softly speaks: "At one time here, my people were many, but sadly, now we are few."

The Muslim student raises an eyebrow and leans forward: "Once my people were few, he sneers, "and now we are many. Why do you suppose that is?"

The Alberta cowboy shifts his toothpick to one side of his mouth and from the darkness beneath his Stetson says in a smooth drawl, "That's 'cause we ain't played Cowboys and Muslims yet . . . but I do believe it's a-comin'.."

CPU STORY

FAGIN WORKED THERE TOO.

One of our tricks was to trap for Theft From Motor Vehicle merchants in the CBD. What we did was to leave a garment, "borrowed"

from the Found Property Store and usually in such a decrepit state that it wouldn't have been worth claiming – but it looked good enough if not inspected too closely – in a car with a window left open a bit. Not too much, or it made it too easy for a quick snatch. Then we would take positions round the area and keep a sharp eye on the passers-by.

Sure enough, and usually in a pretty short time, someone would spot the garment and start to suss out the area for police or other parties, including the presumed owner. The pattern developed into one man directing the efforts of one or two others until finally the bait was taken. Then the chase was on, sometimes taking a long time before the arrests were made, and curiously enough we found that we always had one accused with previous convictions and the others would be his apprentices.

Unfortunately, our trapping was stopped by the High Court, where it had been argued that we were putting temptation in innocent peoples' way. Perhaps it was the frequent appearance of the same blazer of very dubious value and ownership that caused that.

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THE SILVER THREAD

Whisper not to me of Xanadu, stately dome
of Kubla Khan

Or those ageless warriors who brighten
history's span,

I know of Omaha's grim beach and Iwojima's
sands



The fallen always cherished and whose glory
ever stands.

But I have heard of one fair land with places
as sweet dreams
Of a fairyland of beauteous charm hewn from
virgin realms,
Ah, savour Mavuradonna's heights and
Chimanimani's peace
Oh land of sweet delight and true patriot's
release.

T'is also said their strife was fair and noble
was their cause
But honour with deceit was paid and almost
without pause,
Scattered they were to far flung lands with
little worldly gain
Save for that blessed hope that once their
dear land may reclaim.

There is still the mystic silver thread that
binds this gallant band
Of comradeship, travail and ah, the
Regiment's last stand,
They say that hope still lies awake for some
eternal hour
So tarry friend for thou mayest yet still smell
such sweetest flower

S Weatherall
The Bard of Gatooma.

HOSPITAL HUMOUR

Actual entries in an Mpumalanga
hospital register:

1. The patient refused an autopsy.
2. The patient has no previous history
of suicides.

3. Patient has left white blood cells at
another hospital.
4. Patient's medical history has been
remarkably insignificant with only a 40
pound weight gain in the past three
days.
5. She has no rigors or shaking chills,
but her husband states she was very
hot in bed last night..
6. Patient has chest pain if she lies on
her left side for over a year.
7. On the second day the knee was
better, and on the third day it
disappeared.
8. The patient is tearful and crying
constantly. She also appears to be
depressed.
9. The patient has been depressed
since she began seeing me in 1993.
10. Discharge status: Alive but
without my permission.
11. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-
year old male, mentally alert but
forgetful.
12. Patient had waffles for breakfast
and anorexia for lunch.
13. She is numb from her toes down.
14. While in ER, she was examined, x-
rated and sent home.
15. The skin was moist and dry.
16. Occasional, constant infrequent
headaches.
17. Patient was alert and
unresponsive.
18. Rectal examination revealed a
normal size thyroid.
19. She stated that she had been



constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.

20. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

21. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

22. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

23. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.

24. Skin: somewhat pale but present.

25. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

26. Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.

27. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

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PUNS

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts.

In feudalism it's your count that votes.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine

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LESSON

There is an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London which used to have gallows adjacent. Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course) to be hung. The horse drawn dray, carting the prisoner was



accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like "ONE LAST DRINK". If he said YES it was referred to as ONE FOR THE ROAD

If he declined, that prisoner was ON THE WAGON

So there you go. More bleeding history.

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor". But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot they "Didn't have a pot to Piss in" & were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour - hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children and last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt - hence the saying "Dirt Poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold. (Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old".



Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "Bring home the Bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around talking and "Chew the fat".

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning & death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status.

Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "The Upper Crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up - hence the custom of "Holding a Wake".

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a

string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "Saved by the Bell " or was considered a "Dead Ringer"
And that's the truth...Now, whoever said History was boring !!!

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PUNCTUATION

An English professor wrote the words:

"A woman without her man is nothing"
on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote:

"A woman, without her man, is nothing.."

All the females in the class wrote:

"A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Punctuation is powerful

So how do you argue this point with your wife and/or partner and/or mistress? – Ed.

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also a member of the Swaziland Police.

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