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Cover Picture: Ian Douglas Smith with Police Rugby Captain, Tome Naude, and the son of Fred & Barbara Hurst. Fred was a Police Reservist and rugby coach. Rhodesia Herald (David Paynter) 9.6.1965

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

There is a belief that when anything untowards happens, it usually does so in threes. Regretfully this certainly proved to be the case recently. Since the publication of our last magazine in June 2010, the deaths of three prominent Rhodesian Security Force officers occurred within the space of three weeks.



On 20 July, I learned of the death of Lt General Peter Walls. He died at George Airport where he suffered a fatal heart attack. General Walls (who desired to be known in the Association simply as "Peter") was a former member of the Transvaal Branch and was immensely proud of his membership of the Regimental Association. The Transvaal Branch of the Association represented the BSA Police at a Memorial service held for General Walls in Johannesburg.

A further death occurred on 3 August when Air Marshall Norman Walsh died at his home in Queensland, Australia at the age of 77. A former Director General Operations of the Rhodesian Air Force from 1978 to 1980, he was later appointed the first commander of the Air Force of Zimbabwe.

A week later I was saddened to hear of the death of Lt. Col. Ron Reid-Daly on 9 August. Ron had been ill for a number of years. Tom Thomas (ex- BSAP) and Chairman of the Selous Scouts Association did an excellent job of arranging the memorial service for Ron at the Kelvin Grove Club, Newlands, Cape Town. The service was very well attended demonstrating the high esteem in which Ron was held by many people. The BSA Police was represented by several members of the Western Cape Branch of the Association.

On a more pleasant note our annual Ladies Winter Lunch was held on Sunday 18 July. Our usual visitors attended and I would like to thank them for their continued support. The names of those attending plus some photographs from the function appear later in the magazine. I often hear comments from member to the effect that they do not attend functions because they cannot bring along their partners, or because they don't like driving at night. This luncheon overcomes both these problems, so please make a note in your diary for next year July

Our Annual Regimental Dinner was held on 11 September with sixty-four members and guests in attendance. A nominal roll of those attending appears later in this edition together with photographs from the evening. It was pleasing to see such a good turnout and our thanks once again go to those members/guests who provided prizes for the raffle

The unveiling of the BSA Police Memorial at "The Last Parade" took place in the UK on Sunday 25 July. It is reported that the event was extremely well organised and brought together in excess of 300 ex members of the Force. Congratulations to the UK Branch of the Association on their initiative, organisation and staging of the Ceremony.

As this year draws to a close we now look forward to the next event on our calendar, this being our Christmas function scheduled for Monday 6 December at Timour Hall. This function is one of the highlights of the year and it has been sad to witness attendances dwindling each year. It would be nice to see a few more of the "older" faces back with us. It is also an occasion where partners are included and I encourage you to come and join us for a very pleasant evening with old comrades whilst enjoying good food.

For those of you who are willing and able to donate a small prize for our raffle, it will be greatly appreciated. I am sure any member of the Committee will gladly remove it from you to safe custody.

Take care out there

Jim B I ain



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**Hi Jimmy,**

Firstly, many, many thanks to you and the team, for a most memorable time that was had by Felicity and myself, enjoying delicious food and wonderful company, at the occasion of the Annual ladies luncheon at the Mowbray Golf Club. It takes a lot of organising and we really appreciate the good time we had. It was great chatting with you and your wife. It is heartening to hear that you and your family are settled and enjoying life. Also super meeting the rest of the gang in convivial surroundings.

Best wishes from **Jan and Felicity. (Steenkamp 6671)**

PS Pack the family in the car one Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and have tea with us and then watch the whales! Invitation open!

Hi Lawrie,

Last evening was another very good show as a Regimental Dinner and it struck me that the reason why it is always good, no matter how the Guest of Honour measures up, it is the link that we all have that makes it the excellent function that it always is.

If there is to be any criticism aimed at such functions (and this is no criticism), whether they be like ours last night, a Regimental get-together, or an old school or university or 'whatever get-together, there is just never enough time to spend with all of those that we would like to, because time marches on and suddenly, it is the end of the evening! But what a great evening it was.

Briefly and maybe for use as a Western Cape Outpost article - I was delighted to see Seamus Power there - I probably haven't seen Seamus since I left the Force in 1973 - and I'm kicking myself for not getting you to take a photo of him, Gilly Potter and I (and possibly also, Doug Grierson), all because of a BSAP rugby incident that follows:

"Circa mid-year 1969 and late one week, Recruit P/O Rob MacLean (then in Morris Depot with Squad 4/69) was approached by D/Insp Gilly Potter, the indefatigable and irrepressible Salisbury Police 2nd XV hooker, out on a recruiting drive for the team, as they were short of a player or two for a Saturday match against the Mangula XV, away in Mangula (I have no doubt that this was the reason for the 2nd XV being short of players!). Being short of hair at the time and long of respect for any seniors in the 'Fuzz'; as a recruit, as well as no doubt being susceptible to a glib Gilly (I was a current Salisbury BSAP U20 XV player (as were you) at the time and that plus depot life mean I was very fit), I readily agreed.

And so it was that 15 able and strong BSAP 2nd XV rugby players (no players for the bench in those days!), spick and span and as neat as new pins in our slacks, dark blue blazers and ties, assembled one Saturday

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morning in the car park at the Salisbury Police club and boarded our transport - a BSAP 'troop' carrier equipped with wooden benches in the back and covered with canvas. Nothing wrong with that on a Saturday morning in June or July, because the sun was bright and warm, but not a pleasant place to be in, driving back from Mangula after a testing and hard fought game in the dead of a Rhodesian winters night, aching in many places from the bruises and 'big hits' taken in the game.

Being my first outing with the 2nd's and not at all clued-up as to what travelling to and from various outposts such as Hartley, Gatooma, Que Que, Marandellas and Bindura entailed (yes - I was a good 'press-ganged' member of that team that season!) I was woefully unprepared - unlike the likes of Gilly, Seamus, Doug and Co. who arrived with tog bags filled to the brim with 'Blankets, Grey, 1 - Troops for the use of'. It only happened once - on the Mangula trip. because I learnt' very quickly from the old sweats on that trip).

Anyway, out of the capital city we roared (the operative word in troop carriers) and were cruising along on the flats between Gwebi Agricultural College and the climb up to and over the Great Rhodesian Dike before reaching Sinoia, when a motor vehicle in front of us, for no apparent reason, developed a 'speed-wobble', veered off the left hand side of the tarmac and into the road reserve where it proceeded to roll half a dozen times before coming to a stop in a storm of dust. As no other vehicle was involved, perhaps the driver had fallen asleep; had been reaching across to change a cassette tape - who knows, suffice it say that our vehicle pulled up behind the dust cloud that had enveloped what was now a wreck, the 2nd XV all de-bussing at speed to give any assistance that we could. In addition, the driver of another vehicle, that had been approaching the scene from the opposite direction and which had stopped before we could, and was found peering into the wreck and the occupants as we swarmed around it it.

"Good grief!" he said "This is terrible, somebody had better call the police" - at which in the rich, Irish twang with which Seamus expresses himself so well, was heard saying "Don't worry sir, we're here."

Well, you could have knocked over this other driver with a feather - he was gobsmacked and, as a recruit, watching my seniors get to work and sort things out quickly and efficiently (after all - there was out rigger match looming and we didn't have much time to hang around there), I observed how this fellow sort of stumbled around in a semi-dazed sort of way before waving to us feebly and driving away. No doubt, he had a story to tell about the incredible efficiency of the BSAP in action at a road accident - before the dust had even settled!

My recollections is that the driver and passenger of the wreck were not seriously injured and another passing vehicle was waved down and requested to take them at all haste to the Salisbury Central Hospital. We then proceeded on our way, stopping only at BSAP Sinoia to give them information on the accident to sort out in which Police station area the

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accident scene fell under (Banket?) and to organize a wrecker etc - remember, no cell phones in those days!

Arriving almost at the time the whistle was to blow the start for the game, we poured off the truck, already changed and went straight into action without any preliminary warming up. From this hurried start the rock-hard, tough as nails, Mangula miners piled in and before we could take a breath were contemplating their kicker lining up to goal a try that had come in the first few minutes of a game that was played on a surface that was more akin to a concrete slab than a rugby field - no wonder they all wore long shorts down to their knees and socks up to their knees! But by uncompromising work by the tight five in the scrums, lineout's and ruck and maul situations, some quality back line work under the general-ship of flyhalf Colin Burger (another one of Gilly's press-ganged players!), we rallied and were also able to put some points on the board. So it carried on until as we went into the final minute or two of the game and with us trailing by a couple of points, that Colin Burger put in a deep kick from a line out on out 10 metre line, that rolled down into their 22 where by good luck, their fullback looked up at the moment he was due to pick up the rolling ball - at the rapidly advancing Johnny Gold - he of the incredibly small and tight rugby shorts - fumbled and lost the ball into touch. Johnny shouted at me (I was playing as a loose forward and so had been giving chase), to grab the ball in touch and throw it back to him a.k.a. a short line out, which I did and with only 5 metres to their line, Johnny crashed over to score a try and in the process taking about a yard of skin off his thighs!

Howls of protest by the Mangula XV and their supporters for illegal play was disregarded by the ref (he obviously wasn't a local ref!), and with Colin Burger unfortunately failing to goal his kick from the touchline, we hung on to win by a single point.

The atmosphere in the Mangula clubhouse once we had cleaned up walked in for a drink with our hosts, was somewhat wintery, but a beer or two later, we were all famously looked after and staggered out to face a freezing trip home to Salisbury well after darkness had fallen and we were awash with beer and bursting from the had enormous steaks that been braaied for us." On such stories rugby legends are born and Seamus, Gilly and I had a damn good chuckle at these recollections of an 'immediate reaction, police force' at that the road accident and the hairy-legged flying 2nd XV wing, Johnny Gold, whilst reminiscing last night at the dinner.

Regards,

Rob.

Rob MacLean - 8244.

Hello to you

Just to say many thanks for a great evening; as always a great meal, company and a good speaker - excellent and well done to the Committee.

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I would like to get hold of a copy of the booklet, that appeared last night, on the "Memorial Fund". Are any copies still available please?

Many Thanks, Kind Regards

Andy Bullmore

Greetings Lawrie,

Thank for the copy of the 66th edition of the Outpost. A very interesting and professionally compiled magazine.

Congratulations to all those newly elected Committee members and to those who have been persuaded to serve another term..

I recently traveled to Zimbabwe and looked up many old friends and colleagues who although still battling appear to be a little more optimistic about the future than when I saw them last year. Among those seen were Ken McDonald, Ray Munro (a squad mate) Alec Frazer, and Karl Hurry. I had an opportunity of assisting in a small way with the Kayak expedition on Lake Kariba and have been in coms with Rob McLean and Porky Paull. ...what a fantastic trip on the water experiencing everything Lake Kariba can offer and more..I was most envious and reminded me of Jim Blain's comments of a young man who did not really know of what exists north of the Limpopo in terms of history, tradition and sheer beauty.

Cheers for now and regards to all

Barry (Woan 8157)

Margate Station

Dear Jim,

My sincerest thanks for your visits to me whilst in Blaauwberg Hospital, after my nasty Motor Cycle accident 22 April.

To all you friends and members who kept me cheered during the long month of my foot and finger 'overhauling' , you impressed upon me, the inherent BSA Police fellowship which so prominent.

Dave Riley, Rod Eterman, Mike and Lucille Mays, and Mike Reeler particularly, thank you for your calls of concern and cheer, which certainly encouraged me through this ordeal.

Apart from a recent hiccup, recovery and rehabilitation will still be a few months in a wheel chair and crutches. Fortunately, my able staff member has been running the business albeit, during quiet and trying CBD business conditions.

Thank you friends, and I look forward to seeing you all again. Remember, I cannot invite myself!!

Deviating a little. The June Outpost cover picture reminds me of around 1960, when the Queen Mother opened the Kariba Dam Wall Power Project. Am I mistaken?

My father John 'Splinter' Woodcock (? Reg Number) with the Radio Branch, set up Radio Comms at Kariba Heights over several weeks in preparation

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for this Royal visit.

The Woodcock kids went to Kariba School for a while, with our close family friends Bill and Yvonne Ames, as Headmaster and Teacher!

On the day, the school compliment of 40 or so children with staff, lined up to be 'spoken to' by HRH Queen Elizabeth.

The Herald featured hrh S.Woodcock shaking hands, and a brief conversation with HRH Queen Elizabeth.

Greatfully, my mother has the copy.

Best regards,

Stewart Woodcock 8265

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Attention of :- Mr. J. Blair, - Chairman

Re:- Financial Sponsorship of Wheel Chair :- D.P. Hillman

Please convey my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the B.S.A Police Regimental Association Committee of the Western Cape for their generous sponsorship to enable me to purchase a wheel chair. This will facilitate my recovery and return to participate at my workplace.

I must also thank Lockie Howie of the Committee for his efficiency in procuring the wheel chair, placing my problem ahead of his own work commitments as well as visiting me at my home after working hours.

I am proud to have been a member of the B.S.A. Police, it is knowing that there are caring gentlemen as my colleagues, that restores one's faith in mankind.

Yours Sincerely,



Dave Hillman

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Dear Ed,

Pictured on a recent visit to Namibia's Kaokoveld region, Phil (Ex 8527) and Sue (Ex WPO 222) Wright, seen here, at Kunene River, taking charge of 'messaging' arrangements. The writer meantime looks on, whilst assisting with menu suggestions. (That's my story anyhow and I'm sticking to it!) Highlights of the 5,700km round trip, from Cape Town, included seeing both the Epupa and Ruacana Falls, 'in their full glory' and not to mention close encounters also with 'Desert Ellies' near Puros. On one such occasion, whilst on an afternoon 'foot patrol' along the Hoaruseb River, an experience which certainly brought back, atleast to some present, the memory of another time and place.



Regards

Mike Reeler (Ex 8299)

Hi Lawrie,

I have, at last, read the 66th edition of your Outpost. It is very good indeed with many reminders of friends from mthe good old days. Jim Blain and I were soccer buddies and we do exchange the occasional email.

It is good to see Don Peters looking so well. We once stayed in a mess with others - please give my kind regards.

Many thanks Lawrie and all the best.

Nobby Clarke

Hello Lawrie,

This is to follow up on our exchange of e-mails in May. I have now found my very old friend Bryan Litton in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, about 3 hours by train from London, and I went out for a day to see him and to meet his wife, Diana. It was a really enjoyable reunion.

If your organisation's database is still out of date and his details are needed, please let me know who to send them to and I will send them by e-mail.

Thank you very much again for going to so much trouble to help me to find him. Your assistance was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Best regards,

Robert Lloyd

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Hi Gents

Many thanks for a great dinner and please extend my appreciation to all involved. I know how much it takes to organise these events and we all had a great time.

Kind Regards

Rod Eterman (8895)

Dear Lawrie,

Reading Fred's article on the 1972 Gombera Trophy in your last Cape Outpost brought back fond memories of that tournament and I would just like to add the following.

The first tournament actually took place in Malawi on the 3 September 1971 and came about as a result of an invitation from the Malawi Commissioner of Police, Mr Kamwana. I believe the tournament was arranged as a tribute to Thomas Gombera who had completed 40 years service with that force and also because he had served in the BSA Police



According to The Outpost of November 1972, Thomas Gombera was born in Southern Rhodesia in 1896. He joined the BSA Police in 1912 and served in this force until the outbreak of the First World War. He then joined the Rhodesia Native Regiment (RNR) and saw service in East Africa. Having been discharged from the RNR, Mr Gombera heard that Major FT Stephens, with whom he had served in the BSAP and RNR, was helping to form the Police Force in Nyasaland. Mr Gombera joined Major Stephens and together they began recruiting Africans for the Nyasaland Police. In 1920 Thomas became one of the first members of the Nyasaland Police and in 1959 the first African to attain the rank of Inspector. He retired in 1960 with the rank of Detective Inspector after 40 years service.

At the inaugural tournament in Blantyre in 1971 two games were played. The BSA Police won the first game 3-2 and drew the second 1-1 thus winning the trophy. It was intended that the fixture would become an annual feature and that the BSA Police would defend the trophy in Rhodesia in 1972.

At the end of September 1972, the BSA Police played host to the Malawi team in Salisbury. The tournament began with a friendly match played against a BSAP Select X1, and was won by the visitors trouncing the home side 5-1.

The main game was played on Sunday 1st October at Tomlinson Depot, I remember that game very well. The game started at a cracking pace but we soon took control and in the 15th minute went into the lead. Not long afterwards we scored a second and kept that comfortable margin until half

time. In fact we missed many chances to increase our lead and it would be safe to say that we should have gone in at half time leading by about 5-0. John Baker, the Manager of our team, came into the changing room and in his usual casual manner said "Word from the top – take it easy, we don't want to score too many" Unfortunately these words were taken to heart by some member of our team. I don't know what happened but we just seemed to fall apart as a team during the second half and at the end of full time the score was 2-2. The match went into extra time and the opposition scored a further two goals in this period.

Perhaps it was just as well for the Trophy to have returned to Malawi where it remained as no further fixtures were played. It was a pity that the tournament did not continue for it gave us a good opportunity to forge closer links with fellow police officers from a neighbouring country and something that could have been built on into the future

I think the task of selecting the team fell to Keith Rawson, John Baker and Sergeant Godfrey. Being selected for the team and especially to be given the captaincy was one of the proudest moments of my footballing days.

Regards

Jim Blain

Dear Lawrie,

A book on Intaf's role in the terrorist war is in course of preparation.

The authors at this stage are looking for close-up photos of the Agric-Alert system, and any other radios used by Intaf. It is possible that some of your members may have something suitable. If so, it would be much appreciated if they could respond to dudleywall@yahoo.co.uk The Intaf website www.freewebs.com/dudleywall/ contains a great deal of interesting information.

Please pass this on to anyone you think may be able to help.

Regards,

Lewis Walter (ex DC Sipolilo)



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Winter Lunch 2010

A very pleasant "Ladies Lunch" took place at the Mowbray Golf Club, Pinelands on Sunday 18 July with 53 attendees sitting down to enjoy a four course meal. A special word of thanks again this year to Cheryl Munro who organised the gifts for the ladies of a scarf and specially wrapped chocolates in Blue and Old Gold

Those attending were: (6639) Bob and Sue Bedingham and guest Veronica Mackay, (6694) John and Rosalie Holmes, (7108) Alastair and Patricia Mackenzie, (5483) Dave and Hanni Blacker, (5689) Gilly and Isobel Potter, (6893), (5098) Dave Riley, (PR 653117) Dave Acker, (7880) Guy and Sally Bekker, (6671) Jan and Felicity Steenkamp, (6226) Andrew and Ursula Stevens, (8714) John and Cheryl Munro plus as guests John's daughter and Mrs Helen Miller, Mike and Lucille Mays and guest Enid, (8895) Rod and Elmarie Eterman, (5880) Stan and Deidre Macmillan, (5675/7285) Dave and Nikki Waddon and Dave's sister who was out from the UK on holiday, (6846) Jim and Marlene Blain, (6869) Peter Logue and Sally May, (6222) Rob and Joan Trail, (4885) George and Maureen Farmer, (6900) Martin and Marina Gee, (6920) Andy and Valerie Bullmore, (5860) Doug and Di Grierson, (8265) Stewart Woodcock and partner Gaby, (8173/8952) Lockie and Rene Howie, and (8151) Lawrie and Shirley Mabin



Rod Eterman, Lockie & Rene Howie,
Lawrie Mabin



Rob & Joan Trail, Peter Logue & Guest



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6941 Richard Currie



The year 2010 has proved to be a significant milestone in my life. Not only reaching 65 years of age and finally going on pension, I achieved a lifelong ambition of traveling overland through Africa.

Two years of planning finally came to fruition when my two mates, Jim Thompson, Bob Crook, and I shipped the Toyota Land cruiser (4x4) Diesel over to the UK. Jim had done extensive work on the this vehicle, kitting it out for the overland trip with a fridge, freezer, large capacity fuel and water tanks and many spares . Before going any further I must commend this vehicle for taking us many kilometers over some of the harshest conditions without any problems whatsoever. We pulled a number of other vehicles out of trouble along the way, including land rovers and even a bus.

On 7th March, 2010 we departed from Cardiff in Wales and crossed the channel from Dover to Dunkirk. We traveled through France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Syria and Jordan before crossing into Africa. Bob abandoned the trip in Turkey leaving Jim & I to continue alone.



We crossed in to Egypt on the 26th March, via the Al Aqabah ferry. We encountered the Egyptian 'Tourist' Police with whom we had to clear our vehicle. After spending a frustrating the day with them and paying US100.00 in bribes we eventually got on our way. We later camped close to the Giza Pyramids where we spent a week waiting for Visas to continue into Africa. I must say that throughout Africa, apart from Sudan, we were well received by Customs and Immigration as soon as they saw our South African Passports.

After crossing in to Sudan via the ferry on Lake Aswan, we had to wait 3 days for the vehicle to arrive on a different ferry. Sudan was probably the 'lowlight' of the trip which is a very poor country and they are suspicious of everybody.. We stayed in a hotel which was more like a prison, where we were photographed and fingerprinted. One night we were camped on the side of the road with no other facilities available and were awoken in the middle of the night by AK wielding soldiers. When they established that we were not the enemy, we were instructed to move on immediately. That was the only incident throughout Africa when we really felt threatened. We were definitely not welcome in Sudan and we moved on as soon as possible.

Ethiopia was a pleasure where we found our first pub in Africa. The Ethiopians were very friendly and hospitable. A great deal of Chinese development in evidence. We crossed into Northern Kenya where we encountered the worst road conditions so far. After camping for 3 nights on the banks of Lake Victoria we went through the Serengeti and later passed Ngorogoro. Words cannot describe the beauty of the Serengeti . Kenya & Tanzania were magnificent.

Malawi was great – where we camped on the banks of Lake Malawi. We stayed a number of days in Malawi where we unwound and relaxed – plenty of beers and fresh fish.



After Malawi we made our way to the South Luangwa National Park in Zambia, where we stayed at the famous 'Flat Dog Camp'. Excellent facilities there. Lots of game and well worth a visit for those venturing a little further than Zimbabwe. Strangely enough fuel in Zambia was the most expensive in Africa.

Crossing into Zimbabwe at Chirundu proved no problem after I had used my best Shona at the border post. We camped at the famous Mana Pools, and after having heard bad reports about

Mana, we were surprisingly impressed. The camp site was clean and the facilities good. The authorities have apparently made a concerted effort to clean it up. The resident buffaloes are still there which you have to take care not to walk into in the middle of the night.

From Mana to Karoi (give the Twin River Inn a miss- dreadful) and overland to Milibizi. We had excellent accommodation at Milibizi consisting of a very comfortable bungalow which slept six, and including breakfast. Plenty of Zambezi Lagers consumed there US\$1.00 a beer (not bad at the current rate of exchange.)

We entered Botswana via Panamatenga and spent time in the magnificent Chobe before crossing in to Namibia. After a short stay in Swakopmund we crossed in to the Kgalagadi through Sosselviei.

On the 2nd June, 2010, we arrived back in Cape Town after being on the road for four months and travelling 29000 kilometers.

For those who are interested in doing a similar trip – I can recommend it highly. The total cost excluding air flights and shipping of vehicle R45 000.00 (well inside budget).

For those of us who knew 6124 NEVILLE EVA, the following little tale was one of many amusing stories regarding his behaviour. He was a sarcastic character and always very quick witted, with an answer for everything. Around 1963 Neville was a Constable stationed in Salisbury Traffic. One morning Neville answered the phone and made some sarcastic comment about the voice on the other end. There was a pause and the irate caller shouted down the phone – “Do you know who you are talking to.? This is Superintendent WICKENDEN.” For good measure he enunciated “WICK EN DEN”.

Neville asked “Do you know who you are talking to .?” The caller replied “No”.
Neville quietly hung up the phone.

..... ..Howard Neill

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Annual Dinner 2010

Our Annual Dinner was held on the 11th September, 2010, at Mowbray Golf Club. The evening was well attended by approximately 60 members and their guests. Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Maj Gen Leon Jacobs who had some very complimentary words to say about the role of the BSAP in the history of Rhodesia and his association with the Force over the years.. The following members and guests were in attendance.

Leon Jacobs, Pete Shout (Snr), Pete Shout (Jnr), Dave Riley, Dave Blacker, Gilly Potter, Derek Russell, Doug Grierson, Stan McMillan, Pat Keyser, Dave Parry, Don Peters, Rob Traill, Derek Bothwell, Tony Rozemeyer, Bob Bedingham, John Holmes, Graham Jansen, Jim Blain, Pete Logue, Neville Spurr, Andy Bullmore, Richard Currie, Ted Spencer, John Waterhouse, Ed Ions, Dusty Millar, Joe Surkont, Dave Hawks, Alan Crook, Lawrie Mabin, Lockie Howie, Rob Maclean, Niall McKrill, Mike Webster, John Munro, Alistair Sempill, Rod Eterman, Carl Van Woerden, Peter Lowe, Andrew Bellamy, Ted Vickery, Wendy Meyer, Shamus Power, Smith Red, Alan Barnes, Bobby Gibbons, Colin Burke, Kai Howie, Deon Huysaman, Eddy Wilkinson, Roche Beneke, Ralph MacArthur, Chris Lemesurier, Steve Macevoy, Jamie Surkont, Matt Surkont, Roger Humphries, John Souter, Des Easom, Dave Osborn, Tom Mabin, Rudolph Murray



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B.S.A. Police Regimental Association
Western Cape Branch

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday
11th September 2010
PGA's
Mowbray Golf Club

PROGRAMME

PIPER
Ralph McArthur

GRACE
David Riley

TOASTS

ABSENT FRIENDS
John Munro

THE REGIMENT
David Blacker

GUEST SPEAKER
Leon Jacobs

REPLY
David Blacker



Guest Speaker
Leon Jacobs



Ted Spencer
Richard Currie



Joe Surkont with sons,
Matt and Jamie



John Munro - toasting
'Absent Friends'



Mike Webster
Ed Ions
Bobby Gibbons



Rob Maclean
Dusty Miller
Alan Crook



Colin Burke



Shamus Power,
Doug Grierson



Lawrie Mabin, Rob Maclean,
Lockie Howie



Tony Rozemeyer,
Doug Grierson,
Stan McMillan



Adriaan Von Woerden,
Carl Von Woerden,
Bassie Van Eeden



Dave Parry, Pat Keyser



Ted Vickery, Bobby Gibbons



Andy Bullmore, Wendy Meyer



Derek Bothwell & Guest



Dave Riley,
Ralph McArthur (piper),
Nev. Spurr



Richard Currie (reading the
small print), Eddy Wilkinson,
Tom Mabin



Jim Blain,
Deon Huysamen,
Dave Blacker

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THE DEATH OF THE MUSANGO BULL ELEPHANT

The Musango Bull Elephant was a magnificent animal, considered by some to be part of Zimbabwe's national heritage. He lived on the shores of Lake Kariba near the Bumi Hills area.

He is now dead.

On 23 May 2010, he was shot in the Omay North area by a professional hunting organization despite the fact that he was wearing a clearly visible satellite tracking collar. This hunter did nothing illegal, according to existing law within Zimbabwe. It is not illegal to shoot a collared animal (unless specially protected by the minister). But the international and local reaction to the ethical and moral issues involved in this incident has been overwhelming.

This elephant was estimated to have another 15-20 years of life ahead of it.

Two facts emerge from the picture below. The first is the extraordinary beauty and size of this elephant and the second is that it is so patently obvious that this is a gentle creature, allowing anybody to approach it closely. Musango is also wearing a clearly visible satellite tracking collar. Indeed, Roger Parry having been given authority by National Parks to dart this elephant, was able to easily get within a few meters of it before firing the dart.

Johnny Rodrigues

*Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force
ZCTF Report — June 2010*

Musango Bull & a guest from Bumi Hills in Nov. 2009.



Photo by Garth Thompson

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The Last Parade

4853 Fred Punter



The "Blatherwick" Memorial,
Morris Depot (1921)

On Sunday 25th July 2010 possibly the last important historical event in the history of the British South Africa Police took place at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in the county of Staffordshire, English Midlands. The official unveiling and dedication of the new BSAP Memorial was attended by an estimated 400 former members of the Force and their wives. 4853 Fred Punter reports 'This was one of the most memorable weekends in the history of the Regimental Association, although held in UK and



The BSAP Memorial,
Alrewas (2010)

organised by the UKBranch 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.

When the 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, 6609 Hywel Parry Jones was in the lead, closely followed by right marker 7211 Peter Biddulph and 9207 Garth Long and others who managed to get their place in the front row.

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. 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 UKBranch 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".



Fred Punter

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The unveiling was performed by General The Lord Walker of Aldringham. Michael Walker is the Patron to the BSAP Trust and has close ties with the UK Branch of the Association. He was born in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia in 1944, his father being 3088 Colonel WDH Walker who retired from the Force as a Senior Asst. Comm. in 1958. Following a distinguished military career in the British Army Michael retired in 2006 and was created a Life Peer as Baron Walker.



General The Lord Walker of Aldringham
GCB CMG CBE

The dedication and the blessing of the Roll of Honour was performed by 4600 Reverend Terry Mesley-Spong. Terry served from 1950 to 1954.



The Parade Commander was someone well qualified to perform the task - 4777 Tackie MacIntosh, at 80 years of age, acquitted himself well.



4600 Rev Terry Mesley-Spong

4777 Tackie McIntosh



Parade lead by Flag bearer 6609 Parry Jones

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Some more familiar faces Pictures courtesy of Shamus Power



Pete Dewe, Jerry Rixon



Mr & Mrs Biff Way, Mr & Mrs Howard Marshall



Tackie Mac, Mike Abbotts, Alan Toms



Jerry Paxton, Geo Glibbery



Jack Bacon, Ed Johnson,
Mick York



Bob Rankin

A Policeman's Lot Is Not a Happy One

June Coutts (wife of 5234 Sandy Coutts)

Recently the UK news on TV has been full of a Police hunt for a gunman with a grudge who had been shooting randomly. One of his victims was a policeman on duty sitting in his car who was shot in the face, for no other reason other than he was a Policeman. Last week showed him leaving the hospital now blinded and with the marks of the shot clearly on his face. It takes my mind back...

In 1963, my husband Sandy was a Sergeant in the BSAP and we were transferred to Umtali with our three young children. After weeks of Riot Standby in Salisbury, the transfer to Umtali was a great relief. Perhaps confirmed by the fact that his first report at the Charge Office was a theft of a rocking horse and tin of sweets from someone's veranda. A really welcome change.

But even in the best of places things go wrong. The Police were unarmed in those days and when unexpectedly faced with an angry gunman, Sandy lost part of his arm from a shotgun blast and was then shot in the back with a hunting .22 rifle. The .22 bullet was lodged in his spine and missed his spinal cord by a fraction. A number of operations followed, mostly plastic surgery to rebuild his arm.

The people of Umtali we came into contact with were fantastic and sympathetic, but one jarring note still haunts me. A resident in the street where we lived and previously unknown to us, casually remarked to me "But your husband is a Policeman, you must expect this sort of thing."

My heart goes out the UK Policeman, his wife and his family – their lives have changed in an instant and a difficult road lies ahead. I only hope no one has the audacity to say to them "But you must expect this sort of thing – he is a Policeman."

STUART BASS (6558)

PETER LOGUE (6869)

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WHEN THE MONEY RAN OUT

Actual Accounts and True Short Stories read out on
RBC 'This Is Our Land' by Frank Clements

In the early years of Southern Rhodesia almost everything the country required, apart from some of the basic foodstuffs, had to be brought up by the long route from South Africa. The country was consequently nearly cut off from the world soon after the Boer War broke out in 1899.

Boer forces stood astride the lines of communication with Bulawayo. They occupied Vryburg, besieged Mafeking, and controlled nearly a hundred miles of the railway through Bechuanaland. Salisbury and Bulawayo were not linked by rail until three years later.

Matabeleland went through a very difficult time, and one of the problems was the shortage of physical cash. All currency in those days was of course gold, silver and copper, and shortly after the beginning of the war the silver coins all but vanished from circulation. This was because the Africans who had begun to work on the mines and farms made a practice of hoarding most of their wages; and as no further supplies of coins could be brought up from South Africa a serious situation threatened. Money of some sort was essential to pay the Africans or the whole economy of the country would collapse, and small coinage was also required to continue hundreds of normal daily transactions.

Colonel Marshall-Hole, who began his long and distinguished career as Dr Jameson's Private Secretary, and who was at the time Secretary for Matabeleland in the Chartered Company's administration, had a brilliant idea. There happened to be large stocks of postage stamps in Bulawayo, and he suggested they should be used as currency. Clearly a stamp by itself would be useless for circulation, so the stamps were affixed to cards, on the other side of which was an instruction to the Civil Commissioner to redeem them for cash after August, 1900, by which time Colonel Marshall-Hole was confident that communications to the South would have been restored.

These money cards were issued in denominations of threepence, sixpence, one shilling, one florin, half a crown and ten shillings. Altogether about twenty thousand pounds worth were put in to circulation. The Standard Bank, then the only bank operating in this part of the world, agreed to recognize the cards as cash. Although there was at first some suspicion, when the African labourers were given evidence of the card's effective value they also accepted them as wages.

When Mafeking was relieved on May 16th, 1900, lines of communication with South Africa were soon re-opened; new supplies of coins were brought into the country, and most of the cards were redeemed in August. The final date of their conversion into money was October 1st, and after that day passed nearly 1 000 pounds worth were still outstanding.

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Some of them had of course been lost or destroyed, but many were kept as souvenirs and are still to be found as collectors' items.

The cost of the stamps (which were the Chartered Company's own) and the printing of the cards came to nothing like 1000 pounds so that Colonel Marshall-Hole's idea not only rescued Matabeleland from a difficult situation but brought the Company a gratifying profit. The idea of using stamps as legal tender was copied by several European countries in similar circumstances in the First World War. The idea had originated in 'a young' Rhodesia.

Dates To Diarise

Memorial Service – The annual Memorial Service for all those Rhodesian Men & Women fallen during the various wars will be held at 12.00 pm on Sunday 7th November, 2010, at the Methodist Church, First Avenue, Fish Hoek. An appeal has gone out to all ex servicemen & women to make an effort to attend, as the numbers have been dwindling over the past few years

Christmas Function – Monday 6th December, 2010, Timour Hall.

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NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

MATABELELAND



Matabeleland Dinner - 11th June,2010

Seated: 9499 Karl Hurry, 4728 GWF 'Bill' Ellway, 5247 Ken MacDonald, 27346 P/R Father Francis Day, Associate Member Peter Rollason.

Standing: NSPO 901227 John Glossop, 7435 'Taffy' Jones, 110711 Gus Oosthuizen, 6247 Tim Cherry, 6068 Gordon Geddes, C 1231 Tony Turner, Guest Rod Tourle, 6540 Hugh Squair, Guest Dave

NATAL

This year's Lunch was held at the Augusta Country Estate in Hillcrest on Saturday 18 September 2010. Ninety members and guests attended (see list below) and were treated, not only to an excellent repast, but to a vintage Reply by the inimitable John Haswell who had some of those present crying with laughter. The Guest Speaker was Tommy Ballantyne, well-known ex-Rhodesian sportsman, who regaled us with stories from his days on the sports field of Rhodesia. We were honoured with the presence of Judge Hiliary Squires and his wife Coralie and Phil Beck, the widow of the late Justice Beck, known to many members of the Force. Other invited guests were Major George Galbraith (SAS) and his wife Lynn, and Steve Stevens, Chairman of Natal Midlands Branch and his wife, Marion.

Attendees from far-flung places included 7784 Steve Acornley on a visit from Scotland and Lee and Jan le Crerar from Hoedspruit (staunch Natal Branch country members). The Margate Station was well represented, ably mustered by 8157 Barry Woan, but were far less noisy than expected. Included in the Margate mob were three members, Barry Woan, Bob Packer and Rick Wentzel who were

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all on No. 2 Relief, Mzilikazi, in the early 70's, supposedly under my control (and you thought my grey hair was only due to old age!).
The bar eventually closed at 17.00 and, by all reports, everyone had a great time.
Des Howse.

Members and guests who attended the Annual Lunch -

| | |
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| ACORNLEY, Steve (7784) | LATHE, Thelma & Steven |
| BAKER, Lionel (6422) & Rose Mee | Le CRERAR, Lee (6371) and Jan |
| BALLANTYNE, Tommy & Delia | LEES, John (6454) |
| BECK, Phil | LYNN, David (6872) |
| BENNISON, Gavin (9109) | MACAULAY, Scotty (5480) and Felicity |
| BRAINE, Bill (7923) | MESSINA, Andy (7129) & May |
| BRENT, Alan (7055) & Myrna | MILLER, John (6759) |
| BRESLER, Rob (7860) and Marjorie | OTTO, Jenny |
| BRISTOW, Rob (8308) | PACKER, Bob (8214) |
| CLARK, Nobby (6283) & Natascha | PAINTING, Ted (6097) & Sue |
| CLARK, Robin (6030) | PARVIS, George (8051) |
| COLEPEPER, Peter (5836) & Gill | PERKINS, Brian (8276) |
| CROSSLEY, Ant (6136) | PHELAN, Wanda |
| CUERDEN, Nigel (5826) | PRETORIUS, Ben (7552) & Joan |
| Da SILVA, Barbara | SAND, Neill (8180) |
| De WITT, Laurie (PR 12300) & Doreen | SHATTOCK, Peter (PR 23032) |
| DOLBY, John (5251) | SHEWELL, Paul (5749) & Heather |
| DIXON, Hugh (6717) | SMITH, Smudge (4254) & Shirley |
| DUTTON, Trevor (5293) | SQUIRES, Hilary & Coralie |
| DYER, Dickie (4726) | STARR, Derek (5842) |
| GALBRAITH, George & Lynn | STEVENS, Steve (4767) & Marion |
| GATLAND, Pete (7543) & Elsa | SUTHERLAND, Vic (5939) & Reena |
| HARDIE, Laurette | VAN DER BERG, Shireen (WP56) |
| HASWELL, John (6187) & Yvonne | VON HORSTEN, Butch (6467) & Hillary |
| HATTON, Garth (5874) | WENTZEL, Rick (8194) |
| HOWSE, Des (7229) & Trish | WILLIAMS, Mike (6484) & Hazel |
| HOGG, Ian (5428) & Penny | WILTSHIRE, Malcolm (5268) & Daphne |
| HUNTER, Giles (8270) | WOAN, Barry (8157) |
| JOHNSON, Robin (5087) & Pat | WOOD, Ken (5802) & Yvonne |
| KERR, Derek (7033) & Megan | WYATT, Dennis (8068) & Marion |

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Inchanga Braai : Sunday 25 July 2010 - just a few of the 50 odd (not really) who attended



Hilary Squires & Bill Crabtree



Johnny Carroll & Ken Wood



Elsa Gatland & Marion Wyatt



Trevor Wilson



Linda Wilson; Rene Sutherland & Nancy Carroll



Des Howse & Peter Rowsell



Peter & Jean Reynolds



Stretch Hughes



Miles Barnfield & Steve Stevens

SOCIAL EVENTS 2010.

Hillcrest "Bring & Braai" at Augusta on Sunday 21st November, from 11h00.

BUT DON'T FORGET - monthly social gatherings now take place from 5.30 pm on the first Friday of every month at the Better 'Ole MOTH Shellhole, 111 Underwood Road, Pinetown (entrance in Lesley Rd.)

Did you know?

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. A long wide board folded down from the wall for dining. The 'head of the household' sat in the chair and everyone else sat on the floor. Occasionally a guest, usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. He was called the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the title '**Chairman**' or '**Chairman of the Board.**'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many people had acne scars by adulthood. So, women would spread bee's wax over their face to smooth their complexions. When speaking, if a woman stared at another woman's face, she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. Plus, if they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression ... '**losing face.**'

Common entertainment included playing cards. A tax was levied when buying cards, but was only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would buy 51 cards instead. Since most games required 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid because they weren't '*playing with a full deck.*'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A barmaid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the term... '**minding your 'P's and Q's.'**

In George Washington's days, one's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many *limbs* were to be painted. Therefore, painting arms and legs would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression :- '**... it'll cost you an arm and a leg.**'

Roll of Honour



Lieutenant General Peter Walls
28 July 1926 - 23 July 2010

Peter Walls – Lieutenant General Peter Walls died suddenly on the 20th July, 2010, in George. A very popular Commander In Chief of the Armed Forces during the Rhodesian bush war, and oversaw the peaceful transition to the new dispensation in 1980. Over 600 people attended his memorial service on the 27th July, at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Linden, Johannesburg. Prior to the service a helicopter circled overhead flying the Rhodesian flag.



Ron Reid-Daly – Lieutenant Colonel Ron Reid-Daly passed away at his home on the 9th August, 2010, in Simons Town, after a long battle with cancer. The Founding Commander of the Selous Scouts, the first RSM of the RLI and a member of the original SAS 'C' Squadron. His successes and attributes in the Selous Scouts were well known world wide. His memorial service was held on the 20th August, 2010 in Cape Town, and attended by approximately 350

people. Tributes were made by members of the SAS Association and RLI Association and wreaths laid by many including the BSAP Association of the Western Cape.



Air Marshal Norman Walsh, Commander of the Air Force of Zimbabwe until 1981, has died aged 77. He was a courageous pilot during Rhodesia's bush war and then appointed by Robert Mugabe, when he first came to power in 1980, to command the first Zimbabwe Air Force. Norman Walsh emigrated to Australia in 1981. He died at his home in Queensland on August 3 2010. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and a son and a daughter.

Roll of Honour continued...

3667 Cyril Bernard Turner died on the 21st January, 2010, aged 96 years, at his home in Dawlish, Devon. He joined the BSAP in 1937 and joined the Permanent Staff Corps in April, 1939.

9445 Roy David Robinson passed away on the 14th February, 2010, in Durban. He served in the Pioneers Branch of the Force from August, 1975 to February, 1979.

6515 John Bradshaw Nicholson died on the 1st November, 2001, in Durban. It has only become common knowledge to BSAP circles recently. He was not a member of the Natal Branch.

5742 Russell Hugh Langley died on the 4th June, 2010, in Port Alfred. Russell served from August, 1957 to March, 1962, leaving as a Constable.

7537 Lance Christopher Jamison Abel died on the 18th June, 2010, in Hastings, New Zealand. He served from March, 1966 to January, 1970, and left as a Patrol Officer.

6063 Alan Peter Stock died on the 20th June, 2010, at St Wilfred's Hospice, Eastbourne, UK. Alan served from August, 1959 to August, 1984, when he retired on medical grounds. Alan was well known as the Editor of The Outpost where he did duty for 22years. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association

4267 Shane Reese passed away on the 23rd June, 2010, in the United Kingdom. Shane Reese served from May, 1948 to November, 1960, and retired as a Staff Inspector. At the time of his death he was not a member of the Association.

6343 David John Marks died on the 18th May, 2010, after a short illness in the United Kingdom. David served from March, 1961 to March, 1964, and left as a Constable. He was a member of the UK Branch.

Roll of Honour continued...



3005 John Franklyn Bellamy died peacefully in his sleep at a Nursing Home in Devon, UK, aged 102 years. He was the oldest known former member of the BSAP world wide. He served for 20 years from 1928 to May, 1949. He served mostly in remote bush stations and was known as an excellent horseman. He returned to the UK in 1979, his first visit for fifty years. His wife, Joan, died in 2004. They had been married for 67 years. He retained his links with the BSAP right up into his latter years, and he received a telegram from the Queen on his 100th birthday. She was aware that he had been a long serving member of the BSAP and ofcourse her mother was the patron of the BSAP.

Field Reservist Gerry Eterman passed away on the 1st July, 2010, in Cape Town. He attested as a Field Reservist in April, 1975, and served most of his time in the Shabani and surrounding areas. He was the father of 8895 Rod Eterman.

6569 Felix Johannes Joseph Kuttner was tragically killed in a motor accident on the 28th July, 2010, whilst travelling from Triangle to Chiredzi, in Zimbabwe. He served in the Force from January, 1962 to April, 1980, when he retired with the rank of Superintendent.

6235 Lynn Andrew Carlisle was found dead in his flat in Johannesburg on the 19th July, 2010. He had been suffering from cancer. Lynn served from December, 1960 to March, 1966, leaving as a Patrol Officer.

7597/8886 Harold Aspinall Wright died on the 7th August, 2010, in Keynsham, UK. He served from May, 1966, to August, 1971 and re-attested in December, 1972, until his retirement in July, 1982, as an Inspector.

4956 Alexander Robin Williamson died on the 14th August, 2010, in Heywards Heath, Sussex. He served from July, 1952 to July, 1954. He was not a member of the Regimental Association.



Roll of Honour continued...

9486 David Luscombe passed away on the 10th September, 2010, after suffering from cancer, at Plymouth, UK. He served from November, 1975 to May 1982, leaving with the rank of Inspector. He was a member of the UK Branch.

4225 Ronald Underwood passed away on the 31st August, 2010 in Margate, RSA. He joined the Force in 1947 after serving with the Royal Air Force during the war. He retired as a Chief Supt in October, 1970. He was a member of the Natal Branch of the Regimental Association.



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