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Ian Duncan - Member  
Doug McGibbon - Member  
Ashley Collings - Member  
Dick Latilla – Member  
Dave Holmes – Member  
John Hill - Member

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## **EDITORIAL:** by Glenn Macaskill

### **5695 Dave Sloman : R.I.P.**

I know that everyone will be saddened by the passing of our good friend Dave on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011. His funeral saw a wonderful attendance, including several from outside Joburg. The messages of condolence have flooded in and there are far too many to list individually. Eulogies and tributes were the order of the day, some of which are published under our normal Death Notices section. It is indeed a sad loss to our Association and we will miss his ready wit, apart from the intelligent input he has given over all these years. He was also a great help to me in compiling the Outpost over the past couple of years and I valued his well thought out appraisal of what should and should not appear. Once more our sincere condolences go to Joyce and the family. Our AGM was well attended in February and we are pleased that Barry Enslin has taken over the chair from Jock Pirrett who has done a great job during his reign and will remain on committee as Vice Chairman. Well done to both. We also have Maureen Merrifield looking after the finances, and Dave Holmes has

come back onto the committee together with new member Doug McGibbon and they will be looking after memorabilia. It is intended to publish a list of memorabilia in each Outpost issue once they've got their act together. I know they have grand ideas and plans. We also say farewell to Andy Sternsloew who handled memorabilia so well and wish him well in his move to Natal. A big plus is that Dick Glanville has again taken the long-suffering job of Honorary Secretary for what is now well over twenty years; I don't believe anyone but he knows how difficult it is. Full details of the AGM proceedings appear under Recent Events.

It is also intended to produce a list of forthcoming events in a separate column of each edition. For now the annual Curry and Rice Lunch will be held on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at the renamed Dunkeld Bowling Club and the annual dinner at the J.C.C. again, on **9<sup>th</sup> September**.

Apart from encouraging camaraderie, a major effort by the committee is fund raising for benevolence over and above the annual subscriptions. We know that certain members make donations, but now we want to encourage business advertisements and page sponsorships in the Outpost. Full page adverts are



normally R150, less for half and quarter pages and we think R50 per page would be suitable. Those who sponsor a page will be recognised by an insert something like "Page courtesy of Joe Bloggs" or whoever. Please give this thought and communicate with your editor.

All the best for a healthy and prosperous 2011.

Glenn

## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER: 10<sup>th</sup>** **December 2010**

A total of 52 attended the Xmas function including Jan Steenkamp (Plett), Biff Way (UK) and Peter Allum, the last Commissioner, accompanied by his son having driven from Carletonville.

Food, inclusive of gratuity cost R3100 and we raised R1300 in raffle - thank you Maureen - making net cost R1800, well worth the expenditure for our members at this time of year.

Thanks to all who helped pack Outposts. A task which was accomplished in fast time thanks to the enthusiasm of all concerned.

In all a memorable evening what with the lady's shoe in the gents toilet and other minor incidents. Over the months at Rosebank, regulars of the pub, many of whom I know, have passed glowing compliments on our camaraderie. On Friday, a young Afrikaner

part of a previous party crowd was referred to me.

We went outside. He identified himself as a "boerseun" and told me how emotionally touched he was to see Rhodesians gathering and the high standard of people he saw. Told me we were the proper parents of young people and we set an example to all. He only wished other adult South Africans were of the same quality. His parting words were "You people are in a class of your own"

Yours, Jock Pirrett.

Those who signed the register were:

6769 Dick Glanville, guest Debbie Enslin, 5619 Barry Enslin, WP58 Gwen Drummond, guest Annabel Seed, guest Roger Crosby, 4831 Peter & Fran Stiff, 6534 Iain & Dee Cuthbertson, V4028 Allan Lord, 5526 Phil & Robin Devlin, 2225 Harry McKinley, 23730 John Cannon, 6671 Jan Steenkamp, guest Shaun Peacock, 3393 Peter Allum, guest Peter Allum Jnr., 7184 Chris Russell, W346 Maureen Merrifield, Assoc Lorraine Rutherford, 7489 Ian & Rosalind Duncan, 5666 Dave & Marion Wright, guest Tracy Wallace, guest Marion Fick, 6382 Terry Schwartz, 6345 Dave Holmes, 22979 Mike Miskulin, guest Ruth Reed, Steve & Jean van den Heever, 7651 Dick Latilla, (5703) Judy Hankinson, 110615 Bryan Peach, 110887 John Herdman, 7038 Ashley Collings, guest Morag Willis, 5625 Biff & Netta Way, 5587 Howard & Beth Marshall, 6610 Jock Pirrett, guest Tony Carter, 6817 Keith Douche, 6904 Ian & Shirley Lawrence, 8559 Bert van der Vlugt, 110838 Jamie Demetriou, 6538 Glenn Macaskill.



## **DAVE SLOMAN WAKE: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

The church was full and many came to the wake at the Rosebank Bowls Club:

6769 Dick Glanville, 6345 Dave Holmes, 6866 Rob Clarke, 6848 Pat Condon, (5703) Judy Hankinson, 8410 Andy Stemslow, (6823) Janet Thornberry, 6382 Terry Schwartz, 7489 Ian Duncan, 9214 Ian Edwards, 7400 Bryan Rogers, 8239 John Pearson, 8272 Manie Leonard, WSO114 Geya Leonard, 7382 John Gray, 5526 Phil & Robin Devlin, 0480 Ian Bate, 6610 Jock Pirrett, 9991 Doug Brown from Howick, 5764 Pat O'Connor, 6538 Glenn Macaskill.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011: 18H00 TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH**

### **PRESENT:**

MR J C PIRRETT (CHAIRMAN)  
MR R J LATILLA (VICE CHAIRMAN)  
MR B R GLANVILLE (SECRETARY)  
MR A M FRASER (TREASURER)  
MR G A MACASKILL (PUBLICATIONS)  
MR A STERNESLOW (MEMORABILIA)  
MR B G ENSLIN (COMMITTEE)  
MS M B MERRIFIELD (COMMITTEE)  
MR A D COLLINGS (COMMITTEE)  
MR I J DUNCAN (COMMITTEE)  
and members per the attendance register.

**APOLOGIES:** Ms Sharon Wylie; Col J Redfern: J Cannon; D van Eck; D Burnett; E

Kumin; R Kenny; P Moloney; J Morland; P Allan; D James; W Crossan; A Coleman; W Hart; J Sutton.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman welcomed all "back to the Jocks" whose facilities had been unavailable due to renovations for several months. The result of the renovations was superb. The Chairman asked all to stand for the reading of the roll of honour of those branch members who had passed to higher service during the year under review. This was followed by a moments silence in respect to departed merit. Successful functions had been held during the year notably, the Regimental Dinner at which ladies and guests are welcome. The Curry & Rice luncheon together with the annual golf day. The Chairman reflected that he had represented the Branch at the unveiling of the memorial to the Force at the National Arboretum, in the UK which had included the "Rutland Braai". This Branch had donated £1000,00 to this worthwhile project. He observed that the UK Branch merited congratulations on the extended effort that had put into this huge and worthwhile project. He also commended the Rhodesia Light Infantry Association on their recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Also very well organised. Touching upon our Constitution and Trust, the former had been amended in accordance with SARS requirements and in respect of the latter, Mr Don Rowland had agreed to stand as a Trustee vice the late Dave Sloman. The Chairman reflected that the branch should be fully compliant with SARS requirements within the next four months. On the question of membership, new members present were welcomed and he stressed that such persons



should be warmly “welcomed into the fold”. The Chairman commended those who made contributions over-and-above their annual subscriptions; such enabled the association to allow less fortunate members to attend functions which they might not otherwise be able to afford. Benevolence grants had been made during the year with the Chairman stressing that each case is dealt with sensitivity and compassion although a thorough investigation is carried out to determine the worthiness of any request. Our financial affairs are sound and in a healthy state. The Chairman singled out Mr Alan Braithwaite who prints our Outpost magazines and other material virtually at cost. Additionally he thanked the Committee, particularly Andy Stemslow for his sterling efforts with memorabilia and other matters, saying that Andy is standing down on his relocation. He also praised Alex Fraser who after some 16 years service was standing down as Treasurer. The Chairman stressed the need for the Committee to be focused and diligent in their arduous tasks. The Chairman concluded that he would be standing down and, at the appropriate moment, would wish to nominate his successor. The Chairman was applauded by a standing ovation.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted his report in which *inter alia* he noted that subscriptions for the year under review had increased though interest accruals were reduced owing to the drops in interest rates. Donations had reduced, however these remained healthy. The Regimental Dinner

had realised a good profit, mostly from the result of auctions; The Curry & Rice and Bring and Braai events had rendered profits as well. Memorabilia sales had been very encouraging. Costs incurred had included a secretarial honorarium and printing/posting costs for publications had increased. The Treasurer said that the association’s investments were producing good yield. Members were encouraged to make every effort to make payments by electronic transfers rather than cash payments as banking charges for cash deposit fees are substantial. A good cost reduction had been the cessation of the credit card facility. Lastly he noted that, as usual, the annual golf day had realised a substantial profit. The Treasurer’s report was **proposed** for adoption by Roy Edwards, **Seconded** by John Hill and adopted. The Treasurer was thanked by the Chairman for his many years of loyal service and this occasioned extended applause.

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

**Chairman:** Bary Enslin **Proposed** John Pirrett **Seconded** Peter Stiff

No other nominations – Carried

**Vice Chairman:** John Pirrett **Proposed** Bary Enslin **Seconded** Andy Stemslow

No other nominations – carried

**Secretary:** Dick Glanville **Proposed** Roy Edwards **Seconded** Glenn Macaskill

No other nominations – carried

**Treasurer:** Maureen Merrifield **Proposed** Alex Fraser **Seconded** John Pirrett

No other nominations – carried

**Memorabilia:** Doug McGibbon. **Proposed** Andy Stemslow **Seconded** John Hill

No other nomination - carried



**Member** Dave Holmes      **Proposed** Dick Glanville  
**Seconded** Maureen Merrifield  
**Remainder of Former Committee proposed** en Bloc - John Pirrett  
**Seconded** Mark Doyle: Glenn Macaskill; Ashley Collings; Dick Latilla; John Hill; Ian Duncan.  
 No other nominations – Carried

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Dick Glanville reflected that for many years, the association had enjoyed the privilege of using the facilities of “The View” the Regimental Headquarters of the Transvaal Scottish Regiment. This had been at no cost to the Association. In view of this and to acknowledge our thanks for this, he **proposed** that the current Commanding Officer, Lt Col Donald Smythe and subsequent Officers Commanding be made Honorary Members of the Association. This was **seconded** by John Pirrett and carried by popular acclaim.

**CLOSURE:** The incoming Chairman expressed his personal and grateful thanks to John Pirrett for the extemporaneous manner in which he had carried out his duties as Chairman both by way of example but also of personal sacrifice and dedication to the Association. Steve Macintosh-Dona extended greetings from the New Zealand Branch and Peter Stanton brought greetings from the Selous Scouts Association. Expressions of gratitude were also addressed from the floor by way of thanks to the committee and for the publications which kept everyone in contact with one another. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19h00

Present were: 6769 Dick Glanville, 10431 Steve McIntosh-Dona ex New Zealand, 6817 Keith Douche, 8410 Andy Stemslow, 6610 Jock Pirrett, 6539 Dave McNamara, 6715 Sam McCrorie, 6017 John Hill, 5764 Pat O'Connor, 7651 Dick Latilla, (5703) Judy Hankinson, 6382 Terry Schwartz, 5526 Phil & Robin Devlin, 9790 Duncan Waugh, 5137 Don Norris, 2RR Richard Owen, 8491 Roy Tuck, WP161 Jane Tuck, 22225B Harry McKinley, 5809 Pete Stanton, 5807 Alastair Webb, 5324 Dave George from Klerksdorp, 110838 Jamie Demetriou, 110887 John Herdman, guest Neal Smith, 110615 Bryan Peach, 110926 Rob Hodgkiss, 5780 Mark Doyle, 5666 Dave Wright, 9214 Ian Edwards, guest Brian Newton, 7184 Chris Russell, 10555 Peter Hobson, 5587 Howard Marshall, V4028 Allan Lord, 7489 Ian Duncan, 5619 Barry Enslin, W346 Maureen Merrifield, Ass. Lorraine Rutherford, 19761 Neil Archer, 6345 Dave Holmes, 7038 Ashley Collings, 16496 Dennis Hammond, 6534 Ian & Dee Cuthbertson, guest G. Longbottom, 10248 Phil McMahon, 7319 Tony Glover, 15329L Dennis Osborne, 110905 Doug McGibbon, 4831 Peter & Fran Stiff, 6538 Glenn Macaskill. What a great turnout this year!

#### **MONTHLY GATHERINGS:** **14/01/2011, 11/03/2011**

Most of the usual supporters were present, and especially a good turnout back at the Transvaal Scottish on the 14th, all of whom were open-mouthed at the splendid alterations and refurbishments at the venue.



A relatively new face on the 14<sup>th</sup> was 5991 Don Joss and his wife Erica. On the 11<sup>th</sup> March Lt Col Don Smythe of the Transvaal Scottish was granted Honorary Life Membership of the Transvaal Branch of the Association and presented with a certificate of such, which he warmly accepted in the best of traditions.

22225 Harry McKinley, 110756 Chris Birtle  
8991 Ian Merrifield, 8081 Peter Francis, 6534 Ian Cuthbertson, guest Rob Jones,, guest Desmond Roux, 7670 John Sutton, 5780 Mark & Lyn Doyle, 110905 Doug McGibbon, WP422 Hilary Beck, 9271 Friik Hanekom, W346 Maureen Merrifield, 6538 Glenn & Jo Macaskill, guests Mike Bowery & Helen Arnett.

### **BRAAI LUNCHEON: ROSEBANK BOWLING CLUB 27/03/2011**

This was very well-attended despite the inclement weather. Maureen Merrifield brought 26 guests! Some 95 in all were present and assisted in the fundraising project by having a good lunch and supporting the raffle. Those who signed the register were:  
6769 Dick Glanville, 5619 Barry Enslin, 6610 Jock Pirrett, WP58 Gwen Drummond, guest Roger Crosby, guest Carol Doughty, PR Ron Doughty, 6345 Dave & Michelle Holmes, 7489 Ian Duncan, 110887 John Herdman, guest John Johnston, 6419 Clive Wheatley, 6059 Laurie Ibbit, 6817 Keith Douche, guest Tony Carter, 7651 Dick Latilla, 19761D Neil Archer, 110977 Mike Evans, 8679 Brian Goddard, guest Sandy Bean, guest Gill Hyslop, 6904 Ian & Shirley Lawrence, 6255 Jack & Fi London, (4946) Cynthia Waller, 6166 Keith Nortje, 110854 Flo de Meyer, 110758 Peter Allum, 7717 Tony Merris, 8053 Gus Albertson, 110687 Nick Sheward, guests Trevor & Carla Harvey, 5577 John Thorne, guests . Erwine and G. Bates, 7038 Ashley Collings, guest Morag Willis, V4028 Allan Lord,

### **REMINDER!!!!**

**Monthly gatherings every second Friday at the Transvaal Scottish (The Jocks). 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.**

## **NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES**

### **AUSTRALIA**

#### **Annual Luncheon**

The Annual Luncheon of the Australia Branch took place on Saturday 25 September at the City of Belmont RSL. Our guest speaker was 7682 Ian Calderwood who left the BSAP in 1973 and joined the West Australian Police



Service. He achieved the rank of Superintendent before retirement.

Ian delivered a very absorbing account of his service both in the BSAP and in the WA Police Service, particularly when stationed in the more remote areas.

Those attending were: John & Margaret Seward, Alan and Joyce McGrath, Terry & Joan Walton (Joyce McGrath's sister & husband visiting from London), Jan and Howard Martin, Rob & Laurie Gates, Lew & Joann Whitmore, Linda and Steve Martin, Betty Cilliers (Guest of Merle Howden), Merle Howden, Charles and Adele Scott, Tom Doherty, David Van Zuydam and guest (son Adam Van Zuydam), Elizabeth and Sam Williams, Rod and Brenda Blevin, Janet Capell (daughter of ex Asst Commissioner Dave Sloman now in Joburg) and her mother-in-law Cecily (her late husband was a descendent Col. Essex Capell ex BSAP Commissioner), John Savage, Bert Freemantle, Jane Van der Westhuizen (daughter of Bert Freemantle), Nick Van der Westhuizen (Bert Freemantle's grandson), Jordan Van der Westerhuizen (nephew of Jane visiting from Johannesburg), Rob Bater, Ian Calderwood (guest of Honour), Carol Clapham, Margaret Craft (guest of Carol Clapham), Dick & Helen Hamley, Kerry and Olivia

Hoadley, Chris and Dorothy Morten, Bob and Barbara Osborne, Sylvia Holborn, Dave and Joyce De Salis, Bill Johnstone, Alan Richardson (President of the City of Belmont RSL and guest of the Branch) Arthur Hutson, Fleur Blick and her husband Graham, Vivienne Hedge, Margo Morgan, Don and Joyce Bulloch, Andrew Cox 9369 (guest of Rod Bater just arrived in WA), Val Davies, Celia Parkinson and Mick & Joan Davis.

At the Annual General Meeting of the BSAP Regimental Association Australia Branch held on the 12th of March 2011 in Perth I advised the Committee that due to circumstances that I would not be standing as Secretary but was willing to be elected into the new Committee. As a result from Wednesday the 23rd of March 2011 I will be handing over my duties to the elected successor 6929 Howard Martin (E-mail [hma18841@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hma18841@bigpond.net.au)) and request that from that date on wards you refer all correspondence to him. I have known Howard since my days in Manicaland in the 1960s and subsequently here in Perth. I found him a most efficient and pleasant person to deal with. I am sure you will all afford him all the cooperation and assistance that was afforded to me. John Seward (4649)

## **QUEENSLAND NEWSLETTER**

### **MARCH 2011**

**OFC** The first gathering for 2011 took place at Toscani's at Garden City on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>



February; present were 4727 Mike Edden, 5450 Dick Howlett, 6303 Peter Nortje, 6604 John Gold and 7012 Mike King. Apologies were received from 6278 Gerry Dyer, 7432 Will Keys and Goofy Lawrence.

It was hot and humid and our thoughts were with our members and the public in North East Queensland as Cyclone Yasi bore down on the coast. For the benefit of members outside Australia, this is a big one, category 5 and the water surge could be as high as 6.2m so there is serious concern as to how much of the north will survive the next 24 hours. Nothing like this has hit Australia before.

As the world now knows, some 60% of Queensland was under water, including areas of the capital Brisbane, roughly the size of France and Germany combined and with the additional rainfall I calculated that it probably included the size of the UK and Spain as well. The damage was horrendous but the most amazing aspect was the thousands of volunteers who came to help clean up the State. One has to be proud of the efforts of so many people to support their fellows in times of trouble.

The second gathering also took place at Toscani's on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March; present were 4727 Mike Edden, 5450 Dick Howlett, 6278 Gerry Dyer, 6604 John Gold, 7012 Mike King, 7432 Will Keys, 28014Z Mike Hayes and Goofy Lawrence. We were particularly pleased to welcome Mike Hayes at this gathering as we haven't seen him for some time. Apologies were received from 5757 Ian Milton and 6303 Peter Nortje.

## HEALTH

5147 Wally Wilton has been in touch with me and reported that having spent some time in Hospital he is on the mend and full of nonsense yet again. This is good news, so too is the fact that Ian Milton continues to make progress after his ops.

## UNITED Kingdom

### **VSC Gathering**

**2nd November 2010** - A pleasant autumn evening attracted a reasonable turnout at this month's gathering taking into consideration that the London tube workers were starting a 24 hour strike at 9.00pm - probably the reason why proceedings ended a little earlier than normal. Showing their faces this month were: 4278 John **Balchin**, 4503 Derek **Humberstone**, 4735 Cliff **Rogers**, 5248 Alan **Lane**, 5507 Brian **Taylor**, 5625 'Biff' **Way**, 5662 Barry **Henson**, 5975 Mike **Abbotts**, 6479 Ted **Ayers-Hunt**, 6905 Peter **Phillips**, 7211 Peter **Biddulph**, 7359 Bertie **Cubitt**, 7407 Tony **Bradbury**, 9086 Tony **Granger** and Ian **Stuart**.

**7th December 2010** – the snow had gone but the day was bitterly cold and the evening more so. Despite this a good number of members, wives, family and guests turned out for this the Christmas Gathering. During the course of the evening our Chairman, 6905 Peter **Phillips** welcomed



everyone present, especially those who had made the considerable effort to travel long distances to attend – this included our two senior members present 4046 Ted **Galloway** and 4158 Tim **Weimer** - and wished everyone a very happy Xmas and best wishes for 2011. Following a very tasty finger buffet the usual raffle was held which raised £170 for Association funds – a special word of thanks go to those who donated raffle prizes and sold the tickets. Making up the numbers and helping to make the evening such a success were 4503 Derek and Joan **Humberstone**, 4735 Cliff **Rogers** and daughter Ariane, 4819 Brian and Jackie **Lay**, 4851 Murray and Mavis **Harrison**, 4882 Peter **Dancer** with daughters Wendy and Carol, 5248 Alan and Pauline **Lane**, 5468 Dave **Adshead** with son Christian, 5469 Dave **Grimbly** and daughter Sarah **Furia**, 5507 Brian **Taylor**, 5615 Tom and Joan **Meekin**, 5635 Dave **Riley**, 5662 Barry **Henson**, 5975 Mike and Audrey **Abbotts**, 6015 Alistair and Jean **Patterson**, 6197/7208 Keith **Addison**, 6338 Ed **Bodington**, 6360 John **Moxham**, 6514/7562 Chris **Johnson**, 6527 Mike **O'Donnell**, 6609 Parry **Jones**, 6735 Ian and Carol **Cochrane**, 6737 Mike **Coleman**, 7072 Terry and Jan **Walmsley**, 7211 Peter and Margaret

**Biddulph**, 7359 Bertie **Cubitt**, 7391 Alan **Toms**, 7407 Tony **Bradbury**, 7677 Peter **Dewe**, 7784 Stephen **Acornley**, 8086 **Anonymous** Tony **Granger** and Penny **Timmis**, 8131 Brian and Anne **Hodson**, 9270 Geraint **Jones** and Kathrin **Herbst**, **WPO 484** Carol and Graham **Mackenzie** (nee **MacIntosh**), FR 8704 Keith **Latham**, PR 32720 Kevin **Hall** and Ian **Stuart**.

**4th January 2011** – A small attendance this month, probably due to the recent Christmas and New Year celebrations and the bitterly cold weather. Despite this the following put in an appearance and enjoyed the company and a few ales: 5248 Alan **Lane**, 5469 Dave **Grimbly**, 6877 'Tich' **Burgoyne**, 6905 Peter **Phillips** and 7211 Peter **Biddulph**.

**1st February 2011** – a good turnout at this month's gathering making the evening very convivial and enjoyable. Those attending were: 4278 John **Balchin**, 4503 Derek **Humberstone**, 4735 Cliff **Rogers**, 4853 Fred **Punter**, 5248 Alan **Lane**, 5469 Dave **Grimbly**, 5507 Brian **Taylor**, 5625 'Biff' **Way**, 5662 Barry **Henson**, 5975 Mike **Abbotts**, 6001 Alistair **Black**, 6527 Mike **O'Donnell**, 6609 Parry **Jones**, 6632 Gerry **Paxton**, 6737 Mike **Colman**, 6787 Paddy **Finn**, 6883 Tim **Webb**, 6905 Peter **Phillips**, 7211 Peter **Biddulph**, 7359



Bertie and Jan **Cubitt**, 7407 Tony **Bradbury**, 8163 Robbie **Robertson**, 8338 Mal and Roz **Thurman**, 111697 Charles **Bennett**, WP 199 Lin **Robertson** (nee Shawe) and Ian **Stuart**.

**1st March 2011.** A reasonable turnout this month despite the bitterly cold weather. As always it was nice to see the usual members from the south coast. Showing their faces were: 4278 John **Balchin**, 4735 Cliff **Rogers**, 4840 Mike **Purslow**, 4853 Fred **Punter**, 4882 Peter **Dancer**, 4955 Bob **Morrison**, 5248 Alan **Lane**, 5469 Dave **Grimbly**, 5507 Brian **Taylor**, 6527 Mike **O'Donnell**, 6737 Mike **Coleman**, 6905 Peter **Phillips** and 7359 Bertie **Cubitt**.

### **The Myerscough Gathering By 4933 Rod Wilson**

Sunday December 12th. saw the 48th meeting of the North West UK group at The Myerscough Hotel for our Christmas Lunch. This meeting marked our return to The Myerscough after a take over and previous two meetings taking place there, and what a change. Whereas before, we were the largest group using this pub, now you cannot get in unless you book ahead, such is the reputation of the new landlord who comes from another pub not too far away. This is OK at Christmas time but could cause havoc at other times as we never

know how many people are going to turn up, and anyone deciding to attend on the day may or may not get a table!!. At Christmas also there was little welcome, more Hello nice to see you, sit down eat your meal and then leave so that we can serve others. Maybe that is a little unfair as it was a very busy time but if it continues in March we will certainly find somewhere else. (Fortunately I had said we wanted the tables until we were ready to go)

There has also been observations that once you have sat down at The Myerscough there is very little movement between tables in the past and would be more difficult in a crowded room so, perhaps we should be thinking of movin on. Another thing which is vexing me is that our BSAP Plaque which was fixed in the porch of the pub has been removed and mine host is saying she will look for it but I am not hoding my breath (especially in my condition)

Those attending: 4039 Ted and Muriel **Chapman**, 4549 Ken and 204504 Dot **Stanford-Smith**, 4933 (Me, Rod **Wilson**) and daughter **Andrea**, 5607 Penny **Davies**, [6314] Val Marsden, [7022] Dorothy **Walker**, and Mum Margaret **Proudfoot** and guest Betty **Harvison**, 7207 Arnold and 203679 Paula **Woolley**, 7086 Frank and Margaret **Dearden** and guest Barbara **Mercer**. 8199 Bugs and Tessa



**Moran**, 8307 Flash **Firth** and Jeanette, 9786 Lance **Combrinck** and Elizabeth..

Sorry I have mislaid the list of apologies of which there were a few and one couple got the date wrong and turned up at the pub the following week (no names no pack drill but they had not been before and there was a misprint in the Outpost) Oh yes, and Ron **Pilborough** did not turn up again! NOW, how many of you get the emails from BSAP Assn? When I was carted off to hospital Brian **Hodson** circulated the fact on the Assn. web site and it got as far as Australia as I had a message from Fred **Punter** who was there at the time and quite a few others but no one in the Myers group seems to have been informed which possibly is the reason I ran out of grapes on two days!

## NATAL

### MARGATE

The Member in Charge, 8157 Barry Woan, advises –

“ Gerry Powell, who underwent extensive heart surgery mid year, has recovered well and attended the Durban South Braai which was held a few weeks back.

My two "Police widows" Mavis De Bruin and Penny Callow work hard at keeping "us youngsters" in line and we meet most weeks for a cuppa and chat. Both are in good health.

Dennis O Hanlon who has recently joined the Association and who has run a Pub and Grill in Port Edward for many years had to contend with a fire which destroyed most of the premises.

Luckily no one was hurt and repairs were completed just before the Christmas rush. It goes without saying that the Pub is well supported by our contingent down here. Myles and Trish Cathcart-Cunnison spent a few days with us recently and loved the area so much that they are to move here in March and will be resident in Southbroom. We welcome them both to the Station.

Brian and Rose Goddard who currently reside in Rustenburg were also down here recently on a house hunting exercise and have bought a cluster right opposite Penny Callow. Brian retires next year and will be transferring his membership from the Transvaal to the Natal Association (this is a pre requisite to living within the Margate Station area).

Sakkie McKay whose wife Colleen tragically passed away a few months ago spent a couple of days at the "Woanery". He too is house hunting and is hoping to move to strengthen the Ranks soon.

The SAP Legion of Police Officials, the equivalent of our Association, has a Branch here on the South Coast. They are very interested in getting together on a social basis and to get things moving I hosted a gathering which included a group from the SAP headed by ex Major General Gert Schoeman, Peter Huson, Andy Messina, Fred Mason, Des Howse and I propped up our side. We had a



nice chin wag and will certainly organize a couple of gatherings later in the year in order to foster a good relationship amongst former "coppers"

Butch and Hilary Von Horsten have been in Australia visiting family over Christmas and should be back sometime in January."

## HILLCREST

The following letter from Jock Pirrett, Chairman of the Transvaal Branch, who paid us a visit in November and attended the Bring & Braai at Augusta on Sunday 21st of that month –

"Dear Trevor,

Have already thanked Chairman Trevor and now extend my thanks to all the beautiful people at the Augusta-Hillcrest Station braai on the 21st November. Last attended 5 years ago and that visit had special memories. Regret, had to leave on the 21st after only a couple of hours, but how special those hours were.

It was delightful to see Ben Pretorius, Allan Brent, Pete Gatland and John Lees after so many years and find that Roy Gardiner settling in well after recently relocating from the Highveld. You had 30 plus at the braai and what a lovely gathering. The old adage, strength in weight of numbers, not the case in Natal. Concern, sincerity and love for each other was evident; the people present make the day. Trevor Harvey, another Trevor-my colleague and I, thank you all for making us so welcome and wish you every success for the future.

As aye, Jock Pirrett"

## NEWS FROM CENTRAL

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## Comment

Continuing with the theme of the old Victoria District, which I touched on in my last Newsletter, I speculated there as to why the Police Station at Chilimanzi was established where it was. To this end, I contacted 4413 Dickie Cox, who was Member in Charge Chilimanzi when I first arrived in Fort Victoria, and put the question to him. He replied as follows: -

"As you may know, the married quarters were originally a court house, and it was when this function ceased that I believe the Police Station was created. This was probably done for logistical reasons – close to the railhead at Chatsworth, situated on the main road, and because of the expanding farming and mining area of Felixburg. The large area would have been an extra burden for Gutu, Umvuma and Fort Victoria." It is highly likely that the availability of an unused courthouse persuaded the powers that be that the police station should be sited



there, thus saving a few pounds in construction costs.

This would accord with the parsimonious administration of the Force when there was nothing to threaten the security of the country.

One of the characters of the South Eastern Lowveld was 2428 Joseph "Tommy" Blake Thompson who ran the Shabani Mine Recruiting Depot at Marhumbini at the junction of the Sabi and Lundi rivers in the 1950s. He was always extremely pleased to see visiting police patrols and welcomed them most hospitably. Conversely, he was always made welcome at the Nuanetsi Police Camp when he passed through en route to Shabani or to places further afield, where he generally spent the night.

### **Zimbabwe News.**

Norman Travers MC, MSM, who was a prominent farmer and a well known figure in the Marandellas and Wedza districts, died on the 18th March 2010 at the age of eighty eight. He was particularly well known as a leading Game farmer and conversationalist. During the war he was extremely active as the Chairman of the Wedza Area Co-Ordinating Committee. He established the well known Imire Game Park on his Wedza farm.

### **Mashonaland.**

The Annual General Meetings of both the Mashonaland Branch and the Central Advisory Committee were held at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Sunday the 30th May 2010.

Those attending were: - 18697X Brett Baines; 5281 Peter Bellingham; 6384 Peter Birkett; PR11997 Dennis Borra; 13945G Simon Bouchet; 7760 Rod Bowen; (4446) Lou Brough; 5608 Dave de Burgh-Thomas; 203509E Connie De Kock; 9348 Bill Edwards; 4728 Bill Ellway; 8263 Athol Estment; 8646 Andrew Field; 5917 Rod & Laura Finnigan; Guest D Flanagan, 7458 Mike Fox; 6262 Nigel Gabriel; (6583) Nora Griffin; 9491 Pat Hammond; 111038 Cliff Johnson; A9402 Gerry Kolpien; 5652 Bill Linfield; 6319 Chris Looker; WFR Pearl MacLachlan; 4394 Dave & Nella Martin; 9906 Red O'Connell; 8477 Peter Quick; 9494 Malcolm Smith; 8746 Rick Summers and (4130) Betty Wright.

Apologies were received from 7615 Tok Arnold; 5927 Maxie McDonald; P/R Pilot Ronnie Pascoe; 10107 Dave Payne; 6007 Bob Schonken; PR6215 Richard Seward; 7014 Malcolm Smith; 6029 Jamie Tennant; 7437 John Woodward and 6783 Dave Young.

Both the Mashonaland Committee and the Central Advisory Committee were unanimously re-elected for a further year.



## **Matabeleland Branch.**

The Matabeleland Branch Dinner was held on the 11th June 2010 at The Roasted Berry in the Bulawayo Suburbs, which prepared an excellent meal. Those attending included P/R Pilot Tim Cherry, 27346Y Francis Day, 4728 President Bill Ellway (Guest Speaker), Associate Gordon Geddes, John Glossop, 9499 Karl Hurry, 7435 Taffy Jones, 8766 Gordon Kent, Guest Barry Knight, 5247 Ken MacDonald, NRP John Minshul, 110711 Gus Oosthuizen, Associate Peter Rollason, 6540 Hugh Squair, Guest Rod Tourle and 961231 Tony Turner. The President, Bill Ellway addressed those attending about the history of the Regimental Association. The company was good, the evening convivial, and the event was a credit to the organisers.

The AGM of the Matabeleland Branch was held at 1400 hours on Saturday the 19th March 2011. In attendance were:

Ken MacDonald, Karl Hurry, Denise Hurry, Tony Turner, Tom Cranston, Ian Paterson, Dave Anderson, Peter Rollason, Gordon Kent, Taffy Jones, Ian Terry, Pat Parker, Margaret Learmonth, Colin Learmonth & John Glossop. The present Committee were retained in office for a further year - they being:

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

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

## **TRANSVAAL INPOST**

"I'm forwarding this on as it is noteworthy for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the flame lily the Queen wore recently. As a boy of 9, I along with other Rhodie kids gave toward the gift; I think my donation was a shilling. The year 1947. We travelled up as Fort Victoria Junior School to Gwelo to see the Royal Family passing through from Bulawayo to Salisbury on the "Royal Train". We duly waved our Union Jack flags, cheered and bowed and curtsied when King George, his wife Elizabeth and the two young princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret came off the train onto the platform. Good to see her wearing her Flame Lily, all these years later.

Secondly, later on is a report of a now Aussie, Darren Enslin, the son of Victor Enslin, who in about 1975 emigrated to Rhodesia from Kenya. They are distant cousins, being descendants of our Christoffel Bernhardus line, famous for wanting to trek to Jerusalem and called in SA history, Die Jerusalemangers. This taking place in the 1850's. The trek petered out in the grassy hills of Eldoret - which his ancestors named- and where they settled. For accuracy, the trek



was registered in the name of a Van Rensburg.

Lastly comes correspondence written to a contact in Botswana. He forwarded our interaction on to 'Grunter' who saw fit to print. So, for 20 secs or so, us Enslins coincidentally get to be exposed! So, a warning: Take care of what you say in your e-mails - you may end up in the ether!

Barry Enslin"

*This is a follow-up to the Rhodesian Services Association Newsletter of December which mentions Barry – Ed.*

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*Now this is from Barry Enslin himself as further response – how many knew he was a Springbok??? Ed.*

"Just for the record, we Rhodesians, as you will no doubt remember, distinguished ourselves at Service Rifle shooting, with Roy Edley winning in 1975, Boet Lamprecht in 1976 and '77, Don in '78. Then, in 1980 Rhodesians went to Bisley in England, missing the SA Championships. Very few Rhodesians attended the SA Championships after 1980. A Captain 'Pottie' Potgieter of the SA Defence Force won in 1980, '81, '82 and '83.

In 1984 I joined the Orange Free State Commandos and won the SA Champs. and was awarded Springbok colours. After that *Pottie, myself and four others toured to Chile, Argentine and Paraguay.*

That means that over the ten years 1974 to 1984 only two South Africans had won the SA Champs. with the other four winners being Rhodesians. Admittedly Potgieter had four wins in a row to his credit! I was proud to unseat him in '84.

Sorry to spring this on you, but your letter excited this old warhorse.

Barry."

*Well done our new Chairman! – Ed.*

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"Greetings,

Each year, as most of you know, I try to write an e-mail to all former members of the force, for whom I have e-mail addresses on my records. I have forgotten, almost, how many years I have actually been maintaining the BSA Police website, but it certainly has been an incredibly rewarding task and I have come to know so many of you. In cyberspace, that is.

The other day, someone sent me a message, and said to me that he had just discovered that I was standing next to him on parade at the memorial unveiling held at the National Memorial Arboretum in the United Kingdom. He said he wished he had known it was me because he wanted to shake my hand and thank me for the work that I am doing. Indeed, I too would have very much cared to shake his hand, simply because he is special, like most of you reading this. It is sad that when we do come face to face, it is our friendships in cyberspace, that seems to have



the greater bond. That is, until the ice is broken.

Meeting so many of you at the July functions in the United Kingdom was such a moving experience for me. There was a little embarrassment as people came up to me shook my hand and expected me to know who they were. I knew them only as faceless friends in cyberspace! The flood of new faces was overwhelming. I was now mixing with decent, honourable people with whom I share a common bond. We spoke the same language, understood the issues, and agreed sentiments. This is such a powerful alliance of old 'soldiers'. I came away from these functions wishing I had had much more time, to get to know each and everyone a little bit better. Alas this is the nature of these gatherings.

I was deeply honoured to have received a citation from the Central Advisory Committee of the Regimental Association and the appointment as an Honorary Vice President of the Regimental Association. The citation read 'in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the Regimental Association during past year'. I was certainly moved by this gesture and would like to extend my appreciation to the President and members of the Central Advisory Committee for so bestowing this honour upon me.

When receiving this citation, I insisted on making a short speech, for the simple reason that I was not alone in the work that was doing on the web. There are others who give '*outstanding service*' and work equally as hard as me and I felt they needed a mention. One

who first comes to mind is Les Burrow (9591) who generously offered to provide a website platform gratis and continues to do so today. He also gives his time to the discussion groups, along with Geraint Jones (9270) and more recently Fred Punter (4853), as moderators, both of whom I thank. Thanks too to Geoff Quick (6681) who runs the history group.

There are other 'unsung heroes' within regimental circles. We tend to forget all the *outstanding service* being done by the various honourable secretaries and the elected officials of all the Regimental Associations. We also tend to forget all the *outstanding service* put into the writing and compiling of the Outpost magazines and other newsletters by a dedicated few. I would like to name them all, but alas there are too many to mention here, nevertheless I collectively, and personally, thank them all. They have shared my vision of comradeship, they are all communicators in their own way and have done outstanding work in keeping the Regiment together. I salute you all.

Finally, to the purpose of this message: once again the festive season has dawned upon us. For some, it is this time of the year when we reflect on the year, perhaps our lives, our families and dearly departed. A few of our ilk perhaps suffer the hardships of later life, having lost their loved ones, ending up a touch lonely with empty chairs around the proverbial dinner table. Some, we must not forget, can no longer afford the luxury of a seat at that table. This is where our camaraderie as old colleagues should come to



the fore. We should all be extending a hand of help, lending an ear, and helping where we can.

The problem is...so many of us hide behind our pride, we don't want to be a burden, nor rely on old colleagues. There is no good reason to suffer in loneliness when we have been brought so closely together by technology and those hard working folk who keep the Regiment together. Our camaraderie has spread to all corners of the globe and yet the internet has managed to keep us as one. There is always a lending hand within the Regiment.

May I extend to you my most sincere best wishes for a happy and bountiful Christmas and festive season. Let us not forget those who are perhaps not as well off or connected as yourselves...spare more than a thought for them, make a call to them, e-mail them or just do the old fashioned thing, write to them or send them a card. They will value your connection.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Field - 8646**

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"Dear Dick,

Firstly, everything of the best for 2011, I hope that you have a good one. Secondly, please don't fall off your chair, as I am sure receiving this letter is going to be a very big surprise as we haven't been in touch for many a year. Thirdly, I wish to thank you and all those involved in compiling the "Transvaal Outpost", which I am receiving regularly.

Next, a little bit of news. My wife and I have just returned from Scotland having spent a wonderful Christmas and New Year with our daughter and her family, in Edinburgh. Last Monday, 3rd January, I had the pleasure of meeting up with (5639) Mike Hoggarth in Lockerbie. As Mike lives in Kendal in Cumbria and I was in Edinburgh we decided to meet up, midway between the two. Over lunch we spent a couple of hours reminiscing over "The Good Old Days". Mike's memory is a lot sharper than mine and mentioning names from the past brought up a lot of fond, and not so fond, memories for me. It was really fantastic meeting up with Mike, who I last saw over 50 years ago, and his wife Morag. Mike loaned me his copy of the DVD of the BSAP Memorial Unveiling Ceremony, and unfortunately I was unable to recognize any of those attending. Not even "Tackie" Macintosh, although there was no mistaking his voice. Last heard at Salisbury Depot in 1957. This brings me to my last point, that being to try and trace the whereabouts of other members of 2 Squad 1957. I would really appreciate it if you could pass this list down the line to see if anybody knows of, and the whereabouts of, the following: 5633



Colin Osborne - 5634 Bill Royal - 5635 Dave Riley - 5636 James McAlister - 5637 Peter Flemming - 5638 Dave Stubberfield - 5640 Adrian Brindle - 5641 Harry Bowyer - 5642 Mike Parr (He is in England and I have been in touch with him) - 5643 Derek Bell (Recently deceased) - 5644 Tim Milner - 5646 Martin Jackson - 5647 William Copley.

Once again, best wishes to the committee and all members of the Transvaal Branch for 2011.

Regards,

Nick Harrison (5645)"

*Can anyone help Nick? – Ed.*

### **Table of Three**

"Dear Squadmates

Terry Smith, Terry Schwartz and I met today at an outdoor restaurant, and sat in the cool shade of large umbrellas alongside a sparkling pool, and reminisced about 5 Squad of 1961, on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having attested in the British South Africa Police. We toasted everyone again, with *every person's name being mentioned*, this including the ladies whom we have got to know, and who support their men in such meaningful ways.

We spoke about the effect the comradeship of 5 Squad had on us in particular, and how the British South Africa Police moulded us in ways we can hardly be expected to

understand. I sometimes hear, "It is over now" or perhaps, "The past is the past, and its time we forgot about it"

The fact is, that very past made us who we are today. Each of us, even those who have turned their backs on the past, have to recognise that much of who we are today, even all these years later, is because of what we learned and went through.

Our training came to us from years of the experience of the past which in turn had moulded the instructors who trained us. I have gleaned from others, wherever they were trained, in whatever country it was, that they felt it was hard and unforgiving, and stories abound of such military training programmes, both in books as well as movies.

But there was something different, something deeply character building about the training in the British South Africa Police. There was an irrefutable logic. There was a straight path down which we knew we were being led. Dissent or rebellion was pointless, and had a bigger consequence than mere punishment. Retribution was in the knowing that you were wrong, and suffering the opprobrium of your fellow man. This dynamic did not end with our training, it was so deeply inculcated in us, that has stood the test of time.

Why do I ramble on about this? I do so because the world should not forget us. Nor should we forget who we are, or forget about each other. We are in a bigger family than we realise, and in time to come we will need each other more even than we do now.



I ask only this of you, that you value and cherish your past, and going back to 5 squad of 1961, take cognisance of the closeness we had then.

Bring it into our lives today, even if it is just in our memories.

A very happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to you all!

David Holmes 6345"

*Well said Dave! , I shall try to include photo-see last page - Ed.*

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"I was deeply shocked to have heard of Mike Lindley's passing. He, his wife and I became friends in East London when I ran a restaurant there, and in fact his daughter worked for me for a few years. When I was in the UK in 2009, Mike had heard I was visiting, and telephoned me in Haverhill, Suffolk. We had a long conversation, and I shall miss him.

Dave Holmes 6345"

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"Hi Glenn

Not sure if you want to mention in the next Outpost the fact that a raiding party from the Transvaal Branch, comprising myself, John HERDMAN and Bryan PEACH went down to Pietermaritzburg for the memorial of ex Support Unit L/Insp Mike FRANKLIN, on Friday 11 March and then went onto the Margate Association Branch gathering in Ramsgate, on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> where there was a turnout of 60 odd and a fine day was had by all. We were very well hosted by Barry WOANE down there. The three of us donated one of the numbered edition Support Unit Roll of Honour prints for their

raffle. Bars in the area were well tested on the Sunday before the raiding party returned to Johannesburg on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Regards

Doug McGIBBON"

*Well done guys! Do you have Barry's email address please? Ed.*

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"Greetings, thanks for the Outpost received today, very good comms between yourself (Dick Glanville) and Andy Sternslow, thanks for the support. Please pass on my festive/safe greetings to all. I noticed John Hill now a member on committee, I last saw him when I was in Vereeniging, early eighties, thereafter in 1987, moved to Sappi, Ngodwana, near Nelspruit, and then Maritzburg beginning 2000, did my electrical apprenticeship 1981 to 1986 with fertilizer company in Sasolburg, and then moved to places already mentioned. My last work place was PG Bison here, took early retirement June 2006, now on my own from home, doing electrical inspections for estate agents and attorney around Maritzburg/Howick/ Nottingham Road. Compliments and greetings to all. I was in support unit 1971 to 1974, left Force end 1979. All the best....

8366 RJ 'Red' Nortier"

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"Good morning Dick

Thank you for your email and nice to hear from you again.

I had a very nice personal reply from the UK Branch and shall be completing the relevant



doc's soonest. Only opened my bank account this morning as I needed a job first, in order to decide on which account I was entitled to.

I have been very fortunate in finding a 40 hour a week job as a Chef at a very lamey retirement home within walking distance of where we stay. Big career change for me but I am looking forward to the challenge. There are 2.5 million people here without jobs and many more who work vastly reduced hours. There are also 4<sup>th</sup> generation bums who choose not to work.

Our postal address for now is 22 Pigeonhouse Field, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, Hampshire, United Kingdom SO21 3NJ. This address is Olivia's daughters house, so will be able to remain after we have found our own place. We will not be moving any time soon as there is a lot of PT involved. At least here there is a reason for most things. It is so nice to phone up and not have to spell your name four times before you start any enquiry. For that matter, it is so nice to phone up and somebody answers the phone.

You will now have our email address.

And finally, my cell phone number is 00447856567443. This number applies when phoning from SA to here and includes the relevant codes.

Olivia and I truly wish everybody remaining in South Africa for the long or short haul, best wishes and above all, safety.

Yours sincerely

Robin Waller 8057"

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"Those members who served in the 50s and 60s will remember that 5157 Roger Anthony Gowan, together with other ex members, started a dream trip of sailing around the world, but this came to a sad end near Tahiti when their yacht, the "Si Ye Pambile" ran aground. Roger is still in Tahiti where he runs a successful restaurant.

Best wishes,  
Peter Bellingham"

*What a way to end up – great! Ed.*

~

"Dear Dick,

My wife, Val and I enjoyed the Braai on 27<sup>th</sup> March and particularly the chance to make new friends / renew old ties. Thank you for the team effort you organised with , hopefully, a good contribution to the fund budget too.

Regards,  
Neil Archer."

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"BSAP REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
CENTENARY

The UK branch following its successful project to create a BSAP memorial in the National Arboretum in Staffordshire has thrown down a challenge to all other branches. The challenge is to have a significant project or series of projects in 2013 to celebrate the establishment of the BSAP Regimental Association in 1913.

One idea which a few of us have had in Western Australia is that as 2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attestation of 223 recruits, in ten squads, in 1963, then a big reunion of all of those squad members would



be a significant event. In considering where to hold such a reunion South Africa would appear to be an attractive option based on the likely number of attendees, geographically easy to access from Europe and Australasia and least expensive local costs. Durban or Capetown would appear to be attractive options to hold such an event. In order for this to happen it will be necessary for each squad to locate its own members. The starting point would be for each branch to determine how many members have regimental numbers between 6826 and 7049 and for a couple of people from each squad verify the contact details of those members. The hunt would then be on for people who aren't Regimental Association members, a search of the Roll of Honour for those no longer with us, www searches etc. Consideration should also be given to expanding the reunion so that 1962 squad members who passed out in 1963 be included and also include 1964 squad members who were in Depot when 1963 squad members passed out from Depot. One huge reunion is an option as are individual squad reunions or for squads, which worked closely together eg 8/9/10/63 to have joint reunions. Advice from squads which have recently held reunions would be valuable resource eg on organisational details. It is anticipated that squad instructors across all disciplines and Depot staff would be invited to attend. The purpose of the note is to act as a catalyst to thinking and communication between people of that era.

Bob Gates 7045 Member 10/63. Chairman Australia Branch"

*Any ideas from our members? Starting now for an event is not too soon because of all the research needed. Ed*

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"Dear Rob

Thanks for your message.

I am happy to place this kind of material onto the website to attract attention - and will do so this week. I also have the capability of disseminating this type of message to all of those who have registered with me on the website, nearly 1,400 former members and reservists, worldwide, who may be interested, although I try not to send much more than a couple of messages a year. Perhaps a little too early for this now, but towards any eventual function please bear this in mind. With respect to tracking down members of your squad, this has been an ongoing interest of many former members and hopefully the work which goes into the maintenance of the 'international' database will assist in this cause. I do feel, however, that there could be a lot more feedback to the database project from Hon Secretaries. I know, with respect, that certain of you feel obliged to maintain your records in confidence... the data protection legislation being quoted... but in all honesty the maintenance of a confidential international database of former members is truly in line with the 'cause' and will actually service the needs of Hon Secretaries from time to time. I maintain the database in



confidence to those who choose to contribute to it.

With best wishes,

Andrew Field - 8646

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## DEATH NOTICES

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

### 5695 David John Sloman

It is with a sense of great sadness and one of profound loss that I have to report the death at 4am on 4th January 2011 in Johannesburg of 5695 David John Sloman after a lengthy fight with cancer; a fight which never dampened his spirit neither did it ever lessen his keen sense of duty towards the Regimental Association.

Dave was the immediate past Chairman of the Transvaal Branch, a role he fulfilled for many years with dignity, ability, tact and dedication. Right to the time of his death, Dave maintained a "watching brief" on all matters BSAP and never lost his keen but dry sense of humour.

He attested on 10th April 1957 retiring with the rank of Assistant Commissioner from CID Headquarters on 1st May 1983.

Dave will be very greatly missed, he was a source of inspiration and was always ready with sound advice whenever called upon.

Our deepest sympathies go to Joyce and his family both here and in Australia .

### TRIBUTES

As Branch Secretary, it was an honour and pleasure to work with Dave, foremost as Chairman and also simply as a friend and member of the Association. Dave embodied and epitomised all that the Regimental Association espouses. Quite simply we are a family and Dave filled the role as "Father" of that family with aplomb. In all the years that Dave was a member of the Transvaal Branch he never missed a Regimental Dinner excepting that which occurred in 2010 when he was simply unable because of his affliction. He was terribly upset at not being present and on more than one occasion implored me to tender his abject apology at what he felt was a dereliction of his duty. Even when so bravely fighting the terrible scourge of cancer, Dave never lost interest and regularly I received news from him or he would enquire as to the various "goings on" and the affairs of the Association. He was a total inspiration. I spoke to him on the phone quite recently and the inevitable "Sloman Chuckle" still permeated through. He was stoic to the end. We salute you Dave and I'll surly miss your wise council and, above all, the friendship.

Dick Glarville



Although we lived far apart, Dave Sloman was such a big part of my life. It will be strange not to be able to exchange regular emails or talk to him on Skype. We shared the same background, career, interests and sense of humour (which he had in spades).

I first met Dave in about 1961 when we both served in Special Branch, Bulawayo. Through getting to know him I learnt that he had led quite a sheltered life up until leaving the UK to join the BSAP. I believe his parents were quite strict and old fashioned. I wouldn't say he was especially religious then but I think he had been brought up to read his bible. The barrack room atmosphere of the Police Depot must have been an eye opener for him. However, he took it in his stride and very soon was indistinguishable from the rest of us reprobates

Dave was very diligent, meticulous and professional in all that he did. He was ideally suited to intelligence work, having a quick and enquiring brain. This serious side of his nature was well complemented by his sense of humour and he never took himself or life too seriously. In our early days he designated himself, me and other colleagues with the Signals suffix "POL", hence SloPOL, GilPOL etc. If he phoned you from another location and you answered, he would often say, "Let me speak to a European, please" (very un-PC now, I suppose).

After we both left Bulawayo our professional lives didn't cross very much (although I do remember contact with him during operations in the bush). I left Rhodesia in 1977 and Dave stayed on and achieved high rank (richly

deserved). After he moved to South Africa and joined IBM he visited me and my wife in Scotland while he was in Europe on business. I appreciated it very much that he took the trouble to come all the way to Scotland. I was not happy in my job in Scotland and Dave's visit was like a breath of fresh air for me.

He was a good, kind and honourable man, the best kind of friend anyone could have had and for me a great privilege to have known him. I can think of only a few people whose deaths have affected me so much and one of them is Dave. May he rest in peace. Dave was so well respected, admired and liked by all who knew him. He was a credit to himself, the Police Force he served so finely and to the country that bred him. He will be sorely missed.

Raoul Gilbert

*There have been so many others, too many to publish, including one from PK Allum and one from Dave Blacker – Ed*

### **6180 BARRINGTON SINCLAIR EARNEST (BARRY) BENNETT**

Barry died from a heart attack on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at his home in Pretoria. He served from July 1960 until 1970. Barry was in squad 5/60 and joined from the UK. He was a fine sportsman in his day. Barry had been struggling with emphysema for some time and was using oxygen to survive.

### **6550 Edward Henry (Ted) Fee**



He died at Wentworth, West Sussex on 25/12/2010. He served 18/12/61-8/7/69, leaving SB with the rank of DSO. We were not advised of the cause of death and have no further details.

### **4346 Terence Cottam**

We have received the sad news of the death of Terence Cottam in Auckland on Monday 24 January 2011 from an inoperable brain tumour. Terry was born in April 1928 and served with Palestine Police in 1947 before joining the BSAP in 1948. He then served as a P.c. in Kent from 1952 to 1955 before joining the NRP in April 1955. He served in the Eastern province and left the force as Senior Inspector in 1961. He emigrated to New Zealand where he joined the New Zealand Police Force and retired as a Detective Senior Sergeant in the CIB after twenty four years of service.

### **MRS Renee Finegan**

With regret we advise of the death of Renee Finegan, widow of the late 5505 Patrick (Pat) Oliver Finegan ex BSAP Umtali and Harare, last night in Durban 02/01/2011. Renee was the sister in law of Ian Bate, RLI.

### **8709 Michael Gordon Franklin**

We advise the death of Mike on 2 February 2011 in the United Kingdom. Mike served in the BSA Police between December 1971 and May 1982 when he retired with the rank of L/Inspector. He served in the Matabeleland districts before joining Support Unit. Mike was a keen tennis player and took part in force championships. He was a member of the Natal Branch. Mike's profile is on Facebook, for those who may wish to pay tribute or pass on condolences to Janine and family.

### **7460 Ronald Charles Good**

Regret to advise of the passing of UK member Ron Good of cancer in Poole Dorset on 25 February 2011.

Ron served 15/10/65 to 01/05/70, leaving as a Patrol Officer.

### **10033 Eric William HOWARD**

We regret to advise the recent death of Eric Howard in a road traffic accident after suffering a heart attack near Bronkhorstspruit Dam, South Africa on 25 December 2010.

Eric served from 1 April 1977 to 31 December 1979. Condolences to his wife Charmaine.

### **4228 Anthony Michael Hubbard**

It is with deep regret that we have to advise that Tony Hubbard died in Cape Town on about the 31st January 2011. He died from a



heart attack following a road accident. His wife was hospitalised in Cape Town recovering from injuries received in the road accident. A memorial service was held at Nazareth House, Harare, on 8th February.

### **PR 24637 Charles Frederick Kemp**

Regret to advise the sudden death of the above at home in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, UK from heart attack on 17th February 2011.

He served in the Police reserve from 1964 to 1981 and was a member of the UK Branch.

### **Ida Lardant**

We regret to advise that Ida, widow of 3201 'Ginger' Lardant and member of the UK Branch, died peacefully at Deal, Kent on 17/10/10.

### **5539 Andrew Learmonth**

It is with great sadness that we advise the death of Andrew Learmonth (5539). He passed away on 4th February at 04h55 at the Benoni Hospice (Johannesburg), after a long and difficult battle with prostate cancer. We attach a notice of his service, which he asked to be forwarded on his death.

Served from 1956 to 1967 in Bulawayo where he met his wife Gisella. Andrew was born in Penicuik in Scotland and was a friend of William Watson, now deceased, who joined the force 1 month after Andrew. His wife Gisella and 2 daughters, Sonja and Laura moved from Rhodesia to the Transvaal in 1973.

### **5312 Michael Edward Lindley**

It is with great regret that we advise of the death of Mike from cancer, in Nottinghamshire, UK, on the morning of 12th February 2011. Mike, who will be fondly remembered by many as an Equitation Instructor, served from 1954 to 1978 retiring as a C/Supt. He was valued as a member, and keen supporter, of the UK Branch. He had battled with his health for many years, enjoying some periods of respite, but eventually succumbed.

Mike joined the BSA Police in December 1954 after having served for a period in the Metropolitan Police as a cadet. He was posted to Victoria Province where he served on various stations before returning to depot as an equitation instructor. Mike was later posted to the Midlands and was promoted to Inspector in 1966 taking command of Reddiff station at the time. Shortly thereafter he became involved with the administration of Police Reserve. He was commissioned in July 1973. Mike retired from the force in April 1978 with the Rank of Chief Superintendent. He went into the security consulting business



in Bulawayo, before eventually emigrating to South Africa and later the United Kingdom.

1982 passed away from pancreatic cancer in Harare, Zimbabwe on 22 Jan 2009.

### **Chief Justice Hector Macdonald**

He passed away on 30th January, in Rondebosch, Cape Town, at the grand old age of 95. He had an amazing career, a man of great legal intellect who served Rhodesia with great courage and integrity through very difficult times. He leaves his his daughter, Jean, in Australia, Ian in Kwa Zulu Natal and Bruce in Cape Town, and their families.

### **6431 Ian William Penfold**

It is with regret that we advise the death of Iain Penfold, a member of the UK Branch of the Association. Iain died at Truro, Cornwall on 23/1/2011 from respiratory problems, following an earlier operation. He served 3/7/61 - 1/7/70, leaving with the rank of SO.

### **Jean Cameron McKinley**

She died on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. She saw war service with the WAAF in UK and Germany 1943- 46. She also served as Secretary at BSAP General HQs Salisbury 1964-66 and with the Police Field Reserve in the Lowveld (Bikita Dist Ft Victoria) from 1968 – 74. Jean also worked as a shorthand typist in 1958 at Army HQs King George VI Barracks Salisbury, and she was sent to Blantyre to work in the Operations Room during the emergency in Nyasaland. Lovingly remembered by her husband Harry, one of our members.

### **P/R 19566 Norman Albert 'Skip' Rausch**

We regret to advise the death of Skip Rausch, a member of the UK Branch. Skip died over the weekend 10-13 December at his home in London, where he lived alone. Cause of death not yet known. Skip was 89 years old and served as a Police Reservist from 1972 to 1980.

### **9514 Craig Alexander Robert Beaton MacRae**

For the record we advise that Craig who served in the BSAP from Dec 1975 to Mar

### **FR8940 Adam J Reyneke**

Kevin Reyneke advises that his father Adam J Reyneke (R8940) passed away on the 1st of January 2011, aged 81. Adam was very active during the '64 riots in Bulawayo and represented Rhodesia/Zimbabwe in both Bisley and Service shooting since the late 60's up until the mid 80's and is, as far as I am aware still the holder of an 'unofficial' world record in Bisley (because of UDI it was not recognised) getting 496 out of a possible 500



against South Africa in the early 70's. There is an article in the April 1971 edition of Outpost. There is a photo of Adam Reyneke in Blue and Old Gold of him and the team which he never got to see, unfortunately.

### **6209 Ian Trevor Rule**

Regret to advise the death of the above on 22/2/11 at Southend-on-Sea UK after a long battle with cancer. Ian served 1960-1984 leaving as D/P/O. He later, amongst other things, went crocodile farming in the lowveld before heading to the UK.

### **6441 Brian Reginald Stevenson-Baker PMM**

It is with regret that we advise the death in London on 16 October 2010, of Brian Stevenson-Baker, a member of the UK Branch of the Association. He died of a heart attack. Brian served 31/7/1961 - 21/8/1983, retiring with the rank of Chief Superintendent.

### **9324 Frank Stober**

He passed away on the 3rd December, 2010 after a number of weeks in Hospital. Frank served 01/10/74 to 30/06/78 leaving as a L/Insp (T). Prior to that he had served in the A Reserve.

### **6057 Michael John (Mike) Tasker**

He died at Borrowdale Trust Hospital, Marondera, on 20<sup>th</sup> January as a result of a stroke suffered last Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mike had not been well for some time. Condolences go his family.

### **7217 John Dill Tedford**

Steve Acomley advises, with regret, the death of John Tedford on 2 January 2011 in Australia. John previously served in the Northern Rhodesia Police before joining the BSA Police in December 1964. He was a district man for most of his career, stationed mostly in Matabeleland. He served until January 1981, when he retired with the rank of Inspector.

### **4738 Raymond Horace George Walker**

He died peacefully at his home in Swainsthorpe, Norfolk UK on 21/12/2010. Ray served 4/6/51 - 3/6/61 retiring with the rank of D/Sgt.

### **7370 John Graham Weeks**

We regret to advise the death of John who passed away on 10 January 2011 in Mutare, Zimbabwe following a fight with cancer. John served in the BSA Police between July 1965 and October 1969, when he left the service with the rank of Section Officer.



## Denise Munnion Letter: 15/12/10

Dear Dick,

A heartfelt thank you for the wonderful support and kindness from the BSAP; I received hundreds and hundreds of messages, letters and cards expressing such love and sympathy for my precious Chris. It is taking me forever to thank everybody but be assured that each and every one means so much to me and certainly helped me through the first weeks of utter sadness.

Unfortunately I do not have an email address for John Pirrett who wrote a very touching letter to me on behalf of the BSAP Regimental Association. Please be kind enough to pass this message on to him.

It was wonderful that you came to Chris's party/wake to celebrate his life. I always knew that I was married to someone very special. He was highly regarded as a foreign correspondent and working journalist, had a brilliant brain, a quick wit and best of all kept us all laughing. I married him for the latter and we did just that throughout forty years of a very happy marriage. We had so much fun, travel and adventure and sadly there was still so much to do. The obituaries in the foreign press were exceptional tributes to him. They were in The Daily Telegraph, The Times, The Scotsman and The Zimbabwean. Such a travesty that a person has to leave this earth to be appreciated and recognised.

Chris leaves a huge void in my life but I have wonderful and happy memories. The reality of it all is taking time to come to terms with. I keep my sanity by going to gym, playing tennis, walking the dogs and being social. Of

course there is dreadful admin and paperwork to deal with which I was not born to do but am on a huge learning curve!

Thank you for your friendship.

Love from,  
Denise

## ARTICLES, BOOKS, ETC

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR 1899-1902 BATTLES AND SKIRMISHES INVOLVING THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE WARMBATHS 3 SEPTEMBER 1900

by

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After the occupation of Pretoria by British Troops in July 1900 the Boers scattered to the east and the north where they re-grouped and made plans for future operations. In order to contain them, and with a view to finalising the war, Lord Roberts instructed elements of his army to move north along the line of rail from Pretoria to Pietersburg<sup>1</sup>.

After a number of minor skirmishes, on 22 August 1900, Major-General Robert

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<sup>1</sup>Now named Polokwane.



S.S.Baden-Powell and his column<sup>2</sup> made a rapid, 35 kilometre, march across the waterless Springbok Flats, from Pienaar's River station to Warmbaths station<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Baden-Powell's force consisted of 450 men of the Rhodesian Brigade under General Plumer (Rhodesia Regiment, Protectorate Regiment and British South Africa Police), 250 men of the Bushmen Brigade under Colonel Nicholson (New South Wales Bushmen, Victorians and West Australians and Queenslanders), 250 men of Colonel Hickman's Yeomanry Brigade (Wiltshire, Montgomeryshire and Tasmanians), and 12 guns of the 38<sup>th</sup> Field Battery (Royal Artillery), Royal Canadian Artillery, 1 Battery and 1 Section 1 x 1lb Maxim. Details can be found in Lord Roberts papers, Vol 50, in A1643, National Archives, Pretoria.

<sup>3</sup>Warmbaths was known then by the local Africans, and is now named, "BelaBela" (pronounced "BeelaBeela") which means "always boiling" or "boils by itself". The first Europeans to see the hot water baths there were Jan Adrian Grobler and Carl van Heerden who laid out the farms Het Bad or De Bad, and Roodepoort. Warmbath's was only proclaimed in June or July 1904 after the original township, Hartingburg, had been de-proclaimed. Hartingburg encompassed the farms of Het Bad 1793, Noodshulp 329 and portions of the farms Roodepoort 2148 and Turfbult 2125,

There Baden-Powell met advance elements of the Boer column under General Christian de Wet, from the Free State, as it was making for Buiskop Pass<sup>4</sup>.

Warmbaths was not then a village, it was a railway station lying a short distance east of Hartingsburg, the border village of the Waterberg.

At Warmbaths station the railway line turned sharply east, leading on to the village of Nylstroom. The wagon roads branched at Warmbaths, one followed the line of rail to Nylstroom and the other headed north west through Roodepoort Pass<sup>5</sup>.

The Boer column, about 3,000 strong with 8 guns, was attacked and broke into three sections. Part of the Boer force was pushed west from Buiskop into Roodepoort Pass where they were shelled by the pursuing British forces but, as night was closing in, and the British horses were exhausted, the best

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was originally proclaimed on 11 December 1882 and consisted of 150 erven but on 8 July 1904 only two people were living in the township. See LD848, National Archives, Pretoria, for a short history of Warbath's.

<sup>4</sup> The road passed to the north of the prominent kopje, Buiskop, named after the Boer explorer Coenraad Buys who had, apparently, been beleaguered on the kopje many years before.

<sup>5</sup>Named after the farm it was situated on.



that Baden-Powell could do was to send some infantry to hold the ground to the front of the passes at Buiskop and Roodepoort. Camp was made at Warmbaths station where there was a large and comfortable hotel.



### Photo 1: Warmbaths Station Hotel

Several Boer officers had been captured and, during the night, 141 British prisoners escaped and re-joined Baden-Powell's force. The following day, 23 August 1900, Baden-Powell moved north and found the Boer rear-guard holding Buiskop. He attacked the Boer positions but made slow progress, and, that night, pulled back, encircled the kopje, and marched to a spot 27 kilometres along the

Pietersburg road, in the vicinity of Middlefontein farm.

This move surprised the Boers who withdrew two commando's that had been ordered up to reinforce Buiskop.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> Baden-Powell's column occupied Nylstroom where he called on General E.R.Grobelaar to surrender but, before this could take effect, Baden-Powell was instructed to re-join Major-General A.Paget at Warmbaths, which he did on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

En route to Warmbaths station Baden-Powell passed the Free State laager and he called on de Wet to surrender, but to no avail.

On 29 August 1900 Baden-Powell handed over his command to Brigadier General Plumer and he travelled to Cape Town where he commenced the organisation of the South African Constabulary (SAC).

Nothing of note occurred in the Warmbaths area until 1 September 1900 when a party of 40 men, looking for cattle, were ambushed by Boers on Zwartkloof farm, west of Hartingsburg. Two Australians, Lieutenant G.G.E.Wyly and Private J.H.Bisdee<sup>6</sup>, were later awarded Victoria Crosses for their valour in this action.

At 1.30am on Monday 3 September 1900 the Boers came out of hiding and destroyed the railway and telegraph line 11 kilometres south of Warmbaths station. Two hours later a

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<sup>6</sup>Wyly's VC was gazetted on 23/11/1900 and Bisdee's on 13/11/1900.



train carrying supplies and reinforcements was derailed at the spot<sup>7</sup>.

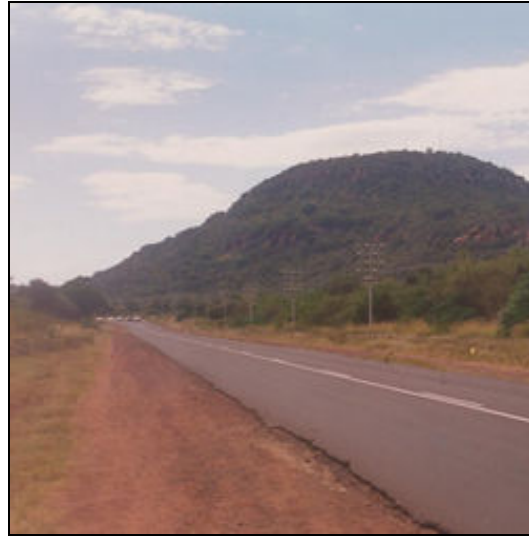
The OC troops on the train immediately sent forward a messenger who arrived at Warmbaths at 5am. Paget sent back reinforcements and the OC was instructed to entrench himself.

At about the same time the Boers attacked the British camp at Warmbaths shelling the British positions with a 4.7" howitzer from the direction of Buiskop.

Fifteen minutes later a squadron was sent out to reconnoitre Buiskop and found that it, and the heavily wooded ridge stretching to the south east of it, had been occupied during the night by Boers.

As the British troops moved forward to engage the Boers a number fell, wounded, and Dr Cradock Fry of the Imperial Yeomanry (IY), and his orderly, started attending to the casualties.

Although Fry and his orderly were clearly identifiable as Red Cross the Boers opened fire on them and captured them.



### ***Photo 2: Buiskop***

Fry had to take off his brassard<sup>8</sup> and wave it at the Boers to prevent them from killing him. At 6am the British 5" guns opened up on the Boer howitzer which had been firing indiscriminately at maximum range, without having any effect.

This forced the howitzer to move, but it opened fire again later, in conjunction with a field gun and a small mountain gun.

The British squadron retired from Buiskop at about 9am and the Boers advanced against Warmbaths station through the thick bush from the east. They opened up a heavy fire on the station buildings, but they did not press ahead with their attack and retired.

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<sup>7</sup> A short train consisting of an engine and two carriages bringing up a company of the West Riding Regiment was derailed.

No injuries were caused by the derailment but two or three men were badly bruised.

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<sup>8</sup> Cloth band worn around the arm, in the doctor's case, a white band with a red cross on.



Desultory firing was kept up by the Boer guns and snipers all morning but at 1pm a determined attack developed through flat land and cultivated fields to the west of Warmbaths station, just north of Hartingsburg.

The Boer Krupp and Maxim gun covered the attacking Boer forces but, to the north of the fields lay Roodepoort farm and her kopje's which curved to the east, and then south, in a half moon from the highest point.

The highest kopje, overlooking the road through Roodepoort pass to the south, and the road to the north of the kopje, was defended by the two 7lb RML mountain guns of the British South Africa Police (BSAP) under Captain Hoel Llewellyn, supported by a company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Munster Fusiliers.

The BSAP quickly located the Krupp and the Maxim brought up by the Boers on that flank and concentrated fire on them.

At the same time Paget sent out two guns of the 38th Battery, and two companies of the RMF. Keeping up a continuous and heavy cross fire on the Boer guns forcing their withdrawal and the attack was repulsed.

Several Boers were killed, including Commandant Piet Coetzee and a Field Comet. Seven or eight others were wounded.

The Boers now took up positions to the north of the BSAP and RMF positions, behind large kopje's forming a ridge running east to west from the main northern road, where they were hidden from view, and from the fire of the British 5" and mountain guns.



**Photo 3: 7lb RML Gun**

Once more the Boers opened fire on the British positions.

For an hour practically all the Boer artillery fire was concentrated on the BSAP position on Roodedpoort farm, overlooking both passes.

No less than fourteen shells fell within a metre or two of the BSAP gun emplacements, while three successive shells pierced the traverse constructed to protect the guns and, although they laid it flat, by some miracle the shells did not explode. 588 Bombadier John Finan (BSAP) was, however, mortally wounded during the bombardment.

In the afternoon the Boer guns were silenced but they kept up long distance rifle fire until after dark.



British casualties included seven men wounded and five, including Dr Fry and his orderly, captured

The break-down train arrived on 4 September and, when the line was repaired, steps were taken to remove the engine which was successfully completed by 9pm on 9 September and Paget was able to retire to Pretoria.

His force reached Pienaar's River station unmolested the following day and, in spite of the recent British successes, for the time being, Warmbath's station reverted to Boer control.

## THE SEARCH FOR THE KOPJE

It is all very well researching a military event but one can never fully understand the situation unless one actually sees the lie of the land. As a consequence I started visiting the Warmbaths area to try and find the gun site.

Locating Buiskop was no problem because the kopje is distinctive, and is still known by that name, but finding BSAP kopje was a totally different story. Warmbaths lies on the southern edge of the Waterberg which is a hilly and mountainous area, and to accurately place BSAP kopje was very difficult.

Fortunately, at this time, a BSA Police colleague of mine, resident in Zimbabwe, Brian Taylor, who was researching Hoel Llewellyn (BSAP gunnery officer) requested information concerning the battle. Brian, very kindly, supplied me with copy of a battle map which had been drawn after the event by someone involved in the battle.

The map was, obviously, not completely accurate, but it showed a very distinct farm boundary line (lower right hand corner of drawing, enclosing the military camp) which I was able to identify as belonging to Bospoort (2121)<sup>9</sup> farm. The topography indicated on the map seemed to match somewhat closely a section of the 1:50 000 map of the area (2428C Warmbaths) so I commenced a frustrating and lengthy kopje dambing exercise in an attempt to identify the British positions.

<sup>1</sup> The farm number referred to is that taken from the ZAR farm survey lists which were used extensively by British Military Intelligence during the Boer War. Roodepoort farm, much subdivided, is today 467 KR, Bospoort is 450 KR and Buiskop is 464 KR.

Unfortunately, although I spent some pleasant week-ends camping and hiking in the area, I did not find the positions so I was convinced that I was looking in the wrong area.

Then, on the 17th of April 1999, I received a letter from Cliff Rogers in the United Kingdom. Cliff, also a former member of the BSAP, had developed an interest in the history of the force and very kindly perused some of the telegraphic records of the time concerning the battle. He advised me that General H.C.O. Plumer had telegraphed Lord Roberts that the Boers had opened up on the BSAP position which was "on our left".



Well, if they were on the left, and the main camp was at the Warmbaths Station, then there could only be one area where we could look, Roodepoort Farm (2148).

The following day, 18 April 1999, I climbed the line of kopjes and found evidence of British military positions, identified as such by tin ration cans. To the north-west, on the crest of a hill overlooking the modern dam and main road to the north west, (spot height 1254), I came across the dry stone gun emplacements, and the wagon road used to transport the guns. I had found BSAP Kopje at last.

I sketched the emplacements, took photographs and found some .303 doppies<sup>10</sup>. The old wagon road from the summit winds down to the foot of the hills on the south side of the kopje and joins the old road from Warmbaths station. This road no longer skirts the western side of BSAP kopje because it is covered by the new dam formed from the waters of the Buffelspruit. On Sunday 18 July 1999, again with the permission of the owner of the property, Steve McIntosh-Dona (BSAP), his daughter Jade, and I, went back to the site and recovered part of a horse-shoe and another doppie. We also marked off and measured the northernmost emplacements and later walked some distance over the area looking for other emplacements and finding iron age kraal walls.

The significance of the find cannot be underestimated. It is, in the first place, a

living link between present members of the BSAP and their turn-of-the-century colleagues, and in the second place it is a rare example of a virtually pristine Boer War military position.

I hope that it will continue to remain undisturbed, a memorial to the BSAP.

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*Well done and thanks John! Ed*

## BOOKS

### **In the Shadow of the Tokolosh by Conrad K.**

This new book has come on line and is dedicated to:

The Forgotten Men of the RAR, RLI, BSAP (claims we were the best in the world) and Territorial Battalions. The book is marketed on line by [www.Amazon.co.uk](http://www.Amazon.co.uk) and will be delivered within two weeks of confirmation of order.

A brief overview of the book can be found on YouTube - In the Shadow of the Tokolosh.

The video includes the song "Whistling Troopie" by John Edmond and a critique by Chris Cocks.

Interested readers can contact [silverlinginspired@gmail.com](mailto:silverlinginspired@gmail.com) for more



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## **Shred When Read**

**by Michael Bowery**

Michael is now an associate member  
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## **THIS AND THAT**

Your editor bumped into 6354 Derek  
Bothwell, up from the Cape, and he send his  
kind regards to everyone who knows him  
here. His telephone number is 021 8670679.  
Feel free to give him a call.

## **CONFUCIUS DIDN'T SAY**

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be

patient.

Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to  
undoing of fly.

Better to be pissed off than pissed on.

Lady who goes camping must beware of  
evil intent.

Squirrel who runs up woman's' leg will  
not find nuts.

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to  
conclusion.

Man who runs in front of car gets tired,  
man who runs behind car gets  
Exhausted.

Man who eats many prunes get good  
run for money.

War does not determine who is right,  
it determines who is left.

Man who fight with wife all day get no  
piece at night.

It takes many nails to build a crib, but  
one screw to fill it.

Man who drives like hell is bound to get  
there.

Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.

Man who live in glass house should  
change clothes in basement.

Man who fish in other man's well often  
catch crabs.

Finally CONFUCIUS SAY. . .

"A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a  
Tiger Wood!"



## 6 DEGREES OF BLONDE

### FIRST DEGREE

A married couple were asleep when the phone rang at 2 in the morning.

The wife (undoubtedly blonde), picked up the phone, listened a moment and said 'How should I know, that's 200 miles from here!' and hung up.

The husband said, 'Who was that?' The wife said, 'I don't know, some woman wanting to know if the coast is clear.'

### SECOND DEGREE

Two blondes are walking down the street. One notices a compact on the sidewalk and leans down to pick it up. She opens it, looks in the mirror and says, 'Hmm, this person looks familiar.' The second blonde says, 'Here, let me see!' So the first blonde hands her the compact.

The second one looks in the mirror and says, 'You dummy, it's me!'

### THIRD DEGREE

A blonde suspects her boyfriend of cheating on her, so she goes out and buys a gun. She goes to his apartment unexpectedly and when she opens the door she finds him in the arms of a redhead.

Well, the blonde is really angry. She

opens her purse to take out the gun, and as she does so, she is overcome with grief. She takes the gun and puts it to her head.

The boyfriend yells, 'No, honey, don't do it!!!'

The blonde replies, 'Shut up, you're next!'

### FOURTH DEGREE

A blonde was bragging about her knowledge of state capitals. She proudly says, 'Go ahead, ask me, I know all of them.'

A friend says, 'OK, what's the capital of South Africa?'

The blonde replies, 'Oh, that's easy: SA.'

### FIFTH DEGREE

What did the blonde ask her doctor when he told her she was pregnant? 'Is it mine?'

### SIXTH

### DEGREE

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burgled. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime.

The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio, and a Dog unit, patrolling nearby was the first to respond.

As the officer approached the house with



his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps. Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, 'I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send me a BLIND policeman.'

*Hope you all had a laugh – Ed.*

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