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EDITORIAL: by Glenn Macaskill

Sadly, for the third Outpost in a row, I have to report the passing of one of the former senior members of the BSA Police - 4988 William (Bill or Jock) John Maxwell Crossan, who retired as a Detective Chief Inspector and was a staunch member of our association. He served from the 5th October 1952 to the 1st December 1972.

He had been unwell for some time and died peacefully on 28th October 2011. He follows in the footsteps, as we all know, of Dave Sloman and Mac McGuiness.

The funeral was well attended by his former mates, colleagues and family, and for the first time that I know of, the funeral was relayed to the UK via Skype.

Your committee is having monthly meetings, which take place prior to the second-Friday gatherings at the Jocks.

Our finances are in a healthy state and each grant of financial benevolence is carefully investigated beforehand. Dick Latilla has taken on the job of Almoner, which I don't recall us ever having had one before. Our fundraising goes apace, mainly through raffles and auctions at functions, through donations and from the profits of sales of memorabilia, which is being very well handled by Doug McGibbon and his band of younger helpers.

Our next function will be the Christmas Sundowner on 9th December at the Jocks. We hope to have a grand turnout.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Jocks on the second Friday in February and again we hope to have a good attendance.

I'm pleased to report that committee member Ashley Collings is coping well with his cancer treatment and is looking fine. His only problem is that he's not allowed to drink - alcohol, that is - while on chemotherapy!

My next news is that I'm going to be replaced as editor at the AGM in February. I feel that the time is here for that to happen - new blood, new ideas - you know what I mean. The best part of this is that we have a volunteer to take over! He is 8780 Craig Viljoen, a hard-working former Old Bill at Warrior Shellhole who has written newsletters in the past on the West Rand. He's as keen as mustard and will be assisted by his wife Val. I think I'm going to miss the job and will do my best to groom and guide him into the position. Thanks to all for your support over the past seven years.

Happy Christmas and a good 2012!

Glenn.
MONTHLY GATHERINGS:

Most of the usual supporters were present, and it was good to welcome 4426 Guy Brooke-Smith from Hoekwil in August, and 18372F Gavin & Molly Soal, 5784 Jack Parker from Sezela, and 8115 Nigel & Caroline Leakey from Richards Bay in October. In November 5780 Mark Doyle made an appearance and on the same evening Simon Scott-Moncrieff from Durban was a guest of Neal Smith, son of the late 6462 John Smith.

ANNUAL DINNER:
JOHANNESBURG COUNTRY CLUB
09/09/2011

This was again very well-attended and a resounding success. Close to a hundred were present. Dick Glanville gave another super opening address and read out the good wishes from several of the other associations. See later. The guest speaker was Rhett Gardiner, a former Rhodesian diving champion and now a successful lawyer. His talk was outstanding and his many anecdotes about brushes with the BSAP had the audience in the palm of his hand. He was an entertainer of note and received great applause. Dave Holmes replied in his own inimitable fashion to the delight of all. Comments after the speeches and since then have been most complimentary and Col Pat Hill was one of many to say that the format should never, ever be changed.

The following signed the register:
6769 Dick Glanville, 5619 Barry Enslin, 6610 Jock Pirrett, 6416 Terry Smith, guest Richard Smith, 6345 Dave Holmes, W346 Maureen Memfield, associate Lorraine Rutherfoord (these ladies manned the reception desk – must be a first!), 6382 Terry Schwartz, 7724 Bryce Ballantyne, 7489 Ian Duncan, 10017 Tony Bridger, 5526 Phil Devlin, 18372 Gavin & Molly Soal, 10555 Peter Hobson, 8359 Tom Thomas, 4848 Bill Wiggill, 5780 Mark Doyle, 110756 Chris Bittle, 110615 Bryan Peach, 110887 John Herdman, 19761D Neil Archer, W79 Judy Penfold, V2746 Bill Bragge, V2634 Andy Harris, 6019 Sakkie McKay, 6904 Ian Lawrence, 5587 Howard Marshall, 6715 Sam McCrorie, 900610 Andy Cox, 6145 Alex Fraser, 6593 Jac van Niekerk, 9271 Frik Hanekom, 110838 James Demetriou, Neal Smith, 7184 Chris Russell, 780315 John Redfern, WPO422 Hilary Beck, guest Andrew Lucas, 0410 Pat Hill, 4228 Bruce Harrison, 5991 Don Joss, Col Don Smythe, Transvaal Scottish, 5577 J Thorne, guests Jenny & Ray Branch, guest Mary Erwine, 110926 Rob Hodgkiss, guest Charlie Hodgkiss, 4831 Peter & Fran Stiff, 7651 Dick Latilla, 7789 Peter Drysdale, 8026 Jon Harvey, 6886J Ralph Coombs, 9214 Ian Edwards, assoc Brian Newton, 900335 Noel Deacon & his son, Roy Peirson, Don Stotter, 8557 Corrie Pretorius, Intaf Alex Bundock, 7400 Bryan Rogers, 6817 Keith Douche, 6538 Glenn Macaskill, Piper Sean McClymont, SAAF Ian Ross-Marsh,
ABSENT FRIENDS & THE FALLEN  
Toast by Dick Glanville

Now is the time to remember absent friends and the fallen.

To the military purist, we readily appreciate that it is wrong to say any toasts prior to the loyal toast, and that toast should never occur until all have dined. We break with that protocol simply for this toast alone which we take as being sacrosanct and of very deep importance and significance.

Last year I presented a small potted history of what we were all about. Many people asked me to repeat it again this year. This I will do with some amendment and in a shortened version (do I hear sighs of relief?!).

We are a proud organisation, a Regiment in our own right. Peter Gibbs in his definitive History says, “The BSAP was first created as a regiment and has never since been formally deprived of that status”. The force was reformed in 1896 from its predecessors, the BSACP and the RMP. Indeed Colours (or was it a Banner?) were, in 1904, awarded at Mafikeng to the BSAP by Lord Milner on behalf of King Edward VII. The BSAP held “right of the line” throughout its existence from 1896 to 1980.

Having deviated somewhat, let’s say we were much more than a fighting regiment, our forefathers assembled before the country came into existence and gave us an incredible and lasting legacy – we would not be seated here tonight were it not for those intrepid and honourable men of so long ago and from whom we are spawned.

The BSAP brought the country into fruition, brought in the pioneer column in relative safety and from then we were the army; we were the post office. There are amazing stories of how mounted troopers went to enormous and incredible lengths to bring mail to the most isolated settlements and farmsteads to which that lone police trooper was their only contact with the outside world. No internet in those days!!

The BSAP erected and administer the early telecommunications systems and manned the early exchanges. Many District coppers here tonight will remember the telephone assistants based at rural stations whose task it was to operate the exchanges.

From the BSAP were drawn the nucleus of the original Staff Corp at the birth of the Rhodesian Army; it assisted in forming the Northern Rhodesia Police.

But we were more than all of this, in latter years we were numbered amongst the finest polices forces in the world, ranking in reputation with the Metropolitan Police, London, with the Royal Canadian Mounted and the Royal Hong Kong. In early years we boasted 2 VCs in our own right and research shows that other VCs were earned by BSAP members on secondment. From our ranks came Sir Percy Silitoe, war time director-general of MI5 who in his book said that his life’s proudest moment was when corporal’s stripes were pinned on his sleeve whilst serving in the BSAP. An interesting note, the
RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) in Canada has an almost identical birth and beginning, in fact both the BSAP & the RCMP were modelled in almost the same fashion in the early years. Both existed as, essentially, Cavalry regiments converted to policing lawless frontiers in the great British Empire. Most of all we remember those who are not with us this evening. Some perished in skirmishes; others to the grim reaper. We think of those who might have attended but cannot or chose not. Commissioner, Mr P K Allum was booked to attend but has been stricken with bronchitis – he has sent his best wishes for a successful event.

Senior Assistant Commissioner Terry Thorpe has sent me this message – "Hi Dick: I just wanted to contact you to tell you that regrettably I won’t be attending the dinner this year. I’m afraid I get tired very quickly and I can’t cope with crowds! However, be assured that I will be there in spirit and will raise a glass to you all around the time you are toasting the Regiment. What a time it was, wasn’t it? despite the fact that the people who took over from us have destroyed everything we built up and made the name Zimbabwe Republic Police (not BSAP thank god!) stink in the nostrils of all real policemen, the memories remain and sustain me when I find myself wondering if those 30 years of my life were completely wasted. But it is sad to think that we did so much only to be reviled by people of no consequence and I can only thank God that the Association is the one bright light that is always there to keep our memories intact. Have a wonderful dinner and God bless you all. Terry Thorpe."

We think of Ian Cuthbertson, an honorary life member, who really wanted to attend however his wife is unwell mitigating his absence – he too sends his salaams.

Returning to the fallen, we have lost members in service in numerous theatres of skirmish right from our inception culminating in what is now known as “the bush war” the latter probably being paramount in people’s memories. Nevertheless the BSAP has members who paid the supreme sacrifice throughout our nearly 100 years as a Regiment or Force. Scattered BSAP graves are to be found throughout Southern Africa including the Transvaal and Swartruggens. The Church of St John the Evangelist at Mafikeng, a Herbert Baker building built in 1902, has on its pulpit inscribed “erected by all ranks of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Service in affectionate memory of their comrades of the Protectorate Division of the BSAP who fell in the service in the South African War 1899 – 1902.”

We have a long and proud history and tradition and we remember with total and absolute affection all those who fell under our banner in the service of the Regiment.

Will you all now rise and join me in the final line of the following - you’ll know it when I get to it...

They went with songs to the battle, they were young.

Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years contemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them

Piper plays a lament
We'll all now stand in silence for a short while
during which I ask that you think of a person
you'd have liked to be here tonight, be he or
she be dead or alive.
Ladies and gentlemen – join me in the toast -

"ABSENT FRIENDS AND THE FALLEN."

Dinner messages received

The Chairman, Committee and members of the
Natal Branch of the Association send
greetings on the occasion of your forthcoming
Annual Dinner and trust that it will be an
enjoyable occasion.
Des Howse
Hon Secretary, Natal Branch
BSAP Regimental Association

Greetings Transvaal Branch,
The President and all members of the Central
Advisory Committee send their
greetings on this the occasion of your Annual
Dinner 2011. May you have a
most successful gathering with great food
and great camaraderie.
Best wishes to you all,
Peter Bellingham
Honorary Secretary
Central Advisory Committee

I send greetings and best wishes for a successful function on behalf of the committee and members of the Australia Branch of the BSAP Regimental Association. I note that we both our branches have lawyers with Rhodesian backgrounds as our guest speakers this year.
Rob Gates (Bob in BSAP) 7045 Branch Chairman, Australia.

Good luck with your Dinner, I am sure it will be a wonderful occasion and sorry I can't be there.
Karl Hurry
Secretary Matabeland Association

Best wishes from Queensland.
Mike Edden.

I have notified the UK Branch membership of the 36th annual reunion. On behalf of the Chairman and Members of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association we wish you and the Transvaal membership a very happy and fruitful regimental dinner. Please pass on our kindest regards.
Alistair Black (6001)
Hon. Secretary
BSAP Regtl Association, UK Branch.
RHODESIAN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: 13/11/2011

The Dicky Fritz Moth hall in Edenvale was packed to the rafters with ex Rhodesian servicemen and civilians with their families. It was a most moving occasion. The opening address was by Colonel Pat Hill and as usual it was excellent. The audience seemed to take it in their stride when Col (Rev) Bill Dodgen who conducted the service, reported that he’d stopped to ask some Africans working on the road for directions. While his attention was distracted, his beret with badges and his GPS were stolen from the passenger seat! Only in Africa – as Pat Hill remarked!

Afterwards there were drinks and bring and braai lunches in a festive atmosphere. Music was provided and Alf Whiston entertained everyone with his bagpipes. There was a large BSAP Association contingent present and their names appear below.

110905 Doug McGibbon, returned from far parts and recovering from cerebral malaria,

ANNUAL GOLF DAY;
ROODEPOORT COUNTRY CLUB
21/10/2011

The 30th Annual Golf day on the 21st October was a good one with 57 players. Target was 80 players to raise funds of R25000 but various factors prohibited this such as tough times, restricted organizational ability and usual apathy. We made R16305 which is fair.

I do not have details about memorabilia sales and thanks to John Herdman for assistance.

Raffle prizes were distributed from sales in various areas, including the Jocks on 14/10 and my own watering holes. From sales at the Jocks, Val Viljoen (wife of 8780 Craig Viljoen) won a Sun International prize, and Ian Duncan, a very rare brandy.

Overall, a great day as always with our first hole in one ever: Derek Dreyer aced on the short 7th.

Organisational ability is a major problem and proved extremely difficult this year. Sadly, the core of previous committee either passed away, very ill or on a lighter side got married. Some were not available. This will have to be tackled in the future.
Credit goes to Ian (Tufty) Bate who did all the work and thanks to Keith Douche who assisted at office, plus Barry Enslin & Dave Wright on the day.

Trophies from the Police Golf Club were repaired and cleaned up. The Under 65 trophy was won by Taffy Thomas ex Shabani Mine, and the Pensioners Trophy was won by Andy Harris, ex Major with the Territorials and a member of the association.

John Pirrett

Well done John, you deserve much praise for the past 30 years! Ed

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

UNITED KINGDOM

The Annual Regimental Dinner of the UK Branch of the Association took place in The Carisbrooke Hall, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London on Friday 23 September 2011. Peter introduced our guest speaker, Colonel Peter Walton, ex-British Army, military historian, archivist, author and artist. In a speech that was well received by all, Peter spoke both about his experiences with the British Army in Zimbabwe after independence.

Sitting down to dinner were:
Lord Michael Walker, Brigadier David Heppenstall, Colonel Peter Walton, 4158 Tim Weimer, 4278 John Balchin, 4853 Fred Punter, 4857 Mike Wiltshire, 4882 Peter Dancer, 4934 Mike Burman, 4964 Mike Tadman, 5111 Jack Bacon, 5171 Peter Hillier, 5248 Alan Lane, 5358 Mick York, 5408 Richard Barnes, 5559 Dick Thompson, 5601 Eric Robb, 5615 Tom Meekin with guest Stanley Mills, 5625 Biff Way, 5975 Mike Abbotts, 6130 Randy Symmons, 6355 Mike Moysen, 6366 Jim Stoker, 6432 Chris Roberts, 6609 Parry Jones, 6632 Gerry Paxton, 6721 Peter Russell, 6737 Mike Coleman, 6743 Bruce Allen, 6753 Roger and Suzanne Cook, 6905 Peter Phillips, 7211 Peter Biddulph, 7212 Tony Brown, 7264 Gordon Best, 7359 Bertie Cubitt, 7391 Alan Toms, 7677 Peter Deve, 7784 Steve Acornley, 7941 Randal Kennerley, 8021 Mike Rowley, 8163 Robbie and WP 199 Lin Robertson, 8338 Mal Thurman, 9086 Tony Granger, 9591 Les Burrow, WPO 190 Glynis Dibden, WFR 201279
Heather Milner.

Victory Services Club Gathering

6 September 2011 – another well attended gathering this month – enjoying the company were: 4278 John Balchin, 4503 Derek Humberstone, 4840 Mike Purslow, 4882 Peter Dancer, 5469 Dave Grimby, 5507 Brian Taylor, 5662 Barry Henson, 5975 Mike Abbotts, 6348 Dennis Poole, 6527 Mike O'Donnell, 6609 Parry Jones, 6630 Jim Hazlett, 6753 Roger Cook, 6905 Peter Phillips, 6988 Colin Say, 7211 Peter Biddulph, 7359 Bertie Cubitt, 7391 Alan Toms, 8275 Alistair Morgan, WP 199 Lin Robertson and P/R David Bullock.

BSAP 10th Irish Gathering

Saturday the 3 September dawned cloudy and wet but by midday the weather cleared and there was a sigh of relief from those gathered for the 10th Annual Irish Gathering. The venue as usual was the fine home of Sandy Stokes for which many thanks are offered.

In all 51 persons attended. Apologies were received from 4209 Julian Burkitt and 4789 Eddie Matchett, both on account of ill-health and 5635 Dave Riley (family affairs). An apology of sorts can be credited to 5601 Eric Robb in that he pitched up a day late, on the Sunday, having entered the date incorrectly in his diary.

Members moved freely about the extensive grounds, meeting up with old colleagues, before partaking of the excellent and varied lunch prepared by Eve Norris, Anne Mills, Marie Berry, Katharine Flynn, Joan Meekin, all under the overall supervision of Master Chef Sandy.

Thanks to Fred Punter who took on the role of Official Photographer and took excellent shots of small groups and then the important Group Photo. To accommodate the crowd Sandy positioned his tractor and trailer on the lawn. Some time was required to get all the people positioned on the trailer, whether due to drink or age is not known. To appreciate the quality of this photo it requires to be seen in colour.

Biff Way took over the raffle, sold tickets, was master of ceremonies at the draw in his own inimitable fashion and was so successful that a sum of £270 was raised both from the raffle and lunch proceeds, to be sent to the Association as a donation.

In attendance were:

5211 Bill Birch (from Namibia); 5358 Mick York; 9591 Les Burrow; 7391 Alan and Lynn Toms; 5584 John and Marie Berry; 8131 Brian Hodson; 5615 Tom and Joan Meekin; 4853 Fred Punter; 9207 Garth Long and Sandy
Webster; 9225 John and Linda Scott; 8408 (ex-RUC) Stan and Anne Mills; 5625 Biff Way; FR 23361 Chris and Wendy Kavanagh; Maud Croghan (guest); 4583 Paddy Leen; 5936 Roger and Renate Capper; 5681 Robin and Carole Harvey; Mike Harris (Rhod. Govt. guest); Rob and Rosemary Davey (RRAF, guests); 5272 Pat Deasy; Bill McCarter (RRAF, guest); Geoff and Maggie Wood (guests); 30487 FR Anthony and Jennifer Sly; 7348 Peter O'Hara; 6264 Bob and Katherine Flynn; 6921 Howard and Val Byrne; 8196 Tom Devoy; Rev. Noel Scott (guest); 5508 Gordon and Eve Norris; Kenneth and Margaret Taylor (guests); 5586 Sandy Stokes; PR 8704K Keith and Carol Latham; 31477N FR Ian and Patricia Pearce.

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

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

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

The Margate Station, mustered by their Member i/c Barry Woan, was again well represented and we were very pleased to see Shirley Smith (wife of Smudge) who recently underwent major surgery.

Many ales were consumed, many memories re-kindled and the day enjoyed by all.
Trevor Wilson adds, “The date for the lunch - 24th September was appropriate, as it was Heritage Day in South Africa and we could remember our service in the BSA Police with pride.

A ‘first’ as far as I know – the Catering and Kitchen staff were called from the kitchen after the event and enjoyed a prolonged loud round of applause and thanks for their efforts and the quality of the food.

Before the proceedings concluded, I announced that Trevor Dutton had been accorded the honour of being appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Natal Branch for his dedicated work and untiring efforts in producing the Natal Branch Outpost to such high standards, since he undertook the editorship. He immediately announced that in future he would spend the annual subs, he no longer has to pay, on his “trains”. He also received a bottle of single Malt whiskey to revive himself after his extended exertions and Beryl received a bouquet for her efforts in proof reading each tome. Well done to you both.”

The attendees were:

ARNOLD, Peter (5042);
AYRTON-WHITE, Mike (5754) & Ethne; BAKER, Lionel (6422) & Rose Mee; BECK, Phil; BENNETT, Alan (8242) & Flik; BORRETT, Hazel; BRISTOW, Rob (8308); CARROLL, John (6519) & Nancy; CLARK, Nobby (5283); CLARK, Robin (6030) & Pauline; COMBES, Peter (6650); COLEPEPER, Peter (5836) & Gill; CROSSLEY, Ant (6136); De Wit, Graham (6170); De WITT, Laurie (PR 12300) & Doreen; DOLBY, John (5251) & Carla; DIXON, Hugh (6717); DRIVER, Chris (7706); DUTTON, Trevor (5293) & Beryl; DYER, Dickie & Betty (4726); DEVLIN, Phil (5526) & Robin; FORD, Louise (WP71); GARDENER, Roy (5930) & Pauline; GATLAND, Pete (7543) & Elsa; GIBSON, Peter (5156) & Kathy Mumford; HAMILTON, Rob 7402 & Shelagh; HARDIE, Laurette; HOWSE, Des (7229) & Trish; HUGHES, Stretch (7026) & Val; ISEMONGER, Dick (5958); JOHNSON, Robin (5087) & Pat; KEMPEN, Rob (11166) & Linda; KNOETZE, Jock (7639); LAWSON, Dave (8090); Le CRERAR, Lee (6371) and Jan; LEES, John (6454); LYNN, David (6872) & Maddy; McCracken, Donal & Patricia; MASON, Fred (5934) & Lindsay; MESSINA, Andy (7129) & May; MILLER, John (6759); PAINTING, Ted (6097) & Sue; PERKINS, Brian (8276); PHELAN, Wanda; SHEWELL, Paul (5749) & Heather; SMITH, Smudge (4254) & Shirley; STARR, Derek (5842) & Doris; SUTHERLAND, Vic (5939) & Reena; THURLBY, Dawn; TORRANCE, Malcolm (5760) & Jean; TEMPLE, Hugh (8594) & Denise; VINCENT, Eileen; VON HORSTEN, Butch (6467)
HILLCREST
Thirty-seven Natal and Midlands Branch members got together on Sunday 17 July 2011 at Inchanga Country Village for their annual social day (which used to involve a cricket match until we got too old for that. Bowls followed but .....). The threatening weather may have put a few people off but the day turned out to be ideal for the burning of meat and the quaffing of various beverages. Many of the usual suspects were present, plus a few new faces, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Smudge Smith is to be thanked for arranging the venue and Flik Bennett for proving the sadza and gravy.

DURBAN NORTH
After many attempts, particularly by Malcolm Wiltshire, to get members living in the Durban North area together, Iain Laing finally succeeded in cajoling eight 'old f-rts' (his terminology) to gather for coffee at the Europa restaurant, La Lucia, on Wednesday morning, 13 July. After much chin wagging (you think women can talk!), it was agreed that the gathering should take place on a regular basis and Iain will organise a repeat in the not too distant future (could this be the start of a long-awaited Durban North Station?).

QUEENSLAND
Annual Lunch. The 2011 Annual Lunch was held at the Take 5 Restaurant Victoria Point run by ex-Karoi Farmers Simon Aston and Theunis Moolman and their Canadian partner. Present were 4727 Mike and Rosemary Edden, 5450 Dick and Jan Howlett, 5757 Ian and Rachel Milton, 5858 Dave and Jean Clinker, 6278 Gerry Dyer, 6303 Peter and Carol Nortje, 6604 John Gold, 6969 Billy Budd, 6994 Colin John and his two guests ex-Internal Affairs Rob and Sandy Knights, 7012 Mike and Ginny King, 10265 Mitch and Debbie Dove, 28014Z Mike Hayes, WFR Jenny Jones and daughter Debbie and Godfrey Lawrence.

TRANSVAAL INPOST
"Dick

Once again a magnificent evening epitomizing the very high standards and values of tradition that the BSAP holds close to it's being. I certainly consider The Annual Regimental Dinner to be one of the highlights of the year. The guest speaker, Rhett Gardener was a junior when I was at Umtali Boys High School and if I remember correctly a somewhat mischievous little bugger, however a goodly speech with humorous anecdotes of life in the BSAP. I congratulate all that put the occasion together and
sincerely thank you for a wonderful evening. I look forward to next year.

Pat Hill 0410 Lt Col “

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“Hi Dick.
I endorse what Pat Hill has said. It is one of the highlights of the year for me too.
Barry said some very kind words about me by way of introduction, none of which were true of course!! Mary does the work and deserves the accolades. I just come up with ideas that give her grief.)
Best regards, and thanks for a splendid dinner.

John Redfern
Honorary National Secretary
Flame Lily Foundation

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“Dear Dick,

Just wish to say again how much Val and I enjoyed the dinner. It was great to see those we know and to meet some more very good people. Dave’s poem of the morning horse rides on training was very nostalgic. I once went out on a Sunday morning with recruits I knew to a stable in Salisbury South; we had an exciting gallop [against the owner’s instructions] which had me unseated around the steed’s neck and back up without hitting the ground! So many stories, so many memories for all to recall! Thanks again to the organising committee.

Neil Archer”

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“I recently went to Melbourne with my two SA resident brothers to celebrate my older brother’s 70th; a very festive occasion. On the return trip we stopped over at Perth for a few hours and met with Derek (7133) and Brenda Foster, ex Bulawayo, a very pleasant couple of hours. Derek says that he occasionally meets with John Henderson (7236. best man at my wedding in 1967) and Chris (7796) and Pete (7365) Scott, also ex Bulawayo; they dropped us at the airport for our return trip home.
It was with shock that we heard that Brenda had undergone an operation on her stomach and sadly died following complications.
Robin Clarke 6866.”

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“Good morning
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of myself and Roy, for a really enjoyable evening with you all at the Johannesburg Country Club. It is always so refreshing to be part of things still done so well. Long may the organization continue.
Kind regards
Don Stotter
Don’s host was Roy Pierson whose father worked at Tomlinson Depot where Roy was raised – Ed.

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"Congratulations on another excellent recent Transvaal Outpost. I was saddened to see that my squad mate and your committee member Ashley Collings is receiving chemotherapy for cancer. However, I've learnt directly that his prognosis is good once he completes his course of chemo.

Another squad mate and one of our committee members, Lew Whitmore, in particular enjoyed the Jock Pirrett article and sends his regards to him.

Regards
Rob (Bob in BSAP) 7045 Branch Chairman"

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"Hi Glenn,
We have been in New Zealand for four years and just loving it. Of course have a couple of close ex Rhodesian friends (lots of relatives and liaise closely with the a few SAS and of course ex BSAP guys here).

Mukumbura is close to my heart as for the five years I spent in the Mazoe Valley - I spent most of my time in the Border region with my border post being Mukkka's - I made it my second home and roamed Mozambique, living and mixing with the Portuguese. As the security situation grew of course more interest in the area resulted and Ron Dick who was CO of the Mazoe Valley assisted me in developing the Rhodesian side of the border, where the BSAP Patrol base was a dilapidated hut, into a proper concrete installation that was more like a bunker, and a place where we could keep our beers safe from bombardment by Frelimo mortars, or misdirected Portuguese army fire.

The Troopers from Mount Darwin used it as a patrol base and Mike Crabtree was one of those guys. I remember either being trapped on the Pork side or unable to cross the swollen river to the other side on occasions in the flash flood season.

I with a couple of young policemen - I think it was a constable called Fraser nickname Doc'. We watched the swollen river and it was decided we would form a club called the Mukumbura Surf Club. I took the idea back to Bindura and designed a logo or about three and eventually showed my drawings to Dave Parry, the Member-In-Charge of Mount Darwin and there was a general consensus that the Feet flagon of wine and setting sun depicted the Surf Club. It was a long story but I eventually had the transfers made for the manufacture of beer mugs and the firm I used was 'Thunderman Transfers'. I then took these along to Norbel Potteries where I became very friendly with the chief potter, a much older man called Mr Darby. They produced only 50 mugs and we gave them away (never sold) to all the regular police whom were stationed at Mount Darwin, and then our special mates in Army and Air force - particularly the Helicopter pilots.

As this venture was a success I then designed the Hurricane mugs for both Mount Darwin and Centenary with the figure 11 target as the logo. These were sold to pay for the manufacture and Norbel were on a roll as the beer mug craze over the years of the war grew. Norbel later honoured me with an
award of a large mug with every logo they had used embossed on it.
I held the sole rights of the Mukumbura Surf Club and, although we must have had about a sum total of 200 made over the years I had control of each one and they were only given to special guys that had anything to do with North East border. I even presented Cliff Dupont with a mug on the steps of the Mount Darwin Magistrate Court and remember telling him that he could not be President of the Club because I was and that I would make him Chairman.
Anyway - I had to put this down for you because over the years other people such as Internal Affairs have tried to Hijack the Club. Incidentally there was another club I formed and that was the Rhodesian Roughriders Club - only for persons ambushed shot up, and blown up.
More mugs and at one time Bob Wishart was entrusted with keeping a record of all the recipients we gave them to.
Anyway anybody that has any of these beer mugs I believe to the collector are very valuable.
I am glad to hear that you are still around so many of our numbers having caught the last bus out of Dodge, yesterday I heard that Jock Crossan had died, another good man.
Keep well my friend - maybe one day we can meet up - there is always a place here and in 2013 when Felicity and I get our NZ Passports we will be coming over for a visit.
My youngest son Matt’ is a Naval Diving Instructor in Simon’s Town - and I have an older brother in Cape Town - but no doubt if Stanton and a few other lads are still around (including Dave Parry) maybe we organise a reunion.
Cheers for now, Winston...”

Many thanks Winston: your account will be read with interest! I never received a mug! Ed.

“Greetings
The recent compromise of Glenn Macaskill’s webmail account on Yahoo has prompted a few thoughts on passwords. As you all know, we do maintain a series of e-mail address for you all on the @bsap.org domain. In fact the website only uses these addresses to refer mail to you, so any visitor clicking on your e-mail address is actually sending mail to you via the @bsap.org address. Since inception, these webmail accounts have never received a password change from any of those who operate them. In fact, many of them are simply just forwarding e-mails received to an address provided by each Hon. Secretary or Outpost Editor. In light of Glenn’s experiences, and this time last year, Neville Spurr’s experience with a webmail account being hacked, it may be pertinent to note a few points.
There are many ways to gain access to a webmail account (and other web applications which require a username/password combination):

. one is through phishing wherein you receive an earlier e-mail supposedly from your
'webmail administration', suggesting there is a problem with your webmail account and which actually has the audacity to ask for your username and password (believe it or not, some people fall for this and provide these sensitive details); or

. Some form of 'cookie' or malware while browsing seeks out the username/password combinations on your computer, or

. presumptive guessing (using dates of birth, middle names, and other formations exclusive to you and/or easy to remember - believe it or not I have seen people using '12345', 'computer', 'password', 'email' and other common words); or

. The use of a brute force, trapdoor application which runs through millions of permutations to arrive at the password and gain access.

There are a few of things we should never do:

. Never, ever, disclose a username/password combination to anyone, not even to your ISP's administration - some do;

. Do not write passwords down anywhere on your computer, unless this is encrypted, or commit it to paper, left in your top drawer for all to access - most do;

. Do not use a set of just letters or numbers on their own in a password, rather use a combination of numbers, special characters and letters - few do;

. Never ever use your name, permutations thereof, dates of birth, and any other item of information about yourself which you have littered around cyberspace or the blatantly obvious - many do.

. Do not use single common English words (or words in your own language), it is easier to isolate a few hundred thousand words in the English dictionary than the billion combinations of say a 16 digit random password - yet many do;

. Do not use the same password for more than one application on the web - many do too.

In my humble opinion a good password can be made up of:

. Two or more words, better they are in a foreign language to your own;

. uses number/letter substitutions (i.e. l=1; o=zero; e=3; z=2; s=5; b=6);

. a couple of #$%^&*()<=>? etc. for good measure; and

. upper a lower case combinations of the letters used.

So choose a phrase you can remember, say "bold as a knight", substitute numbers "601d a5 a knight", add characters "601d#a5#a#knight", capitalise some "601D#A5%A#knightT", add an identifier, say for a Yahoo account "601D#A5%A#knightT>YA" and memorise it... When using your Gmail account just change the last two digits.  Alternative, just take a thoroughly random series of numbers, letters and special characters and take your chances with remembering them!

With best wishes,
Andrew Field – 8646
Webmaster
Many thanks Andrew for the advice, which I'm sure the boffins – and would be boffins - will appreciate – Ed.

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“Dear Friends, Rhodies and Countrymen,

We at Roan Antelope trust that 2011 was a good one for you all, albeit it was another hard one financially throughout the world. It was also a hard call for S.A. rugby. Sorry bokke, we still love you, you were the best team, such a pity a Rhodesian; David Pocock upset the applecart. Now that 2011 is coming to an end we would truly like to wish you and yours a new start in 2012 with many exciting plans, happiness and faith!

Once again our thanks for your support through thick and thin; the emails and tit bits of news from time to time, your parties, get togethers and celebrations playing John’s music and your facebook participation with photo’s with blasts from the past that have brought back fond memories. To date this year the Roan Music team have done 4” live” concerts. Two for Rhodies at When Weez Bar at Hartebeespoortdam, one at Kunkuru at the 4th Kunkuru Rhodie weekend and at Pretoria East and one UDI concert at Westville Country Club in Natal on 12th November. As per our October newsletter you all know about Roan’s new release, “The Boer War in Song”, first one of its kind. A great collection of 18 songs pertaining to the Boer War. This album which one could call an historical Troopies songs CD – has been enthusiastically received in all quarters ,by museums, military historians , battlefield “nuts” (we are too), South Africans and Rhodies that are passionate about their heritage and even relatives of Boer War Vets from as far away as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and U.K.

A great gift for Christmas filled with facts, stories and best music ever!

Other releases this year, by popular demand were “From the Pen of John Edmond” and “The Hidden Tracks”. The Roan Team dug into the archives and with the help of Record collectors came up with these two great albums.

Whilst digging around the archives they also came up with some tracks that many folk have asked for; Johnny Haswell’s Chilapalapa stories and two of Wrex Tarr’s hidden tracks “Radio Ranga” and “The Poacher’s Lament” – most appropriate these days! We also found three of John’s” live” comedy tracks (Recorded at the Bless em all show in Umtali 1978) The album was aptly titled “RTV Fun Channel””. As a special for the months of November and December 2011 Roan are offering these 4 newly released albums as well as all other product that you might want to purchase for Christmas on special. All product Less 10%. BUY MORE THAN 3 CD’s and GET ONE SINGLE CD FREE!

We at Roan would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a blessed, safe and joyous festive season with extreme happiness and better days in 2012.

The Roan Antelope Team

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DEATH NOTICES

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

WP 314 Angela Elizabeth Boothway (nee Hay)

I regret to advise the recent death of Angie Boothway on 5 June 2011 in Triangle, Zimbabwe. Angie joined the BSA Police in January 1976 and served until August 1978 when she left the force with the rank of Woman Patrol Officer. 3 October 2011.

110627 Stephen George Cavanagh

He served 20.08.1978 to 03.05.1981 leaving as a P.O. Information has been received of the death of Stephen in Durban on 9th September 2011 after a short illness. The cause of death is not known at this stage and no further details are available.

4988 William John Maxwell Crossan

It is with a great sense of sadness that we advise the death of Detective Chief Inspector 4988 William (Bill or Jock) John Maxwell Crossan during the evening of 28.10.2011 in Johannesburg. Bill had been unwell for some while and fought his condition with his usual Scottish tenacity to the end. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Grace, his daughters Caroline and Monica and his son Brian. The funeral was held in Fourways, Johannesburg, on 3rd November and was well attended. Please see editorial.

General John Hickman

It is with deep regret that we advise of the death of John Hickman, ex Commander of the Army, the son of 2622 former Commissioner of Police Arthur Selwyn Hickman, and the brother of the late 7078 Inspector Jeremy Alexander Varcoe Hickman. John died early on the 28th October 2011, and the cause of death was renal failure resulting from diabetes.

PR26063 Norman Livingstone Heslip

We regret to advise his death, a former member of the Police Reserve (no further service details available) on 18 March 2010 in Johannesburg, South Africa, as a result of a heart attack. He was a member of the United Kingdom Branch of the Regimental Association, but appears to have returned to live in South Africa before his death.

5877 John Angus Hamilton Mackinnon

It is with deep regret that we have to advise of the death John who died in Harare on the 6th August 2011. After his retirement from the Force, he worked for Fawcett’s Security. He had been ill for a long time suffering from
severe emphysema. He served 01.09.1958 to 15.05.1983 leaving as a C/Supt.

4328 Karl Aubrey Peter Maskell

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Karl who died in Harare on the 28th October 2011. He had been feeling unwell and went to see his doctor. He collapsed and died at his doctor's rooms. In his will he donated his body to the University of Zimbabwe Medical School. There was therefore no funeral and no memorial service either.

At the time of his death he was living in the Dorothy Duncan Centre in Greendale, Harare. The passing of another "legend in his time."

Karl served from 16.11.1948 until 27.06.1983. Although retiring as C/Supt he had acted in the rank of A/Comm. He had a brother who served in the Bechuanaland (Botswana) Police who, though not a twin, could just as well have been as they could hardly be distinguished because they were so "look alike."

4380 Patrick James McCulloch

It is with deep regret that we advise the death of Pat McCulloch at Amberglen frail care facility, Howick, Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa on the 16th of November 2011. Pat had been in poor health and confined to frail care for an extended period. Pat joined the Force on the 1st of February 1949 retiring as a Senior Assistant Commissioner on the 1st of May 1982. Pat immigrated to South Africa and joined the Natal Parks Board, retiring as Deputy Director Auxiliary Services.

22225b Harry Victor McKinley

It is with a profound sense of sadness that we report the death in Johannesburg of Harry McKinley on 20th September 2011. He had been admitted to hospital to undergo surgery and sadly died of heart failure.

Harry was a flamboyant character - he had served in the Northern Rhodesia Police (NRP) eventually settling in the Chiredzi area where he was well known and participated actively in PATU. He was extremely well known to all regulars and reserve who served in the low veld areas. He had seen active service in the British Army.

Harry, despite his advancing years, was a very active member of the Regimental Association and would seldom miss a monthly gathering or social function at which he was always full of bonhomie taking a keen interest in all whom he met.

Harry's beloved wife predeceased him and he is survived by his daughter Fiona Redford.

The funeral was well attended on 27th September, followed by a wake at the Fairland Moths.

Greg McManus

Ron Pilborough has advised of the death of the New Zealand Branch Secretary, Greg McManus, who died of cancer on the 24th August in Auckland. A former member of the NRP, Greg was the Secretary/Treasurer of the
New Zealand Branch for a number of years. He worked extremely hard for the branch and for the Association as a whole, despite the fact that he never did serve in the BSAP. His sad departure is a loss to the Association. He will be sadly missed, and not only by the New Zealand Branch.

4521 Phillip (Phil) Gordon Mingard

The Natal Midlands Branch regrets to advise the death of Phil on the 31st of July 2011 in Pietermaritzburg. He joined the force on the 13 December 1949 retiring as Assistant Commissioner, Senior Staff Officer Administration at PGHQ. Phil spent a large portion of his career in the finance section of the Police. He also took a keen interest in Police rugby administration, and took part in rally driving in the mid 60’s. He was instrumental in the formation of the Natal Midlands Branch of the Association in 2000, and served as the first Chairman of the branch up until 2008 when he decided to take early retirement.

Brenda Foster

The Australia Branch announces the death of Brenda, wife of Derek Foster (7133), a member of this Branch, following major surgery.

5634 William Henry (Bill) Royle

It is with regret that we have to advise of the death of Bill Royle, from cancer on the 18th of June, this year at his home in Sale in Cheshire. Bill attested into the Force on the 10/02/57 and resigned on the 16/03/67. At the time of his resignation he had reached the rank of Inspector.

4808 Donald Hugh Russell

We are sorry to tell you that Don passed away on 22nd September in a hospital in Portimao. He had been very ill since he had an operation on 1st August. Don attested 05.11.1951 and retired as A/Comm on 05.07.1981.

8007 John Tilley

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of John Tilley on 4 November 2011 in East London, South Africa. He joined the BSA Police in June 1968 and served his short career in the Uniformed Branch. He left the force at his own request in June 1973 with the rank of Section Officer. He immigrated to South Africa where he operated his own courier business before retiring to the coast.

7120 David John Tunney
It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of the above member who passed away from cancer on 01.10.2011 in Pretoria. Dave had been fighting this disease for the past 9 months. He attested on 15.07.1964, leaving in the rank of Inspector on 03.06.1980.

6271 Harvey Francois Otto Wilhelm

It is with regret that we advise of the death of Harvey from cancer in Cape Town on the 10th October 2011. His death was reported by a business colleague in South Africa who was related to Harvey by marriage. The Western Cape Branch has been advised of his death. He served 20.01.1961 to 11.06.1982, leaving as a C/Insp.

ARTICLES, ETC

British South Africa Police Regimental Association, Western Cape, South Africa. Proposals to take the Association forward in 2011- Report by Andrew Stevens

Purpose of this report:
To investigate whether the Association in its present form is equipped to meet the Financial needs of its members and ex-members of the British South Africa Police. The BSAP Police website describes the function of the Association as:
The BSA Police Regimental Association is an a-political group of former members of the British South Africa Police force formed for the purpose of:
• providing benevolence to former members of the Force, their wives, widows and families;
• establishing social contact between members of the Association; and
• providing sporting, recreation and leisure facilities to its members.
There are a dozen or so autonomous branches of the Regimental Association spread around the globe which host regular functions and get-togethers. Former members are encouraged to join their local branch.
Original Constitution amended 1975, reads: the object of the Association shall be:-
(i) Benevolence- viz assistance to any ex-members, their wives and family who are subscribing members of the Association except that assistance shall not be granted to non-subscribing members except at the discretion of Central Comm.
(ii) To provide a means of social contact between past and serving members.
The original constitution had Salisbury (Central Committee) as its base with the Commissioner and other serving officers on board. This no longer
applies to the BSAP Regimental Association although those members with service in the Zimbabwe Police May derive some benefit from belonging to any association they have at sometime in the future. Other possible benefits may derive from the IPA.

Whilst the association has in the past been able to help members with employment and financial assistance, its main activity has been the entertainment of its members. The increasing number of members in distress [both subscribing and non-subscribing] will in the future drain the reserves of the association and this needs to be addressed urgently. Ex-members of arguably the finest Police Force in the world undoubtedly want to do their best to help their colleagues in distressed circumstances.

Bearing this in mind, it is necessary to look at the structure. Is it appropriate that branches remain autonomous or should there be a central committee in each country where the branches are and should there be a committee in one country which has the final ruling, as was the case originally? I should remind members that General, the Lord Michael Walker, is patron of the BSAP Trust and as reported in the Outpost 67/Nov 2010 by 4853 Fred Punter, has close ties with the UK branch. It would seem that this branch which initiated the BSAP memorial, might be suitable to assume the leading role in the Association should the branches decide on a new structure as outlined. Secondly, should the welfare be restricted, mainly, to subscribing members or should it be extended to embrace all ex-members of the Force?

Communication between branches of the Association: In the past, secretaries used to visit and discuss matters of mutual interest between Branches. Today with the advent of email, much more can be done electronically. It is important to ensure maximum co-operation between branches to establish a uniformed approach. Members also move from branch to branch or country to country either as visitors or permanently. The philosophy applied to rendering assistance in such cases needs to be more clearly regulated and the onus of making such decisions need not rest on the heads of the local committee once a proper framework has been established.

Funding

Funds, according to the Financial Officer, are roughly divided into 2 pools.

(i) the day to day running expenses of the Association and
(ii) Long term funding held for benevolent purposes.
The question of assistance to visiting members from other regions needs to be formulated and provision made for the contingent needs of distressed visiting members. A reciprocal method of dealing with this between branches needs to be put on the agenda and include claims/reimbursements and so on.

Benevolence
The committee strives to enlist all ex members of the BSAP, yet there will be times when non-subscribing members call for assistance. It would be ungracious to deny these ex-colleagues assistance whatever the circumstances and therefore it falls upon the Association to budget for this.

Claims
Claimants for benevolence need to be properly screened after application by way of a ‘means test’ and a written application need to be filed. Members active in this field will be able to assist and it is suggested that an experienced member of the committee is assigned to deal with this.

Fund-Raising
This needs to be activated and can take various forms. Some examples follow:-
(i) Donations from living members
(ii) Donations from other sources, countries (USA) Military & Police organisations and other Welfare organisations.
(iii) Legacies in wills of members
(iv) Membership plus (membership fees plus small donation)
(v) Members Investment Club. This would work something like this – Investment members would contribute a sum of say R50 000 plus and become shareholders in a company. This would be professionally managed for which there would be a nominal fee. Funds would be invested in the stock exchange, unit trusts, money market etc. With 10% of the annual profit going to the Association. Payment of dividends to members, withdrawals etc would have to be contained in the memorandum/funding agreement at the outset of the venture.

Medical and Insurance Schemes
These are additional matters which may be of interest to members.

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*Interesting article – Ed*

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**Subject: David Bullard’s article on Malema**
The antics of Julius Malema may be good for a laugh now but they remind me of the early days of Idi Amin. Young JuJu is already allowed to travel in a car with no number plates with no fear of prosecution. He refuses to give answers to the media as to how he acquired such wealth in such a short time and he may even enjoy special status with the Receiver of Revenue. In the face of overwhelming evidence that he’s a sleazebag the ruling party remain silent. Perhaps they have their own plans for JuJu but maybe they are quietly chuckling to themselves and saying “that’s my boy”. If it’s the latter then we really are up shit creek without a paddle. We will look back on 2010 not as the year we hosted the FIFA World Cup but as the year the cancer that destroyed the country was first detected and identified. We’ve had some low lifes before and many of them from the ANCYL, but Malema’s combination of stupidity, greed and arrogance plus his willingness and ability to lie with a straight face make him a man to be feared. We may be chortling at his antics now but we won’t be laughing when his goons start kicking in the heads of his political enemies. We will look back on 2010 not as the year we hosted the FIFA World Cup but as the year the cancer that destroyed the country was first detected and identified. We’ve had some low lifes before and many of them from the ANCYL, but Malema’s combination of stupidity, greed and arrogance plus his willingness and ability to lie with a straight face make him a man to be feared. We may be chortling at his antics now but we won’t be laughing when his goons start kicking in the heads of his political enemies.

WHY DAVID LIVINGSTONE’S IDEAS DID NOT WORK
One of the major themes of David Livingstone’s career was the promotion of
“Christianity and Commerce”, which he believed would provide a means of bringing to an end the Central African slave trade. The idea was going round in Zambia, to those who gave the matter thought that it was Livingstone who had advocated white colonisation in Central Africa to put an end to slavery, tribal warfare and to introduce civilisation generally.

Livingstone argued that the slave trade would cease if it were undermined by the introduction of what he termed “legitimate commerce” or trade other than in slaves. In his view, the African would no longer sell his fellow men to slave traders if he had an alternative means of acquiring European cloth, guns and trinkets. If “legitimate” traders proceeded into the interior and offered to exchange these items for such products as wax, palm oil and ivory, the chiefs would have no need to capture and sell slaves, and thus the trade would be eliminated at its source.

In addition, Livingstone sought to make the African people more responsive to the Christian gospel, and he was certain that in order to do this the conditions of poverty and superstition which prevailed among them would also have to come to an end. He believed that this could and should be brought about by their learning new skills from European advisers, and that as a result of this the African people might, for example, become cultivators of crops which could be exported to Europe. Livingstone thus advocated a policy of beneficent colonisation, or of European intrusion for the benefit of the African. Commerce was to be introduced to supplant the slave trade, and new skills were to be introduced along with the Christian gospel, to uplift the African people both morally and economically.

These ideas were not entirely new. In 1828 the resident director of the London Missionary Society in South Africa, Dr John Philip, had promoted similar views in his book Researcbes in South Africa, and in 1840 Livingstone had heard T F Buxton, a leader of the anti-slavery movement, promulgate Christianity and commerce as the solution to the problem of the slave trade. However it was Livingstone’s 1857 campaign, on his return from his great trans-African journey, which really mobilised public enthusiasm for intervention in Central Africa, culminating in his address in the Senate House, Cambridge, on 4 December.

Let us now consider the practical results of Livingstone’s 1857 campaign. The British Government had no wish to acquire tracts of territory in remote and hardly known areas, but under pressure from public opinion Lord Palmerston’s government reluctantly agreed to finance an expedition to the Zambesi with Livingstone at its head. The aims of the expedition were noble; to extend the geographical knowledge of the area, to promote trade and legitimate commerce with the inhabitants and it was hoped that a considerable advance might be made towards the extinction of the slave trade, as they would not be long in discovering that (agricultural produce) would eventually be a more certain source of profit than the latter.”
The failure of the three expeditions instigated by Livingstone had a marked effect on overseas opinion. Public interest in humanitarian ventures in the region waned, and when Livingstone returned to England in 1864 his reputation had fallen dramatically. It was only after Livingstone’s death, on 30 April 1873, that public interest in the missionary and his ideals returned to what it had been. His dramatic meeting with Stanley, and the touching account of his final wanderings through the Bangweulu swamp, together with the feat of devotion and loyalty shown by his African companions in carrying his body a thousand miles to the coast, led to a renewed wave of public admiration and enthusiasm for Livingstone and what he stood for. He was buried with full national honours in Westminster Abbey, and his example was seen as an inspiration and encouragement for others to follow. The years following Livingstone’s death, then, witnessed a second wave of missionary endeavour.

Within a year of the doctor’s death, the Church of Scotland had founded the Blantyre mission in the Shire highlands in what is now Malawi, while other missions were established on the shore of Lake Nyasa. At the same time, the African Lakes Company was founded by a group of Scottish businessmen, as a trading company with the object of supplying the missions and conducting legitimate trade with the natives. However the Company found that the only sufficiently profitable merchandise was ivory. It established a post at Karonga at the north end of Lake Nyasa, but the post was liable to attack by Arab slavers. While the Company was able to fend off the attacks, they were unable to defeat the slavers and only just managed to survive. The slave raiders did not dare attack the missionaries and the presence of the mission stations created havens of security in their immediate vicinity. In addition, after 1897 Coillard was able to dissuade Lewanika from raiding the Ila, but prior to this date the chief had indulged in warfare against the Tonga, Ila and Kaonde. But away from the immediate vicinity of the mission stations, the influence of the missionaries was nonexistent, and slave raiding and tribal warfare continued unabated.

The limits of philanthropy had been reached. In attempting to put Livingstone’s philosophy of Christianity and commerce into practice, the experiences of the missionaries and of the Lakes Company had shown that little could be achieved solely through charitable motivation. And so it was that Cecil Rhodes was given the opportunity to occupy Central Africa for Britain. The United Kingdom’s motives were far removed from mere altruism towards the native peoples. By the late 1880s Central Africa was becoming a power vacuum. If Britain did not occupy the territory, another country would do so.

On 29 October 1889 Rhodes was granted the Charter to form a company which would occupy and administer Zambesia, promote trade and commerce and develop mineral and other resources. European settlement was specifically allowed for in the Charter. In
February 1891, the British South Africa Company’s sphere of influence was formally extended north of the Zambesi.
During the ensuing years British South Africa Company forces operating in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland steadily defeated the slave caravans.
Forty years after Livingstone’s campaign, in October 1897, R T Coryndon arrived at Lealui to take up the position of Barotseland Resident. He was welcomed by Lewanika and a crowd of about 10,000 Barotse. Following the establishment of basic infrastructure, from the early 1900s farmers, miners and traders began to settle in the Territory.
By 1911, when the administration of the country was unified, Northern Rhodesia had taken the form under which it was to develop for half a century, as a plural society overwhelmingly African in population but containing a minority of Europeans whose activities brought about the development of a modern economy. The settler-dominated economy and the colonial society which sprang from it were profoundly different from that envisaged in the Christian image created by Livingstone and popularly imagined by the British public half a century before. All philanthropy requires expenditure, and in Central Africa no wealth existed to spend. The missionaries, who devoted themselves to the service of the Africans, could only do so because they received funds from Europe, the Cape and elsewhere. They fulfilled the role of Livingstone’s Christian advisers; the LMS missionaries demonstrated to the Lungu how to grow wheat and vegetables, while the Jesuits introduced the plough to the Tonga and the Primitive Methodists demonstrated its use to the Ila. The humanitarian forces, represented by the missionaries and by the African Lakes Company, were incapable of generating the resources required to bring about the pacification of the country. Rhodes’ Company commanded these resources. In the beginning the Company had been faced with a vicious circle - no money without development, no development without peace, no peace without money. With the capital supplied by the Company shareholders, that vicious circle had been broken and the country had been pacified, and basic administrative services had been provided. This had facilitated European settlement and the beginnings of a producer economy had come into being, providing the African with opportunities for cash employment. Those who had brought about the most far-reaching improvements in the Africans’ condition were not those who had been motivated primarily by humanitarian considerations. Rhodes himself had been clear about this point. Commenting on a plantation he had established in the Drakenstein Mountains near the Cape, he had said: - “A scheme founded on philanthropic lines is of no benefit to the community, but a business scheme, which can pay a dividend, is of undoubted assistance to any country.” Whether Rhodes was thinking of Livingstone at this point is not clear. It is true that Livingstone’s sympathy with African interests is part of a strong tradition of missionary identification with African nationalism which
can be traced through to modern times. He was certainly greatly admired by Zambia’s first President, Dr Kaunda. Despite this, and without trying to belittle David Livingstone’s heroic achievements in exploration, scientific enquiry, medicine and endurance, the practical philosophy he expounded did not succeed, and the true founder of Zambia, however unpalatable it may be to liberals and African nationalists, was Cecil Rhodes.

Richard AA Devéria Corbenic, 27 December 2004
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This essay has been shortened. The complete article can be obtained from 36 Market Street, Aberfeldy PH15 2AN, Scotland, or by email to richard.deveria@btinternet.com, at a cost of £4.

David Livingstone’s Christian teachings live on in present day Zambia. The country’s newly-elected President, Michael Sata, stated that his government “will follow the Ten Commandments”.

Courtesy of The Rhosarian Magazine – Ed.

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PAT HILL COMMENT

“I thought this would interest all............

I recently learned the history behind the placing of our right hand over our hearts at funerals and remembrance services and such like and was surprised to learn that we are actually placing our hand over our medals and not our hearts. It will be noticed at any Remembrance Service or when passing a Cenotaph Veterans will place their Right Hand over their “Left Side” many believing that they are placing their “Hand over their Heart” in Respect or Remembrance of their Fallen Comrades” ; - this is not so. The Veterans Salute to their “Fallen Comrades” originated in London on Armistice Day in 1920, during the ceremony to unveil and dedicate the Cenotaph in Whitehall at the same time a funeral procession accompanying the remains of the “Unknown Soldier” halted at the Cenotaph during the ceremony before proceeding to Westminster Abbey for internment. Those present included the senior Soldier, sailor and many Victoria Cross winners. The ceremony concluded with a march past. The Regimental Sergeant Major of the Guard Regiment conducting the ceremony, faced with a gathering of highly decorated and high ranking military men (including many Victoria Cross winners), all wearing rows of medals, decreed that all would salute the Cenotaph as they marched past by placing their hand over their medals, signifying that “No matter what honours we may have been awarded they are nothing compared with the honour due to those who paid the supreme sacrifice”.

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SOME EARLY BSAP HISTORY

WHILE the history of Rhodesia is generally and conveniently accepted as having begun with the Occupation in 1890, the country's famous police force, the British South Africa Police, counts its history from the previous year, the year in which the Charter was granted to the British South Africa Company and recruiting began, far from the borders of Rhodesia, for the B.S.A.C. Police.

The force so established numbered 500 men, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Penefather of the Inniskilling Dragoons, and they trained in the role of mounted infantry at Madoutsie in Bechuanaland, the headquarters of the Bechuanaland Border Police. The Pioneer Column was formed and trained at the same time and, at the end of June 1890, the Column, escorted by the majority of the Company's police set out for Mashonaland, crossing into Matabeleland on 6 July.

By mid-September, 10 weeks after leaving Madoutsie, weary but intact, the Column reached the site of what is now the busy modern city of Salisbury, capital of Rhodesia, raised the flag and named the place Fort Salisbury - in honour of the British Prime Minister of the day.

On 1 October, when the Pioneers were disbanded, the task of the British South Africa Company's Police was not done; indeed, it had barely started. The duties for which the force had been raised were not only to protect the Pioneer Column but also to introduce a system of law and maintain it, in a country which until then had known no law but the savage will of the Matabele kings. During 1891 the strength of the Company's police was reduced and a new force came into being, the Mashonaland Mounted Police.

In the early years of white settlement the Matabele continued to raid into Mashonaland for slaves, wives and cattle, in defiance of the Company's administrators. These raids became more daring and culminated in an attack on the settlement at Fort Victoria. It was this attack which decided the Company to occupy Matabeleland, and three columns, one from Salisbury, another from Fort Victoria and the third from Bechuanaland, converged on the royal kraal at Bulawayo. On their approach Lobengula set fire to his capital and fled northwards. He was pursued by Major Allan Wilson, and there followed the epic stand of the Shangani Patrol when Wilson and his 33 officers and men, unable to retreat across the flooding Shangani River, was surrounded and annihilated by Lobengula's warriors. Lobengula himself died a short time later, Matabeleland was occupied by the Company and a further police force, the Matabeleland Mounted Police was formed.

In December 1895, Dr. Leander Starr Jameson set out upon his raid into the Transvaal, taking with him most of the police in the territory. The Matabele seized the opportunity to rebel. It is estimated that 17 000 Matabele, armed with 2 000 Martini Henry rifles and much ammunition, in addition to countless muzzle-loaders, joined the rebellion. The force of police available to control them numbered 48.
In 1894 a body of African police, named the Matabeleland Native Police, had been formed. This force, 150 strong, was armed and operated under the direct control of Native Commissioners. When the Matabele rebelled, 50 per cent of this force defected, taking their arms with them, and it was clearly necessary to disarm the remainder. It was not until 1897 that a further attempt was made to form an African police force. Three hundred men were recruited, all from territories beyond the borders of Rhodesia, mainly from Northern Rhodesia but also from places as far away as Zululand and Zanzibar, for service in Mashonaland.

The Matabele rebellion was followed immediately by a similar uprising in Mashonaland and the lightning massacre of 119 Europeans and many loyal Africans. Again the administration was caught unprepared, and during the early stages of the rebellion the police confined their activities to defence and rescue operations. One of the most notable of the rescues carried out at this time was that performed by Lieutenant R. Nesbitt of the Mashonaland Mounted Police, who rescued the inhabitants of the Alice Mine at Mazoe, escorting them through rebel dominated country to the safety of Fort Salisbury. For the part he played in this rescue Lieutenant Nesbitt was awarded the Victoria Cross and so became the first member of the Force to achieve this distinction.

Material made available courtesy of Phil Wright – Ed.

THIS AND THAT

Official Secrets Act

The following dispatch from Sir Arthur Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador at HM Embassy Moscow, was sent to Lord Pembroke in the House of Lords on the 6th April 1943, during possibly the darkest days of WW11.

My Dear Reggie

In these dark days man tends to look for little shafts of light that spill from Heaven. My days are probably darker than yours, and I need, my God I do, all the light that I can get. But I am a decent fellow, and do not want to be mean and selfish about what little brightness is shed upon me from time to time. So I propose to share with you a tiny flash that has illuminated my sombre life and tell you that God has given me a new Turkish colleague, whose card tells me that he is called Mustapha Kunt.

We all feel like that, Reggie, now and then, especially when spring is upon us, but few of us would care to put it on our cards. It takes a Turk to do that.

(It is signed by Sir Archibald Kerr.)

This letter was only recently released from the fetters of the Official Secrets Act, and was published as a facsimile with the full bagged letterhead of HM Embassy in Moscow, complete with the sender’s signature.
Submitted by Dave Holmes – great! Ed

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UNFINISHED STORIES by Ian Duncan

'I shall lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my salvation.'

I do not know whereabouts the Biblical quotation comes from, but in any case it was ears, not eyes.

During the conflict I spent most of my call-ups roosting on the tops of features, armed with radios and there were some incidents in which I was involved, of which I did not hear the result. Perhaps some people out there will remember them and let me know.

First story. Charlie Alpha was a small pimple of rocks a short distance to the east of the road between the Lion and Elephant and Beit Bridge. Salisbury PATU HQ staffed it for quite some time, the main raison d'être being to cover the convoys. The relay developed from a circle of rocks, quartz and stuff that looked very scary if you thought about mortars, and developed into a wooden module hut with mains electricity and a big fence all round. Eventually our unit gave it over to Radio Branch on the grounds that so little happened that there was no need for our training and skills. I was there for the last fortnight before handover and, Murphy's Law; all hell broke loose during that time, with killings, contacts, ambushes and even a kidnapping.

The particular incident that I do not know the ending of happened one afternoon when we heard a very faint signal from some call sign, possibly Support Unit, in trouble. It sounded very distant and turned out to be so. Two vehicles had been shot to a standstill far to the north of us, not too far from Ft. Vic., and at least one constable had been killed. The call sign was desperately calling for help and we passed this on to Delta Alpha, the Ft. Vic. relay. They tried but without success, the call sign being masked by granite.

Then Hotel Alpha came on to our channel (not the norm) with the message that I shall never forget: "This is Hotel Alpha, the four stars hotel with the five star services, can I help you?" Comms were good so it was over to HA while our local incidents continued. Did the guys make it out OK?

Second story. Tango Alpha was high up, on the north side of Moodies Pass, roughly halfway between Birchenough Bridge and Ft. Vic. Here the living was what we had trained for although, with the passage of time, we had made ourselves comfortable. Although our main duties were for the convoy system, we often had other things to do. One day we felt and then heard a landmine go off. Shortly thereafter, a roads man came up on the air to make his report and to ask for help as his driver was badly injured. He was unable to say where he was but we had a reasonable idea where his base was and he had hit the cookie not far from that base. Here's where the training came in; he described the surrounding countryside and from that we knew where he was. A call to Ft. Vic. and a helicopter was dispatched. With only an orbit for security purposes, the pilot was right on
target. I have often wondered if the driver survived. Any ideas?
Also there, one morning while sitting on our long-drop, I heard a couple of explosions and faint shooting. Very shortly afterwards a light blue Peugeot 404 went screaming along the road heading for Pt. Vic. I hurried to the radios and asked the convoy that was due to pass if they had run into an ambush. The reply was in the negative so I told them that they would soon and to be on the look out. Sure enough, they did but the only casualty was a gunner who lost a thumb. Apparently an impatient driver had gone on ahead and sprung the ambush prematurely and he had passed through shaken but unhurt.

Third story. Also from Tango Alpha, one evening we heard a call sign in trouble. The call sign consisted of eight or ten, probably Support Unit, who had been observing a village somewhere (I think) to the north of us, not in our area of operations and responsibility anyway. Terrs had been gathering there for food and politicisation. A sub-stick had been sent off to observe from the other side of the kraal when the proverbial hit the fan. There appeared to be hundreds of terrs rather than the couple of score expected. The call sign leader reported sheets of green tracer passing his position and he did not know what was happening to his sub-unit. The situation was a bit scary. I tried to convince JOC to send a fixed-wing overhead to at least try to disrupt the attack on our lads but there was nothing available.

Did they get out, any casualties? Anyone of the readers involved?

If someone does come up with chapter and verse, maybe you can just title each subsequent little item with the reference: e.g. Ps 19 or whatever.

**World’s dumbest cops**

Four suspected thieves escaped from the clutches of Zimbabwean police this week by simply speeding off in the patrol car, the official Herald newspaper reported on Saturday.
The police officers guarding the men in the Capital Harare not only forgot to handcuff their captives but also abandoned the vehicle carrying the suspects to chase another member of the gang. The engine was left running, according to the Herald.
The officers gave chase in a second car, which ran out of fuel and the suspects got away.
The Herald said the escape was “the conclusion of an otherwise highly-successful police operation.”
The arrests followed an investigation into a recent spate of burglaries in Harare and came just days after President Robert Mugabe urged police to “act tough” on crime.

*Article courtesy of the Rhosarian – Ed*

**New English Words / Meanings**

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly
neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. The winners are:
1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.) describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokémon** (n.), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

The Washington Post’s Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.
1. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding a stupid person that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
2. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
3. **Graffiti** (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
4. **Sarchasm** (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn’t get it.
5. **Inoculatte** (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
6. **Hipatitis** (n): Terminal coolness.
7. **Osteopornosis** (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
8. **Karmageddon** (n): Its like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it’s like, a serious bummer.
9. **Decafalon** (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
10. **Glibido** (v): All talk and no action.

11. **Doppler effect** (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

12. **Arachnoleptic fit** (n): The frantic dance performed just after you’ve accidentally walked through a spider web.

13. **Beelzebub** (n): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

14. **Caterpallor** (n): The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you’re eating.

And the pick of the literature:

15. **Ignoranus** (n): A person who’s both stupid and a pain in the butt.

**HUMOUR**

**Wonderfully Described Definitions**

**BOSS**: Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

**CIGARETTE**: A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool at the other!

**CLASSIC**: A book which people praise, but never read.

**COMPROMISE**: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

**CONFERENCE**: The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

**CONFERENCE ROOM**: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

**DIPLOMAT**: A person who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

**DOCTOR**: A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you by his bills.

**ECSTASY**: A feeling when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before.

**EXPERIENCE**: The name men give to their mistakes.

**FATHER**: A banker provided by nature.

**LECTURE**: An art of transmitting Information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either.

**MARRIAGE**: It’s an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelor degree and a woman gains her master.

**MISER**: A person who lives poor so that he can die RICH!

**OFFICE**: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

**OPTIMIST**: A person who while falling from the EIFFEL TOWER says in midway “SEE I AM NOT INJURED YET!”

**POLITICIAN**: One who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence later.

**SMILE**: A curve that can set a lot of things straight.
TEARS: The hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine water-power!.

YAWN: The only time when some married men ever get to open their mouth.

I have a question!
Why isn’t the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhoea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren’t they just stale bread to begin with?
If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren’t people from Holland called Holes?
If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?
If it’s true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn’t it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
Do Lipton Tea employees take ‘coffee breaks’?

What hair colour do they put on the driver’s licenses of bald men?
I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpick?
Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them?
Why don’t they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?
Q: What’s the difference between the President’s cabinet and a penitentiary?
A: One is filled with tax evaders, blackmailers, and threats to society. The other is for housing prisoners.

I thought these were tremendous! Ed

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YIDDISH ONE-LINERS

* I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took
my mother-in-law to the airport.
* I’ve been in love with the same woman for
49 years! If my wife ever finds out, she’ll kill
me!
* Someone stole all my credit cards but I
won’t be reporting it. The thief spends less
than my wife did.
* We always hold hands. If I let go, she
shops.
* My wife and I went back to the hotel where
we spent our wedding night; only this time I
was the one who stayed in the bathroom and
cried.
* My wife and I went to a hotel where we got
a waterbed. My wife called it the Dead Sea.
* She was at the beauty shop for two hours.
That was only for the estimate. She got a
mudpack and looked great for two days.
Then the mud fell off.
* The Doctor gave a man six months to live.
The man couldn’t pay his bill so the doctor
gave him another six months.
* The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs.
Cohen, your check came back. " Mrs. Cohen
answered, "So did my arthritis!"
* Doctor: "You’ll live to be 60!" Patient: "I am
60!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"
* A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man’s
chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?"
The doctor says, "That’s what puzzles me!"
* Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."
Doctor: "Don’t answer!"
* A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge
says, "You’ve been brought here for drinking."
The drunk says, "Okay, let’s get started."
* Why do Jewish divorces cost so much?
They’re worth it.
* Why do Jewish men die before their wives?
They want to.
* The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that this is due to the fact that Won Ton spelled backward is Not Now.
* Q: Why don't Jewish mothers drink? A: Alcohol interferes with their suffering.
* Q: Have you seen the newest Jewish-American-Princess horror movie? A: It's called, 'Debbie Does Dishes'.
* Q: Why do Jewish mothers make great parole officers? A: They never let anyone finish a sentence!
* A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play. She asks, "What part is it?" The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband." The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."
* Q: Where does a Jewish husband hide money from his wife? A: Under the vacuum cleaner.
* Q: How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb? A: (Sigh,) "Don't bother. I'll sit in the dark. I don't want to be a nuisance to anybody."
* Short summary of every Jewish holiday. They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat.
* Did you hear about the bum who walked up to a Jewish mother on the street and said "Lady, I haven't eaten in three days" "Force yourself" she replied.
* Q: What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish mother? A: Eventually, the Rottweiler let's go.

* Q: Why are Jewish men circumcised? A: Because Jewish women don't like anything that isn't 20% off. *All in jest – Ed.*

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**TAILPIECE**

Top this for a speeding ticket...

Two British traffic patrol officers from North Eriwnick east of Edinburgh, were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great North Road.

One of the officers who were not named used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 320mph. The machine then stopped the vehicle and the officers were not able to restart it.

As the officers were walking back and the officer was not able to restart the machine, the vehicle was stopped and the officers were not able to restart it.

Back at police headquarters the chief constable fined off a slight complaint to the RAE Liaison Office.

Back came the reply in the tactful RAF style. "Thank you for your message, which allows us to report the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical option in the event of the complaint had automatically locked on to your vessel radar equipment and sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, the aircrafts' anti-aircraft missiles aimed for the fully armed aircraft had also cocked off the target. Fortunately the Dutch pilot flying the Tornado responded to the missile status alert intelligence and was able to overtake the automatic protection system before the missile was launched!"
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