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Diary Dates

Monthly Gathering: Former Members of the BSAP and Reserves, along with family and friends can be assured of a warm welcome on the FIRST TUESDAY of every month at the VICTORY SERVICES CLUB, Seymour Street, London – 1700 hrs onwards in the bar.

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019
Annual Irish Gathering, Howth, Dublin.

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2019

FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2019
Annual Regimental Dinner – celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Regiment. The Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London. See page 19 for full details.

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2019
South West Gathering – The Dolphin Hotel, Bovey Tracey.

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2019
West Midlands Gathering- Police Tally Ho Sports and Conference Centre, Birmingham

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019
North West Gathering – The Ferraris Hotel, Longridge, Preston

TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2019
The Christmas Sundowner – The Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London. 1700hrs in the Trafalgar Room – Buffet and Raffle.

SATURDAY 2nd MAY 2020
10th Annual Scottish Lunch – The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh.

SATURDAY 16th MAY 2020
AGM, BSAP Regimental Association – UK Branch – The VSC, Seymour Street, London.

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Points to Ponder

“The time is always right to do what is right”

Martin Luther King Jnr.

As we approach the AGM, and I my last year in office, I am minded to look back at the last few years, to reflect on what we have achieved, and to also look ahead and think about the future, what obstacles we face, how we can keep the comradeship and benevolence going whilst ensuring the heritage of one of the finest Police Force ever formed can be maintained for posterity.

Over the past year we have seen many take their ‘Last Parade’, sadly it is an inevitable fact of life. They will all be missed and remembered.

However on the bright side we have been putting a lot of effort into recruiting those with a regimental number of 5 digits and above, and slowly but surely the membership is growing, or at least maintaining the status quo.

We have re-vamped the ‘Outpost’ and introduced the ‘NEWSFLASH’. looking at our communications to the Membership – with a view to progressing the Association into a position of meeting the desires and needs of the younger members, whilst not losing sight of the feeling of the elder brethren.

We are fortunate to have the likes of 10577 Jim Harris [Treasurer]; 7784 Steve Acornley [Secretary]; and 10532 Dave Pillans on the Committee and to have 9439 Glen Seymour-Hall, 472 Betty Simpson elected at the AGM. Whilst 7391 Alan Toms [Deputy Chair & Chair of Trustees], 9086 Tony Granger [Almoner & Trustee] and 6737 Mike Coleman [Chairman & Editor] are re-elected. It is sound reasoning and good practice to progressively introduce ‘new blood’ to the Committee, Members who care and believe in the Association, and who are able to take a fresh approach can only be of benefit over time.

We have looked at Functions, introducing the Annual Remembrance Parade and Lunch at the National Arboretum [August 4th] and the Annual Regimental Dinner [September 27th]. This year sees the 130th Anniversary of the Regiment which will be celebrated both in the UK and other Branches. We have spent time and effort in encouraging regional gatherings which provide the foundation stones of the Branch.

7391 Alan Toms has been greatly instrumental in forming the ‘College’ bringing all the Branches worldwide under one umbrella, while keeping their own autonomy.

So what obstacles do we face: Firstly the need to embrace modern communications with ensuring our Website, Facebook page, and other social media outlets are used to maximum effect, whilst maintaining traditional publications such as the ‘Outpost’ and ‘Newsflash’. To this end we will need to think about a new Editor. We need to be mindful of the wishes of Members of the Committee who wish to step back from active duty – For example 7359 Bertie Cubitt who has undertaken the roll of Deputy Secretary and Quartermaster for many years – meeting all that has been thrown at him, chasing subs, looking after widows, finding missing persons, sourcing memorabilia, running the Mail Order Operation, managing a sales desk at functions, and much more. Bertie has said that he wishes to step back and hand over duties to a fresh face.

We need to keep lines of communication open to those in need, by a network of assistant Almoners. We need to be sure that the Branch is financially sound and is able to provide support and help to those in need. We need to maintain documentation and artefacts to ensure that the heritage and history of the British South Africa Police Force is secure.

And most importantly we need to ensure that we, in Committee, listen to our membership and not get complacent or sit on our laurels.

Much to do, none of us are getting any younger, and welcome arms await those willing to step forward……………….
Q’ 7359 Bertie Cubitt has reached the time when he wishes to slow down, step back from his Quartermaster duties and handover to a willing person.

The sale of Memorabilia is an essential part of the Branch revenue – from Direct Sales at functions, the On-Line shop and by Mail Order. There are key elements involved but good organisation should see very little time consumed.... The storing of memorabilia, being able to pack and despatch are the two main factors. At present we have the main store with Bertie and the on-line shop managed by 9591 Les Burrow. It is the wish of the Committee, and logical sense to combine the two.

A degree of IT knowledge is required.

The store room takes up little space [at present approx. 3m x 1m] although does need to be dry and secure. The third element, which does not need to be the same person, is the research into new items, and re-ordering of existing items all of which can be interesting and enjoyable.

I would suggest that if orders were handled on a weekly basis rather than ad-hoc, two hours a week might well cover.

The Quartermaster does not need to serve on the Committee, but would be – co-opted in his/her role thus enabling the full support of the main Committee.

Sales at functions are important and very worthwhile. However, this need not be part of the remit and can be organised by the relevant organiser. If the volunteer Member resides in a far flung part of the Country then we could hold a large suitcase of sample stock available when needed.

Expenses incurred would be payable on a monthly basis, and subject to agreement an initial sum could be set in place and topped up monthly to ensure you were not out of pocket.

SO ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS: A small, dry, secure, store.

A degree of IT knowledge.

A willingness to support the Association.

A little of someone’s time.

A willing volunteer.............

If you are happy to take this role on, you will be much appreciated – please contact any of the Committee members for further information -

Bertie’s Blether

The weather seems to be making its way towards spring and there are certainly non-arthritic days in East Anglia making their appearance, which is encouraging.

However I am afraid I must speak out on several matters. I have been advised by several members that they have not been receiving their Outposts.

In the recent Newsflash, an excellent new concept organised by the Chairman, (these Newsletters are small enough so there is no excuse for not reading them) it gives publication dates, so if you do NOT receive your Regimental Publications for goodness sake SPEAK UP. If you remain stum it is unreasonable for you to expect us to remedy the situation! For the same reason if your circumstances change let us know, don’t think you have done it, please make it a priority.

Turning to Stock, I have just had a new batch of Bush Hats, Cuff Links and Long Sleeved Pullovers, the latter for Members reaction, if good I will order more. There are still items to make only a little hole in your wallet and so kill those moths and open up. I have Umbrellas for rain or sun and don’t forget our excellent and very smart Fleeces and Polo Shirts with the Force Badge. The Memorabilia and BSAP Books are a major source of revenue for the Association, so I ask for your support if and when you can. See lists pages 37-39.

Turning to the ubiquitous subject of Subs. I regret to advise you that despite a very positive response to my reminder emails there are still 83 members (£1245.00 revenue) who have yet to pay their 2019 Subs. Please make it a priority to check that you have paid, any queries please speak to me. I am sure you will agree with me that it is unfair for those members who are good payers to have to “carry” those who are not!

Bertie Cubitt, Deputy Secretary/Q.

‘A PLEA FOR HELP’
At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, it was overwhelmingly agreed that Subscription payments to the UK Regimental Association would increase with effect from 1st January, 2020, from £15 to £20.

As the majority of the membership settle their dues by standing order, we are taking the opportunity of changing the Association Bank account as well. Santander Bank, where we currently bank, is closing branches all the time, and we have decided to move our account to Lloyds Bank which is more accessible for committee members who need to visit the Bank personally.

Please be good enough to edit your standing order at your Bank to credit:

BSAP Regimental Association
Lloyds Bank plc

Sort Code  30-93-93
Account No.  01324653
IBAN    GB72LOYD30939301324653
BIC    LOYDGB21097

In the reference section of your bank payment, please use your force number, surname and subs as the reference, EG: 10577 Harris Subs. This will make analysing payments much quicker and easier to recognise.

The amount you pay should be changed to GBP£20.00 annually, effective from January, 2020.
I will keep on reminding you in future Outposts until the end of the year, but doing this immediately would be very much appreciated, and save untold difficulties at the end of the year.

10577 Jim Harris
Hon Treasurer.

'A Day to Remember'

In my article on page 29 of the last OUTPOST I mentioned that something rather special could be found in the stained glass window – For those who did not see it.............

If you look very carefully at the British Window [on the right] you will see that the 'Lion Rampant' has the face of Winston Churchill, has his usual V sign and is smoking a cigar!!
London Gatherings

Christmas Sundowner

4th December 2018 – the Christmas gathering, as always, the best attended of the year with 50 members and guests putting in an appearance. With the bar open, Bertie’s QM’s table set up, everyone was soon enjoying the company and catching up on the latest news. It was a special evening for David Gall, Mike Wills and Don Comerford who had got together to celebrate the anniversary of their joining the Force in December 1958 – they had a lot to talk about. During the evening a very tasty finger buffet was served. This was followed by the usual tombola – a big vote of thanks to all those who had generously brought prizes. It was well in to the evening when Mike Coleman asked everyone to raise their glasses for the toast to Absent Friends and wished everyone a good Christmas and all the best for 2019. Putting in appearance this year were: 4428 Bruce Gates, 4819 Jacky Lay with Caroline Moon and Michelle Rawson, 4840 Michael Purslow, 4503 Derek and John Humberstone, Corrine Strathern, 4882 Peter Dancer and Wendy Dancer, 5248 Alan and Pauline Lane, 5625 Biff and Netta Way, 5919 David Gall, 5920 Mike and Richard Wills, 5924 Don Comerford, 6348 Dennis Poole, 6424 Wynne Berry, 6514/7562 Chris and Anne Johnson, 6737 Mike Coleman, 6753 Roger Cook, 6883 Tim Webb, 6905 Peter Phillips, 7072 Terry and Jan Walmsley, 7211 Peter Biddulph and Maggie Mitchell, 7348 Peter O’Hara, 7359 Bertie and Jenny Cubitt with Simon Cubitt, Susan Cubitt and Christian Cooper, 7391 Alan and Lyn Toms, 8131 Brian and Anne Hodson, 9086 Tony Granger, 9345 Jock Gemmel, 10532 Dave and Eileen Pillans, 10577 Jim Harris, 110619 Bruce Braes, WP 472 Betty Simpson, 90566 Chris and Helen Tate and Hobo Hobson (RAR).

5th February 2019 – with the first Tuesday of the year falling on New Year’s Day this year, today’s gathering was the first for 2019. We were very pleased to be able the welcome 6753 Roger Cook over for a short break from his hotel in the French Alps and to catch up with all his news. We were also able to congratulate 10577 Jim Harris and WP 472 Betty Simpson on their recent engagement. Putting in an appearance this month were: 5248 Alan Lane, 5625 Biff Way, 6737 Mike Coleman, 6905 Peter Phillips, 7211 Peter Biddulph, 7784 Steve Acornley, 9086 Tony Granger, 10532 Dave Pillans and Associate Paul and Elaine Brewster.
5th March 2019 – a poor turnout this month – it is felt that more members should make the effort to attend the first Tuesday of the month gatherings, especially those within striking distance of the Victory Services Club. Showing their faces this month were: 5248 Alan Lane, 6348 Dennis Poole, 6737 Mike Coleman and 6905 Peter Phillips.

2nd April 2019 -  5812 Thomas Singleton, 6424 Wynne Berry, 6737 Mike Coleman, 6905 Peter Phillips, 7359 Bertie Cubitt, 7784 Steve Acornley, 9056 Tony Granger, 10532 Dave Pillans, 10577 Jim Harris, 556 Caroline Witts, 472 Betty Simpson, 28306R K Hyett and Associate Paul Brewster.

7th May 2019 -  6737 Mike Coleman, 6905 Peter Phillips and 110619 Bruce Braes.

4th June 2019 -  6610 John Pirrett, 6737 Mike Coleman, 6905 Peter Phillips, 7391 Alan Toms and 9790 Duncan Waugh.

Sunday June 2nd 2019 saw the inaugural gathering of the West Midlands at the Police Tally Ho Sports and Conference Centre in Birmingham. There were 12 members present of which 4 were visitors from the North West Region. (Brien and Anne Bonynge together with Graham and Pat Rogers). A light hearted gathering where old friends re-united and new friendships were established. A light sandwich and chip lunch was laid on by the Tally Ho kitchen which seemed to satisfy all hunger elements of the day. It is regrettable that some 7 members were forced to phone in their apologies, but it is hoped that the next meeting scheduled for October 20th will see new faces.

Apologies received from :- Neil & Judy McCall : Kathy Hall : Richard Ray : Brian Pym : John Painter.

Annual General Meeting Saturday 18th May 2019.

1100 hrs saw forty four gathered for the AGM in the Trafalgar Room at the VSC. [Please see minutes enclosed] Full and meaningful reports were presented by the Chairman, 6737 Mike Coleman; the Treasurer, 10577 Jim Harris; the Almoner 9086 Tony Granger; and the Chairman of the BSAP [UK Branch] Trust 7391 Alan Toms. In his role of President of the Association Alan also reported on the College and matters thereof.

The meeting closed at 1255 hrs and many hours of informal chat and socialising commenced. The bar was open and a welcome finger buffet providing blotting paper.

Please see centre insert for AGM Minutes

In attendance were: 4428 Bruce Gates; 4777 Tackie Macintosh; 4840 Mike Purslow; 4882 Peter Dancer; 5025 Dick Ray; 5358 Mick York; 5624 Biff Way; 5659 Henry (Hopp) Hopkins; 6905 Peter Phillips; 6123 Brian Pym; 6193 Peter Good; (6193) Cheryl Good; 6338 Ed Bodinton; 6348 Dennis Poole; 6424 Wynne Berry; 6574 Chris Johnson; 6629 George Gibbbery; 6632 Gerry Paxton; 6681 Geoff Quick; 6737 Mike Coleman; 6753 Roger Cook; 7184 Chris Russell; 7211 Peter Biddulph; 7348 Peter O’Hara; 7391 Bertie Cubitt; 7391 Alan Toms; 7540 Charlie Atkinson; 7707 Neville Brent; 7784 Steve Acornley; 7893 Peter Harris; 8477 Peter Quick; 9086 Tony Granger; 9205 Jonty Court; 9439 Glenn Seymour-Hall; 9565 Jim Bowie; 9591 Les Burrow; 10532 Dave Pillans; 10577 Jim Harris; 110619 Bruce Braes; 90566 Chris Tate; (90566) Helen Tate; WP472 Betty Simpson; 204556 Caroline Witts; Guest Kate Simmons

West Midlands Gathering 12th June 2019

From left to right.
On Sunday 9th March, 2019, fifteen members of the North West Region and two guests met at the Ferraris Country House Hotel and Restaurant for lunch. This was our second gathering of the year. After ensuring that all those present at the Luncheon had assuaged their thirst sufficiently we gathered for Lunch. Matters for discussion related to the following;

The proposal to introduce a North West Region data base which contained personal information for the exclusive use of the North West Region members. All present agreed with the motion and the data base is currently being written up. This was especially relevant when two of our members were unable to make the gathering due to ill health. Subsequently we have been able to conduct correspondence with them in this regard. Those not at our previous gathering were able to offer their details and the data base will be updated accordingly.

The second matter was to report that Allan Ross-Smith, from Kidderminster, was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health. Allan is in the process of building a BSAP Region in his area and was due to come and visit us. We hopefully will see him at our next gathering on the 9th June 2019.

The third motion was to advise that the Region is currently in contact with John Butterworth and John Morton 28359Z regarding membership of the Association. Unfortunately John Butterworth has declined our invitation to join the Association and John Morton although interested has mobility problems which restrict him in attending our gatherings as his wife now has to work weekends and this precludes him from attending, although he will retain his membership of the Association. Rod Wilson, 4933 also sent his apologies as he was unable to attend due to ill health.

Ideas for the 130th celebrations of the Force at our September gathering were asked for.

Those in attendance were: 7902 Brien and Anne Bonynge, 6508 Graham and Pat Rogers, 8307 Flash Firth and with Jeanette McMeeken, 9986 Lance Combrinck, 6314 Val Marsden, 9018 Mark Jordan, WP185 Cathy Mason and Ray Senior (Associate Member) and guests Lyndon Senior and Owen Senior, 8030 Murray Russell and guest Robyn Mills, 5907 Peter and Brenda Wilson.

Those in the picture, from left to right, front row:
Pat Rogers, Brenda Wilson, WP185 Cathy Mason, 6314 Val Marsden.

Centre Row: Owen Senior, Lyndon Senior, Jeanette McMeeken, Ray Senior, 7902 Brien Bonynge and Anne Bonynge.

Back Row: 8030 Murray Russell, Robyn Mills, 8307 Flash Firth, 6508 Graham Rogers, 9018 Mark Jordan, 5907 Peter Wilson, 9786 Lance Combrinck.
South West Gathering
11th May 2019

The Southwest Branch of the Regimental Association met on Saturday 11th May 2019 at the Dolphin Hotel, Bovey Tracey. Once again the food, beer and company was great. We were attended to by the ever pleasant staff of the hotel. Thanks to Rose Bowen and Bev Samler for organising the raffle which raised £161 for the Association, and to 8515 Martin Powis who was the official photographer. There were again the regulars, but we were supported this time with a number of new faces, in particular 6049 John Strouts who had made his way to the venue by taxi and train from Bristol, great effort John.

Those in attendance were WPO’s 97 Sally Jones nee Ellis and 354 Jenny Evison, 5682 Peter and Angela Brock, 5755 Stewart and Pam Edwards, 6049 John Strouts, 6371 Roger and Jan Le Crerar, 6557 Keith and Bev Samler, 7156 Paul Rust, 7184 Chris Russell, 7761 Ian and Elaine Lendrum, 8097 Dave and Sharon Quilliam, 8107 Dave Poulteny, 8315 John Padbury, 8355 Chris Butler, 8515 Martin and Sally Powis, 8693 David and Shelagh Lemon, 9196 Doug and Jane Bing, 9281 Steven Teasdale, 9392 Ian and Sarah Spackman, 9661 Colin Anderson, 204556 Caroline Witts, from the NRP Tommy Tomkins, Chalky and Penny White. Other guests were Rose Bowen, Barrie and Julia Grist, Nick and Elaine Giga.

Apologies were received from 6509 Don Scarff, 5248 Alan and Pauline Lane, 7125 Pop (Peter) Ellis, 9621 Guy Halls, 9640 Dave Penman, 10131 Guy “Ollie” French, 11999 George Fardell, 21962W Dave and Leslie Vickery, 202856 Hilda Oliver, PR Howard Garbett and Alan Ross-Smith.

Those in attendance were greeted and welcomed, they were asked to stand for a minutes silence in memory of 4484 Buchan Telfer one of the Southwest Branch regular members. His funeral was on Friday 17th May 2019 and attended by 5755 Stewart Edwards, 6557 Keith Samler, 9196 Doug Bing, and 9661 Colin Anderson.

The next date for the next meeting was set for Saturday 5th October 2019.
South East Gathering
30th March 2019

The first South East gathering for 2019 took place on the 30 March at KSports Club, Station Road, Cobdown, Aylesford, once again organised by Biff and Netta Way. A total of fifty members, family members and guests, attended. Bertie Cubitt, ably assisted by Jenny once again set up shop and did good business.

The Tombola was again a huge success, which raised the sum of £221.00. Grateful thanks goes to everyone for their very generous donations of all the prizes and to Helen Tate, Nikki Hall, Sheila Gault and Anne Johnson, who arranged the prizes and sold the tickets.

Speech by Mike Coleman....... a few words from Tony Granger about Assistant Almoners and funeral policies, followed by the Tombola draw. Once the draw was completed, an excellent buffet lunch was set up and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Those attending were 129 Sheila Gault, 133 Terrie Brown and Vernon Brown, (4822) Betty Beale with Susan Salama, (4819) Jackie Lay with Michelle Lawson, Caroline Moon, Corrine Strathern (Derek Humberstone’s daughter) and Valerie Zacharias (Derek Humberstone’s sister), 5351 Derek and Babs Hollis, (5405) Myra Thomas, 5486 Mick and Mayleen Wood, (5055) Jean Miners with Lynne Irwin and Karen Woodworth, 5625 Biff and Annetta Way with Nikki Hall, 6514/7562 Chris and Anne Johnson, 5725 Phil Mead (6684) Shirley Wells, 6193 Peter and Cheryl Good, 6355 Mike Moysen, 6737 Mike Coleman, 7211 Peter Biddulph, 7359 Bertie and Jennie Cubitt, 7540/8595 Charlie Atkinson, 381733B Ron Dicken with Alice Mann, Carolyn Burton, and Sandra Grams, 9086 Tony Granger, 2387 Norman Simister and Barbara Russell, 9933 Tom Style, 901566 Chris and Helen Tate, 18250L Bob Warningsbury, Will and Viv Ransom (RAA), Hobo and Jenny Hobson (RAA), Spring and Margaret Allsop (RAA).
Scottish Lunch Gathering
11th May 2019

It is strange to think we have just held the ninth BSAP Scottish Gathering, Notice of 2020 lunch follows; – how time flies!

As in recent years it was held at the Royal Scots Club, in central Edinburgh, on Saturday 11th May 2019. Fortunately it was a beautiful day to welcome members and partners to the venue. Conversation flowed as everyone congregated in the lounge bar, where raffle tickets were enthusiastically sold by Karen Minchin. Thereafter everyone removed to the Douglas dining room, overlooking Queen Street gardens.

Steve Acornley, Honorary Secretary, greeted everyone and handed over to Reverend Paddy Allen who delivered grace. The excellent meal was enjoyed by all. Before coffee, UK Branch Chairman, Mike Coleman, spoke and emphasised the importance of the regions as the basis for the Association. He went on to inform the gathering of the ill health of Peter Biddulph and Biff Way, both of whom have been frequent visitors to the Scottish gatherings. We all wish them a speedy recovery.

Hon. President UK Branch, Peter Phillips a regular attendee, proposed the toast to the Regiment. Pauline Seaward ably drew the raffle and Paddy and Bruce Allen won the main prize of two tickets for the annual dinner donated by the Chairman of the Branch. Robin and Phyllis Birch won the BSAP Cap and the Bag whilst Bert Hilliard won the BSAP Golf Shirt.

Those in attendance were 5111 Jack Bacon; 5976 Nigel and Pauline Seward; 6737 Mike Coleman; 6743 Bruce and Paddy Allen; 6880 Bert and Katherine Hilliard; 6898 Robin and Phyllis Birch, 6905 Peter Phillips; 7264 Gordon Best; 7418 Colyn and Jutta James; 7784 Steve and Wendy Acornley; 902649 Al and Kym Leighton; Guests: Eddie and Helen Miller; Shirley Leslie; Heather Robertson.

Apologies were from [6780] Sharley Black; 5601 Eric Robb; 6038 Sandy Rankin; 6507 Seamus Power; 7343 Jock & Barbara Bryan; 9410 Dave & Yvonne Smith; 4700 Brian Hughes – Helen now in a care home.

DIARY DATE…..DIARY DATE……DIARY DATE

10TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH LUNCH
Saturday 2nd May 2020
The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh
In 1889, the British South Africa Company Police (BSACP), a paramilitary force of mounted infantrymen, was formed by Cecil John Rhodes and the British South Africa Company to protect the Pioneer Column to annex the area of Mashonaland. The first recruits attested on the 2nd November 1889 and following training on the 11 July 1890 the Pioneer Column protected by the BSACP crossed the area of Tuli, Matabeleland. The column made its way to Fort Salisbury arriving there on the 12th September, 1890 and the following day the BSACP paraded and raised the Union Jack flag in Cecil Square.

In 1896 the Police was made independent of the Company and assumed the name **British South Africa Police** a name that was to remain until 1980. In 1980, the force was renamed the Zimbabwe Republic Police and ceased to exist as the force we had known. At the time the force comprised of 46,000 personnel; 11,000 professionals (about 60% black) and the remainder Reservists. We have the proud distinction of being one of the three top police forces in the world with the Royal Hong Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The year 2019 is the 130 anniversary of the founding of the BSAP and it is fitting that we celebrate our proud heritage. Our Regiment was there at the beginning and at the end and are the proud bearers of being “right of the line” as the senior regiment above all other military forces in Rhodesia. We fought in the Boer War, First and Second World War and the Rhodesian War. Members came from throughout the world to join the force many remaining as career policemen but other did their three years and then moved on as farmers, miners and businessmen. We policemen made a huge contribution to establishing the wonderful country called Rhodesia and were respected by foe and friend.

The Transvaal Association has decided to hold a reunion from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September 2019 to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the founding of the Police. Johannesburg, because of its location provides easy access from all areas of the world and is considered a convenient and inexpensive place for people to gather.

The itinerary is:
- **Friday 20th September, 2019.** Opening ceremony followed by casual day to meet friends in an informal setting.
- **Saturday 21st September 2019.** Remembrance Parade. This followed by a day of social activity meeting and sharing with friends.
- **Sunday 22nd September 2019.** Regimental luncheon followed by a closing ceremony.

A unique opportunity presents itself for all Regulars, National Servicemen and Reservists, which most definitely includes wives/partners and children, to take time out to come together and renew our friendships. We belonged to a special band of men and women, who made a difference in the lives of others. Yes we understand that many of you are pensioners and we are conscious of controlling costs and we are making every effort to ensure we get best value for money in terms of accommodation and associated expenses. This reunion is designed to be inexpensive and give members the opportunity to relax and spend time with friends. Members are encouraged to attend and it would be appropriate that we all meet to renew and maintain great friendships. The years have flown as illustrated for those who joined in:

1959 60 years ago  
1969 50 years ago  
1979 40 years ago  

It would be wonderful if we could gather as squad mates, members of Uniform Branch, District Branch, Support Unit, CID / Special Branch, National Servicemen and Reservists as well as other sections of the Police. Your attendance would not only honour those who went before us, but those present. Your attendance will make a difference to your friends because we never know if our paths will cross again.

There is a famous Rhodesian Book called “See You in September”. Your Association encourages and want to “SEE YOU” in September 2019. For further information you can contact us on email bsapreunion2019@gmail.com
A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege, along with Pauline, of accepting an invitation to attend the Kenya Police Association Dinner, at the Ramada Hotel, Solihull. Whilst the Company and the meal was very enjoyable it was tinged with a degree of sadness, as earlier in the day the Association had held their AGM and reached the conclusion that it was time to wind things up. Fifty four years ago they set up the Association anticipating a fifty year life span – so were quite pleased to have made fifty four. Their members will still meet on an ad-hoc basis and keep in touch. Although fifty sat down to dinner the Members and wives only accounted for around twenty .... John Newton along with Tasmin [Treasurer] managed the evening. They will still be holding their annual curry lunch, in Langley in October and kindly extended an invitation to any of our Members who wished to join them – I understand that it is genuine Indian Curry with 4 starters, 4 mains and 4 deserts!! - [details in the next ‘Newsflash’]  
6737 Mike Coleman

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The Committee are very appreciative of the generous sponsorship towards the production costs of the ‘OUTPOST’. We regret that this issue does not contain enough pages for the number of sponsors – so have taken the liberty of acknowledging them here:

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At the beginning of last August I had not given thought to Remembrance Sunday 2018, other than being aware it would be the centenary of the 1918 armistice and also my 25th consecutive parade in London, but that was to change and cause me serious soul searching.

I am the last still active founder member and former secretary of Haverhill & District Twin Towns Association with a twin town in the south of France, Pont St Esprit (1973) and Ehringshausen (1982) in Germany. Each 'even' year we visit our host families in Germany in June and receive our French guests in July/August and in 'odd' years we receive our German guests in June and visit our French friends in September.

At the end of the French visit last year we were invited to take part in a 5 nation commemoration of the centenary of the Armistice in Pont St Esprit, France. They are twinned with 3 other towns, one each in Germany, Portugal and Italy.

November 11th 2018 falling as it did on Remembrance Sunday gave me the dilemma. Do I miss out on an unbroken quarter century in London or forgo the invitation to France? France won on this occasion, but not without serious mis-givings. Being in France/Belgium on 11th November was not unusual for me when the 11th fell on a Tues, Wed, Thurs or Fri. Tuesday gave me time to get there if Remembrance Sunday fell before the 11th and Friday if it fell after the 11th. Would allow time to return. I have attended on 9 such occasions since 1992 and my familiarity and love of France (I had a second home in Burgundy for 15 years, until 2005) + is where the vast majority of troops fell in the European part of the war + the historic centenary year and lastly, in Sept 2017 I had received a highly prestigious community service award from the Mayor of Pont St Esprit, I decided it was the right place to be in 2018.

The decision made I set about obtaining the necessary accoutrements. Sourcing a Union Flag Standard proved the most difficult, as I expected. Every organisation taking part in the various UK parades would be needing their own. But my local Royal British Legion found a spare with the Army Cadets. 3 traditional British poppy wreaths, 12 small wooden crosses, 20 1918/2018 lapel badges, 20 Armistice Centenary Lapel badges and a whole box of several hundred poppies. All these items to be distributed between my fellow travellers, the French twinning committee our host families and as many French citizens who wished to wear the poppy, the box was emptied. The red poppy emblem is normally only seen in the regions of Picardie, Nord Pas de Calais and Flanders. The French symbol of remembrance is the pale blue cornflower.

I was requested to lay one of our 3 wreaths and I approached the BSAP UK Branch to be allowed to lay it on behalf of the BSAP Regimental Assoc. and this was agreed to.

So it was that on Sunday 11th November last, I paraded for my 1st time in Provence, South of France. As we assembled, it became apparent that the other 3 nations involved had not brought a flag. Ours was the only foreign flag amongst a dozen French Tricolours representing various organisations. The colour party formed up on the right hand side of a hollow square of representatives with the dignitaries and an 8 man honour guard of Foreign Legionnaires + one officer on the left. The British party plus other guests and military personnel linking the two sides with the War Memorial at it’s head.

The ceremony proceeded in similar fashion to one of our own until the wreath laying. Our French friends had previously generously offered to supply wreath for us, but we graciously declined after I advised my committee that the French 'wreath' was normally a basket of various flowers dominated by the cornflower. Ours were going to be traditional British poppy wreathes.

All the French tributes were laid out in two rows of ten, one in front of the colour party and the other in front of the dignitaries, running up to the memorial. The Mayor then announced one organisation after another, who were escorted by an official to the memorial. Some placed their tribute on the lower step and some on the top step. Those placed on the top step were removed to the lower step, I was very soon to find out why. We had
been positioned at the back of the hollow square and facing the memorial, the only wreath laying party to be so sited and the final participants to called forward.

We had not been given any information about how things would proceed and then one of the members of the Mayors office took me by the elbow and together with the other two wreath layers, we went forward as a group, Haverhill Lions Club, Haverhill Twin Towns Association and myself to lay our wreaths on the vacant top step of the memorial. The usual homage was observed and whilst my two colleagues bowed, I wearing my new B.S.A.P. bush hat, saluted. As we returned, the colour party were called to attention and as surprised as I was, rightly or wrongly, I automatically give an eyes left and saluted the assembled colours, the first time I would have done that since leaving Depot in 1961!! Now, I like to think Tackie might have approved.

My wreath was in the centre of the 3 on the top step and the dedication read, "On behalf of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association, in memory of all fallen British, Empire and Allied Army, Naval and Air Forces in WW1. The wooden cross, which was placed along side the wreath was inscribed on the reverse, " In memory of all fallen Rhodesian and South African Forces in all wars to 1980. D.J.Poole 6348.

The roundel in the centre of the wreath bears the BSAP crest. I at no stage mentioned any individual branch and offered my dedications on behalf of all members of the Force who would have wished to have been associated with it. Pro Rege  Pro Lege  Pro Patria.

BSAP Members of the IPA UK Section

We are pleased to inform Members that the BSAP Regimental Association UK Branch is the first Associate Member Group of the UK International Police Association (UK Section).

Only Members of the BSAP Regimental Association UK Branch who served three years are eligible to join the IPA, The IPA website is at www.ipa-uk.org and the application can be found at: https://www.ipa-uk.org/ApplicationForm.aspx

Once a member applies, the staff at IPA HQ will check with Tony Granger that the applicant is a BSAP Member before their application form is processed. This will be the process in place to check applicant’s previous service.

IPA HQ confirmed that the necessary change has been made to the online application form to allow BSAP Members to select ‘BSAP’ from the ‘Current/Previous Role’ drop down list on the second page of the online process.

Membership of the International Police Association has been arranged to give our members a wide range of additional benefits and events, information of which is in the IPA website.

Full details will be published in the August Newsflash.

9086 Tony Granger
The wonderful parade held at the Abercorn Memorial in Mbala to mark the centenary of the end of World War One. From a small idea two years ago it eventually became a State Event hosted by the President of Zambia, Edgar Lungu.

We were extremely fortunate to have General the Lord Richards, Deputy President of the Commonwealth Ex Service’s League as our Guest of Honour. We also managed to invite the eldest grandson of General von Lettow Vorbeck, Count Caspar zu Rantzau to be with us.

The first priority was to have the Memorial itself renovated and were able to get the Commonwealth War Graves Commission involved and, under Simon Hardman and his team from Kenya, a sterling job was carried out, as it was looking like a vegetable ground when first viewed last year:

After some initial planning the event was taken over by the Northern Province as it was realised that they could hitch the programme on to their EXPO which was geared to bring in investment into the area. Happily the original theme of the programme for the celebrations for November were incorporated into their plans.

On 14th November 2018 at 07:30 precisely 100 years after Hector Croad gave the note of the Armistice to General Paul von Lettow Vorbeck in 1918 we held a short service with a group of Ex British Armed Forces men along with a group of Germans who had come of their own accord to do exactly the same thing! We combined our ideas in a couple of minutes and held a wonderful ceremony and had copies of the original messages from 1918 signed by Charlie Harvey (for Hector Croad) from Shiwa Ngandu and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Blaetter, ex German Army (for General von Lettow Vorbeck).

The Zambian Government then held an re-enactment of the events of 13/14th November 1918 where Peter Jones was asked to act the part of General von Lettow Vorbeck and once again Charlie Harvey as Hector Croad. After “accepting” the papers we marched through the town of Kasama with “German” troops singing all the way! The performance was shown widely around the country.

Lord and Lady Richards flew in to Lusaka on 22nd November with Colonel Nigel Dransfield as his MA and we held a dinner in Lusaka to raise funds for the Zambian Poppy appeal on the evening of 23rd carefully arranged by Lt Colonel Mike Reeve-Tucker and Princess Rose de Boer, Patron of the organisation
On 24th November Lord and Lady Richards, Colonel Nigel Dransfield, Colonel Mike Geldard, Lt Colonel Mike Reeve Tucker, Count Caspar zu Rantzau, Brigadier David Williams, President KAR & EAF Association, and myself amongst others attended another commemoration at the von Lettow Vorbeck Memorial at Chambeshi on 24th November. Also attending was Brigadier General Oscar Chipula who had come from London for the event.

We then all moved to Mbala for the main event the following day having stayed at Shiwa Ngandu for the night to have a splendid dinner with Jo and Charlie Harvey, grandson of Colonel Sir Stewart Gore Browne. Charlie’s African godfather had carried the white flag with Hector Croad on 14th November 1918.

At the main ceremony General Richards laid a wreath bearing the Northern Rhodesia Police insignia in the centre. The Defence Advisor to Zambia Colonel Mike Geldard RM laid a wreath with the Northern Rhodesia Rifles badge and Peter Jones laid one with the information provided by the Bulawayo branch of the BSAP Association. Brigadier David Williams laid the wreath for the KAR & EAF Association as its President.

After the ceremony we moved to the Pioneer Cemetery where General Richards unveiled the granite plaque I had commissioned, which lists all the names of the men who died in the northern area of Northern Rhodesia during World War One, among them 6 members of the NRP, 8 members of the Northern Rhodesia Rifles and 12 members of the BSAP. Nearby we erected a board (paid for out of last year’s funds from the Victoria Falls Cenotaph programme) listing a short write up on each of the men buried there. These men were later interred at the Kasenshi cemetery in Ndola where their graves are tended by the CWGC. The reverse of the information board carries the story of Hector Croad who is also buried in this cemetery.

A good 2 weeks paying respects to those from 100 years ago – We will remember them.

Peter Jones
Additional photos are needed to expand the gallery. Members are asked to send copies, preferably at full resolution, to Alan Lane at lanepanda@aol.com or 109 Buckingham Gardens, West Molesey, Surrey KT8 1TN.
Annual Memorial Service  
Sunday 4th August

The second Annual Memorial Service and Luncheon will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on Sunday 4th August 2019 at 1100 hours.

Held in the tranquil surroundings of the Arboretum this is one’s annual opportunity to honour, remember and give thanks for the BSAP and All Who Served.

7385 Rev. Keith Lamb will conduct a short service at the BSAP Memorial, during which those wishing to lay a wreath or cross may do so. Following the service a finger buffet lunch will be served in the newly opened ‘Aspects’ function suite. [A cash bar will be available]

**TICKETS £20** for the lunch are available from the on-line shop. Payment can also be made by PayPal to bsapukpaypal@bsap.org or by cheque to the Hon Treasurer, 32 New Road, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxon OX11 9JU

Details of accommodation nearby can be found on the Arboretum web page: http://www.thenma.org.uk/plan-your-visit/accommodation

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130TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
Friday 27th September

The 130th Anniversary of the Regiment will be celebrated at our Annual Regimental Dinner to be held on Friday September 27th 2019 in the Carisbrooke Room, The Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London.

The bar will be open from 1800 hours and we will sit down for dinner at 1930 hours. There will be a guest speaker to be announced in the August ‘NewsFlash’ and a few other surprises to make the evening one to remember.

Dress is Black tie – lounge suit optional – [medals as appropriate].

**TICKETS** are available on receipt of payment, from the Hon.Treasurer, 32 New Road, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxon OX11 9JU

Members - £35 – Guests £40.

Limited accommodation is available at the Club and one should book early – Non Members of the VSC should contact a Committee member to as there are a few guest rooms available at member rate.
The British South Africa Police Regimental Association
United Kingdom Branch

ANNUAL REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL SERVICE, SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2019

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ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINNER FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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The First Three Years!!

5566 David Macdonald

I arrived in Gwanda in April 1957, having travelled from Bulawayo riding a 500cc Matchless. At that time the main road south was being widened to a full twenty two foot tarmac, having previously been a mixture of strip roads and nine foot tar. Consequently there were deviations everywhere providing for a somewhat hairy ride for someone who had only just obtained his motorcycle licence. For a young man straight out of England Gwanda was an ideal posting to ease one into district life. The name ‘Gwanda’ is believed to have been derived from a local chief Jahunda.

A small town 127 kms south-west of Bulawayo with an all-race population of around 2000 of which approximately 300 were white. The town was a centre for gold mining and cattle ranching. The Police Camp was situated in a delightful spot looking out towards the bush and Mount Cazalet. I reported on arrival to Jack Everitt [3857] Member in Charge, who was then in his eighteenth year of service. He and his German shepherd ‘Sheba’ were inseparable and during working hours the dog could be found lying under his desk. Jack smoked, and when he did he always used a cigarette holder. His favourite watering hole being the Gwanda Club where he could be found endlessly playing liar dice.

Number two at the station was Bert Freemantle [4105], a tough ex-paratrooper who was dropped at Arnham in 1944. He was my mentor and guide during my eighteen month posting and a great deal of my learning was through him. The others on the station at the time were Pete Tucker [5206] and Chris South [5542]. Pete had been in Gwanda for some time but Chris had only arrived some six weeks earlier than I. Having just obtained my driving licence, I was created a driving examiner!!! Now at Gwanda was a district hospital and with it a Nurses home. Every now and then a nurse would arrive for a driving test. Because of who they were they were automatically, after a short drive around the township, granted their certificate of competency. Bert, however, was highly sceptical of their true ability to drive so the next time a nurse arrived for her test Bert instructed me examine her and preferably find a reason to fail her. Now it is ironic, the nurse in question was one Beryl Knight, who was then 34 and I a mere 21. Anyway, at the end of the test I told her that she had failed. She was livid, stating that it was a cheek coming from someone still suffering from nappy rash!! The irony was that four years later Beryl became Godmother to my only daughter Deirdre!! Needless to say the next time she came to the station to retake her test, she was examined by someone else and passed....

Patrols into the area varied from ten days to a fortnight and were invariably carried out on bicycles. I recall an article in the Bulawayo Chronicle commenting on this form of patrolling and saying how undignified it was for a trooper to announce his arrival at a homestead to the sound of a tinkling bell, whilst looking hot and sweaty!! Patrons were interesting, one learnt a great deal of the African and his way of life, his customs and the etiquette required when greeting a chief, headman etc. There were also isolated European graves to visit and tidy up, checking caves with bushman paintings, visiting cattle dips and of course, sleeping under the stars, provided the weather was dry.

One chief in the area, Mzimuni, was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Government for collecting sufficient money from his people to pay for Spitfire during the war. 1957 saw the visit to Rhodesia of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Personnel from the district were drafted into Bulawayo for Royal protection duties. I recall but a few names, Dick Ray [5075] Nigel Harris [5217] Charlie Burge [4902] and four or five others including myself. It was a chance to see the bright lights for a few days and this opportunity was taken with great enthusiasm!!

During this time I was attached to the Matabeleland Highway Patrol for six weeks as an observer. Brook Cunliffe [4324] was i/c and the driver of a Riley Pathfinder. After a year in Gwanda I was posted to Matobo as relief for a couple of months. Larry King [4716] was the member i/c along with Ted Mallon [4622] who was spending his leave living in the single quarters whilst swotting for his Sub-Inspectors exam.

Since I was the only Constable on the Station, I was also the Mess caterer, a job I had never done before. At the end of the month I presented Ted with his mess bill and he was horrified to find that he was being charged 3/6d a meal rather than the usual 1/6d! I don’t know what he thought, perhaps a conspiracy to get him out of the Mess, because I don’t recall handing him a second bill.

Ted returned to wherever it was he had come from and there were no hard feelings, as many years later...
Ted’s wife Yvonne became Godmother to my son Niall. In fact we ended up living next door to one another in Bulawayo Police Camp. I enjoyed Matobo. It was here that I carried out my one and only horse patrol. Riding to World’s View and to the base of Malindidzimu Hill, where tourists gathered, prior to their ascent to view the graves of Cecil John Rhodes, Leander Starr Jamieson and others. A rare event a policeman on horseback out in the bush, so posing for photographs was part and parcel of the days ride.

Others who spent time of varying lengths in Gwanda whilst I was there were; Mark Freemantle [4145], Sandy Sanderson [4138], Gerry Day [4747] and his dog ‘Buster’. Gerry went on to become i/c Tuli and was there when the Native Commissioner Mr Baker was mauled by a lion. Tony Jacques [5441], Jim Graham, Ken Leek [5423], Mike Anderson [4927], Jock Binnie [4034] and Sidney Banet [5715] call me ‘Rocky’ who endeared himself to the boss by handing out a traffic ticket to his wife for supposedly having a faulty exhaust! Dick Ray was i/c Stock Theft Section and visited as and when his services were required. He followed Gerry Day as i/c Tuli. Lyn Howard was i/c Colleen Bawn. November 1958 found me posted to Lupani, ninety miles from Bulawayo on the road to Wankie and the Falls. On the main road at Lupani was a Hotel and General Store, a Filling Station, a Butchery and not much more. The Kenmuir Filling Station was run by Alf O’Reilly who was born in an Ox wagon in the 1890’s and woe be tide anybody who refused to accept his version of any incident particularly if an opposing view was held by an African!.

Nearer to the Gwaai River Bridge was the Halfway House Hotel. This was run by Rix and Jean Taylor, well known to many a Policeman. They were a wonderful couple in many ways and in particular very generous one August weekend in 1959. Bill Watson [5677] contacted saying that he, together with Peter Brock [5682], Bruce Smith [5677] and John Thorne [5577] intended to visit the Wankie Game Reserve and the Falls. They would all be travelling up in his car and would I like to join them. This being too good an opportunity to miss I accepted. However, they arrived late in Lupani, blaming punctures. We set off, only to suffer another puncture near Halfway House. Whilst this was being repaired we entered the Hotel for beer, Rix was behind the bar and listened to our sorry tale. He then, very generously, let us have his own car so that we might continue our journey, resulting in a great weekend.

Another character at Lupani was Peter Stein, an Animal Health Inspector. A South African, who entered Rhodesia in the late 40’s to join Leibigs Ranch at West Nicholson. He served in the South African army in North Africa during the war and was captured by the Italians. The story he related to me was that there were a few hundred South Africans captured and held in a very primitive camp in the desert. One day an Italian motorcyclist arrived with despatches. He alighted from his motorcycle and entered a tent, forgetting to switch his engine off. Piet saw his opportunity, leaped onto the motorbike and rode off into the sunset. But was shot at by the Italians wounding him in the ankle. He managed to get to a main road before running out of petrol where he hitched a ride in a lorry carrying sardines! He made good his escape but has never eaten sardines since. Piet was great company and during cattle sales would invite buyers and auctioneers to his home to drink copious amounts of beer. At the end of 1959 my three years were up and I left Lupani for home leave in the UK.

When I look back on those first three years I consider them to have been the best three years of my service. I met a large number of interesting people, made many friendships, and had great fun along the way. I learnt a great deal, I investigated a great variety of crime including the Common Law crime of ‘Exposing an Infant’ where a woman abandoned her baby on the banks of the Umzingwane River. At Lupani I learnt to prosecute, which stood me in good stead when Police Prosecutor at Bulawayo Magistrates Court. It was also a time when you could roam the bush without thought of any danger.

“Mad Wife Disease”

A guy was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a magazine.

‘What was that for?’ he asked.

‘That was for the piece of paper in your trouser pocket with the name Laura Lou written on it,’ she replied.

‘Two weeks ago when I went to the races, Laura Lou was the name of one of the horses I bet on, I bought you those flowers with the winnings,’ he explained.

‘Oh darling, I’m sorry,’ she said. ‘I should have known there was a good explanation.’

Three days later he was watching TV when she walked up and hit him in the head again, this time with a frying pan, which knocked him out cold.

When he came to, he asked, ‘What was that for?’

‘Your horse phoned!!’
Looking back, it seems that so much happened in such a short space of time, that I must have lived in Rusape for many a year, whilst in reality, it was only a little over two, between 1967 and 1969. As a young policeman, I had many interesting adventures, and passed many of my life’s most memorable milestones whilst a resident, not the least of which was marriage to my wife Sandie, and the birth of our first daughter Kerrie May in the Rusape Hospital. Kerrie was born in the same hospital, on the same day, as the world famous Solanky baby. This tiny little girl could actually fit into a standard sized beer mug and did so for the world’s cameras! As the smallest known baby on earth at the time, she made it into the Guinness Book of records. The hospital was an extremely well run facility with wonderful staff, dedicated to all its patients both black and white. The two Gvt. Drs. whom I remember so well, having had to type their names on various statements, medical examination and post mortem request documents, were husband and wife Dr Kenneth Austin Davey and Dr Evelyn Davey! My, what memories of the old imperial typewriter and correction fluid, typing those two names just brought back!! Of course, most of us will remember the Balfour Hotel, run by Chas and Di Reed, and its many interesting characters, quite a few of whom were very talented in their own right, especially when it came to putting on variety shows at the Rusape Sports Club.

I recall one such “gay 90’s” production in 68 that was of a very high quality and, as each new performer came on stage to show his or her previously unknown hidden talents, we were all well and truly gob-smacked. They received tumultuous applause as they took their final bows!! Another of my watering holes was the Crocodile Motel near the bridge over the Lesapi and, of course, our police camp pub, where our ever smiling and efficient barman "Rukweza" was such a popular character.

Rusape boasted a small cinema at the back end of town, which opened at least once a week. We also had the somewhat infamous annual Lesapi River Boat Race, where the only rule was that each boat entering had to consist of at least two tyre tubes. Crews had to navigate a pretty lengthy stretch of the river. It was not without its dangers. I entered in 68 with a Young Billy Taylor, son of the local Prison Governor Frank. We strapped two tractor tyres side by side, each squeezed into the rough shape of canoes and on the front we had labelled them, Hoof-Hearted! Need-less to say, we didn’t win despite all our hot air! Billy and Frank weren’t the only Taylors in that town. "Arthur" Taylor, a very popular elderly gent, was a regular fixture in the public bar of the Balfour Hotel. The very epitome of that colourful local character and almost a tourist attraction in his own right, he enthralled all and sundry with his tales of the olden days in Rhodesia. Every town seemed to have one! He never tired of elaborating, in greatest detail, one particularly interesting and unusual fact about Rusape, especially to new arrivals such as myself or any other naive youngsters who just happened to be visiting or passing through. The strangest thing of all, was that it was true!! It went something like this.

"Did you know young fella, that this town is full of people called Taylor? For example, there is our Postmaster to whom we refer as Taylor the Mailer. Then, if you just cross the road and go down to the Railway Station, you will find the Station Master. He is known to us all as Taylor the Railer. You could even walk out of this very hotel and up the main street and into Barclays Bank. There you can introduce yourself to their manager. He is known to us all as Taylor the Teller! The guy in charge of the local Prison, just behind the police station, is Taylor the Jailer and let’s not forget Tony, ex merchant navy, whom we refer to as Taylor the Sailor! Then of course, there is my old farming friend over there, playing darts, who only yesterday was busy ploughing his mealle fields. He is Taylor the Tiller! There are many many more, but I’m getting a bit thirsty and don’t want to bore you, so let me cut the long story short. Last but not least, (he used to conclude with an emotional sigh) there is poor worn out old me, with all these wrinkles, grey hairs, sad
blue eyes and very little money. I’ve made and lost several fortunes in my time, and recently lost my last one. I am known to everyone in town as ‘Taylor the Failure!!’ And with that, he would down the last of his beer making a particular show of thumping his empty glass back on the ancient mahogany bar counter. More often than not, to whomever he told this sad story for the first time, would offer to buy him his next beer and upon doing so, all the other customers in the bar, who would have gone silent by then, in anticipation of the inevitable outcome, would erupt in spontaneous applause. He in turn would sit up, give a mischievous wink of one of his ice blue eyes that still held their sparkle, gently stroke the stubble on his face, smile, put out his hand and say…., “The name’s Arthur Taylor, welcome to Rusape young man. What shall we talk about tonight!?”. Indeed everyone in town seemed to love and respect old Arthur Taylor. I was no exception, nor was my dog Zara for whom he always had a friendly pat and a tibit of biltong, and he could talk intelligently and informatively on any subject known to man!

Many of Rusape’s citizens were members of the police reserve and quite a few of these became regular policemen like myself. I particularly recall three of these with whom we invariably shared road block duties at totally ridiculous hours of the night, on one occasion trying to catch an infamous escaped convict called Aiden Diggeden! They were Wilf Nobel who owned a panel beater business, Mike Le Pateurel who owned the Total garage on the right as one entered Rusape from Headlands, and Maurice Van Tonder, who owned a small farm on the right 1-20kms out of Rusape travelling towards Headlands. All salt of the earth, who put up with anything that young upstart still wet behind the ears regular policemen like myself could throw at them!! And they did it so politely too!! Those were real Rhodesians!

Crime was never really very high and except for the odd housebreaking and stock theft cases, most of the rest, including the occasional murder, rapes and assaults and quite a bit of petty stuff, involved the black population. Suicides, seemed quite common amongst the black population and I attended several incidents. On one occasion near St Faith Mission, whilst trying to cut down a hanging victim, the sheer weight was far too much for me and the body fell on top of me! There was one white suicide, when a resident of the Balfour Hotel gassed himself using his car exhaust out by the old Ram Pump on the river. There was one particularly memorable suicide on the railway line about 1km out of the Rusape railway station towards Headlands. An African female had decided to lie down on the line and meet her maker just before the train approached her position. She was successful in her mission, but to complicate matters, as the train passed over her, the body got caught up in parts of the undercarriage structures and she was basically turned inside out and firmly impaled on one particular pipe. I had no way of dislodging or cutting her free as I had no tools with me to do the job. The Train Driver, of the bearded burly Van Der Merwe Rhodesian variety, immediately offered to assist. Hey use this man, but make berrlie sure you don’t damage it mate. It’s me best biltong knife!! To say that took me back a bit, would be an understatement. We then removed her to the mortuary. My dog Zara, a GSD bitch, distinguished herself in Rusape on a couple of occasions which I have recounted elsewhere in a record of the lives of all my dogs over the last 50 years, so I won’t regurgitate those particular Rusape incidents where she offered her services. Suficce to say, I used to take her everywhere during the course of my duties and she never let me down. I remember a case of a housebreaking somewhere opposite the grass aircraft runway turn off, where a man who owned several Siamese cats had his house broken into. The cats attacked the man so badly, that he almost bled to death and was later arrested unconscious in the front garden. In the heat of the attack, the criminal had tried to escape through the lounge plate glass window and sustained even further severe injuries.

One notorious though fairly harmless criminal of the time was a guy we called “Fingers” Fungirayi. He operated extensively in the Headland Rusape area and was responsible for literally dozens of housebreakings, often several in one night. On one occasion, he had the temerity to return to the same farmhouse merely to return one of the two left shoes he had stolen by mistake. He successfully found the right one to make up a complete pair and made good his escape. I recall using my dog to track him on two occasions, only to lose the trail next to the first tar road we came to. I later discovered it was his MO to stash his bike near a main road and then hop on it to leave the area completely. Many months and dozens of further housebreakings later, he was caught just by chance one night, when casually stopped by a policeman merely intending to ask him for directions. He dropped his bag of loot and made a break for it, but was apprehended. He was duly convicted of numerous housebreakings and, because of his long list of previous convictions, he was given the indeterminate sentence (i.e. life till further notice!!)

To be continued in issue 102!
Brass Monkeys

(A true and particularly sad tale amongst many, of our experiences in the Force).

In a district like Inyadzodzi there was such a diversity of Agricultural activities that, inevitably there was a wide tribal range in the labour force of the area. Between the cattle ranching to the west and the mountain Tea Estates in the east, tobacco, fruit, dairy, maize, sheep and mining were the main employers of labour.

Larger operations relied on “contract” labour supplied by one of the labour supply organisations. Most of these were from neighbouring territories with diverse tribes, cultures and languages, inevitably leading to misunderstandings, revival of ancient rivalries and “faction fighting”. Homesickness amongst foreign contracted labourers was a major cause of desertion and related problems.

The lads on the station understood this potential powder keg and trod gently in their dealings with labour related cases. The Magistrate, who was also the District Commissioner or A.D.C. and had an extensive knowledge of African languages, customs and traditions was also sensitive of the situation but the law is the law and had to be applied. Thus our cells always had a fair sprinkling of labour related miscreants.

Zhuawo and Antonio both found themselves in trouble at the Tea Estates. They ended up being severely punished to the full extent of the law by being granted three good meals a day, accommodation in congenial company and a far less arduous job than cultivating on the steep slopes of the Tea Estates. They both looked somewhat crestfallen when summoned into the Charge Office one August Saturday morning to be told that their sentence was served and they were to be released.

They quite rightly argued that they had been sentenced to three weeks in hard labour and they wished to finish their sentence.

The boy explained the curious legal intricacies of remission of sentence for good behaviour.

“Does this mean, Boss, that if we did not behave well we could stay for longer working for you?”

“That’s right, Zhuawo, you would have to stay another week” explained the boy.

“And we could still stay in that warm place at night with a blanket each and all our friends?”

The Boy nodded.

“And you would still feed us the same skoff?” Asked Antonio, not quite believing the strange logic of the legal system.

“But you behaved well so you can go back to your job at the Tea Estates”

“It is winter and very cold out there, Boss, and a very long walk back over the mountain to the Tea Estates. This is a very harsh punishment, Boss, for behaving well when we were here!” grumbled Zhuwo pleadingly, but to no avail.

They were sent on their way protesting. No doubt they wondered, as they walked, why they had not been sentenced to the harsh punishment of walking over the mountains when they were first arrested for fighting.

It is normally a two day journey travelling slowly by foot from Inyadzodzi over the mountain range to the Tea Estates. The lads knew this as “mdala” Madonkey, who had a thriving little business running a regular donkey trail trading route over the mountains, was well known to them and as regular as clockwork in his timetable. He regularly left Inyadzodzi with his wares packed on half a dozen donkeys on a Monday morning, arrive at the estates on Wednesday morning, complete his business and be back in Inyadzodzi by the following Saturday.

Saturday afternoons on every District Police station in the country, is Tennis afternoon when, in the spirit of true Community Policing, the local folk would descend on the station with cakes and biscuits to play tennis and tea and coffee would be supplied by the lads at the tea break.

The Saturday after the release of Zhuawo and Antonio, Mike was called from the tennis court by the duty Sergeant.

“What’s the problem, Sarge?”

“I think you should hear what Madonkey has to say, Sah!”

Madonkey took his time with the story as is the way of men who spend their lives in the company of donkeys plodding patiently over the mountains. He had been on his way back from the Tea Estates last Saturday afternoon when he had seen two men walking along the footpath towards the mountain. He had greeted them but their attitude had not been friendly and their accent foreign, so he had not stopped to talk with them. On Monday he had set out again and slept at the side of the track where he normally made a night stop and then continued his journey on Tuesday. He had not travelled far when he saw the same two men sitting under a tree near the top of the trail.
"It was very cold and they were not talking together," he said. "And when I called a greeting to them they did not answer. My donkeys were walking ahead of me so I did not stay to speak with them. I just continued on my way."

Now, today, a week after he had first seen them, he was returning from the Tea Estates when he saw the same two men still sitting silently at the same place where he had last seen them. There was something about their silence which worried him because this time when he received no reply to his greeting he went over to them.

"They were just sitting there looking across the mountain and they did not answer me when I greeted them again. I went closer and called them louder than before but they still did not reply. I was worried and went to them and I touched one on the shoulder to wake him up as they seemed to be sleeping. When I did that he fell over ... and he was dead!!"

Mike was disbeliefing. The obvious question, murder? Or some other cause? He had known corpses to lie out in the bush for months, sometimes years, undetected, and sometimes in places where you would have thought they must have been seen by somebody. But never had he seen or heard of a corpse that had been dead for a week and didn't look dead and smell dead! He had never known Madonkey to lie but this certainly did not sound like the truth!

After alerting Doc. Van Dyk at the tennis court that he was likely to have a couple of customers who would require immediate examination on his return, Mike set off with the Sarge and Madonkey and a couple of Constables. They went as far as they could in the Land-Rover and then continued on foot with Madonkey leading the way.

It was a steep climb but, despite the exertion of a long and steady climb, Mike was thankful that he had dressed warmly as there was a sharp chill in the air and it was getting colder the higher they climbed. As they neared the top Madonkey stepped aside and indicated a tree just off the track. He was fearful of going any closer.

Sitting at the foot of the tree was Zhuawo staring across the mountain towards the Portuguese border to the East. At his feet, lying on his side but in a normal seated position was his friend Antonio. Had it not been for Antonio’s unusual position there would have been nothing about them, except their silence, to suggest that there was anything amis. They looked for all the world as if they had simply sat down to take a breather before continuing upon their journey.

They had frozen to death!

On closer examination, however, there was something odd! Mike looked more closely and then recoiled in astonishment. There on the floor, several inches from where Antonio was now lying but corresponding roughly with where he would have been sitting in his torn and ragged trousers before toppling over at Madonkey’s push, lay something decidedly odd!

A frozen scrotum, with contents intact, lay on the ground where the frozen corpse of Antonio had been sitting!!

Mike, standing in the last of the winter sunlight on the exposed side near the summit of the country's highest mountain, felt the temperature dropping even as he stood staring at the gruesome spectacle before him.

"Come on, Sarge. Let’s get this lot sorted out quick before we all freeze to death in this Brass Monkey weather!"

7359 Bertie Cubbit
Their Last Parade

It is with great regret that we report the following deaths. The Chairman and committee, on behalf of all members, extend their sympathy to family and friends of those who have departed.

6025 Gerald (Gerry) Le Roux
Advice has just been received that Gerry died on 8 March 2016 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He served from 8 June 1959 to 7 June 1962 leaving with the rank of Constable.

Elizabeth Bulman
It is with sadness that we advise the death on 14 March 2017 of Elizabeth, widow of 4614 Alastair Bulman, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

PR 12771 William Nicholas Charles (Bill) Girard
Advice has just been received that Bill died aged 82 years on 14 February 2018 in Huntington, Cambridgeshire, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association and served as a Police Reserve Patrol Officer between 1962 and 1965. Bill trained in law before being called to the Anglican ministry, returning to England where he was ordained deacon in 1967 and ordained priest the following year. He was Chaplin at the King’s School, Ely. Later as a retired priest, he served as a parish priest in several areas all in the Ely diocese. Bill was appointed Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral in 1997, and practised his priestly ministry, with permission to officiate in both Ely and Peterborough dioceses, right through to his death.

4863 Michael Robin Foster CPM
Michael died on 20 August 2018 in Maidstone Hospital, Kent, England. He served from 25 February 1952 to 24 February 1955 leaving with the rank of Constable. He joined the then Basutoland Mounted Police of which he became Deputy Commissioner.

7930 Andre Albertus Scholtz
Andre died on 19 September 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was a member of the Transvaal Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 13 February 1968 to 21 June 1978 leaving on gratuity with the rank of Section Officer.

6229 Desmond Hugh (Des) Cox
Des died on 28 October 2018 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He served from 9 November 1960 to 19 January 1965 leaving as a Constable.

9346 Christoffel Johannes Wolvaardt
Christoffel died on 31 October 2018 in Middleburg, Mpumalanga, South Africa. He served from 21 August 1975 to 22nd December 1978 leaving with the rank of Patrol Officer.

110720 Shaun Terence Hodgson
Shaun died on 9 November 2018 in Hoedspruit, South Africa. He served from 1 January 1979 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 30 April 1982 leaving that Force with the rank of Section Officer.

6051 Robert Brian Giles
Robert died on 14 November 2018 in Fulsom, Sacramento County, California, USA. He served from 13 August 1959 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 15 December 1982 retiring from that Force with the rank of Superintendent.

5809 Peter Henry Stanton
Peter died on 15 November 2018 in Pretoria, South Africa. He was a member of the Transvaal Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 3 February 1958 to 1 March 1978 retiring on pension with the rank of Detective Inspector.

10076 Raymond John Whitney
Raymond died on 17 November 2018 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He served from 1 June 1977 to 15 July 1980 leaving with the rank of Section Officer.

Helen Hollis
It is with sadness that we advise the death on 17 November 2018 of Helen, widow of 7431 Roy Hollis in Brisbane, Australia.
5848 David John (Dave) Clinker
Dave died on 21 November 2018 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He was a member of the Australia Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 1 July 1958 to 31 January 1964 leaving with the rank of Detective Constable

6197/7208 Keith Roland Addison
Keith died aged 76, on 22 November 2018 in Lymington, Hampshire, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served initially from 25 August 1960 to 11 April 1964 and then from 7 December 1964 to 2 October 1969 leaving with the rank of Patrol Officer.

4727 Michael Granville (Mike) Edden PMM
Mike died aged 88, on 3 December 2018 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He was a long-time member of the Australia Branch of the Regimental Association and organised a generous donation from members in Australia towards the BSAP Memorial. Mike attested on 4 June 1951 and after leaving Depot, was stationed at Gwelo Rural, Fort Victoria and Zaka before joining the CID in Bulawayo. He was later transferred to Umzali and then to Salisbury where he was promoted to Detective Inspector in 1964. After a short spell in Sinoa in the newly formed Special Branch, Mike returned to Salisbury in 1968 to take over as head of the Murder Section before his commissioning as a Superintendent in August the same year. He was promoted to Chief Superintendent in July 1972 and in 1975 Mike took over the Special Branch role at Joint Operations Command (JOC) Hurricane. In 1976 Michael became PSBO (Salisbury and Mashonaland Province) and then as senior Special Branch officer became a member of the Nation JOC based at Combined Operations (COMOPS) Headquarters. He remained with Special Branch for most of the rest of his career. Mike retired on 4 June 1980 with the rank of Assistant Commissioner and settled in Mallorca, Spain where he lived for 10 years, eventually emigrating to Australia where he settled in Queensland.

6105/7523 George Hutchinson
George died on 4 December 2018 in Eshowe, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He was a member of the KwaZulu-Natal Branch of the Regimental Association, and served initially from 16 December 1959 to 22 August 1965 and then from 17 January 1966 to 1 May 1972 leaving on gratuity with the rank of Section Officer.

6609 Hywell Hugh (Parry) Parry-Jones
Parry died aged 77, on 13 December 2018 in Kettering, Northamptonshire, England. He was a Committee Member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, the Editor of the UK Outpost and Functions Secretary, and served from 12 February 1962 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 19 July 1981 retiring from that Force with the rank of Superintendent. After leaving Depot, Parry served in Salisbury and Salisbury Suburban stations before transferring to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). As a detective, he served in Salisbury in the Gold Section and Special Branch in Que Que and on promotion, CID Bulawayo, eventually being in charge of the Bulawayo Homicide team. After retiring, Parry returned to the United Kingdom, but later joined the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary where he was initially at Bomana Police College outside Port Moresby as a Chief Inspector. He later joined the commission investigating corruption by politicians and civil servants in Papua New Guinea. It was also whilst in PNG that Parry joined the Freemasons. He was a very active member, and became Master of the Port Moresby Lodge 5 years after his initiation. His passion for Freemasonry continued right up to his death. On his return to the United Kingdom in 1993, Parry worked, as a civilian, with the CID in Corby, Northants. He also enjoyed singing with the local amateur opera company. Parry’s funeral was attended by a large number of former BSAP members and Masons. His coffin was preceded by the Branch banner carried by Mike Coleman; Peter Phillips read the eulogy and Steve Fletcher sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

5395 Peter Leslie Haslam Isaac
Peter died aged 82, on 16 December 2018 in Fuerteventura, Canary Islands, Spain. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 16 October 1955 to 15 October 1958 leaving with the rank of Constable.

4284 Sydney Dennis (Syd) Hubbard
Syd died aged 93 years on 17 December 2018 in St Lambert, Quebec, Canada. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 2 June 1948 to 1 June 1951 leaving with the rank of Trooper.

PR 13446 Alan Dale
Alan died aged 86, on 21 December 2018 in Bath, Somerset, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served in the Police Reserve from 1962 to 1978 leaving with the rank of Reserve Inspector. Alan was born in Leeds, Yorkshire and emigrated to Southern Rhodesia with his young family in 1962 and settled in Que Que where he set up an electrical contracting firm and joined the Police Reserve. He also saw service in Umniati, Gokwe, Marandellas, Rusape and Chirundu before leaving Rhodesia in 1978 for England only to return to Zimbabwe in 1980 before finally leaving in 1996 settling in Bristol, England.

6076 Brian Cullingworth
Brian died on 7 February 2019 in Cape Town, South Africa. He served from 28 October 1959 to 31 July 1974 leaving on gratuity with the rank of Inspector.

7851 Brian Harold Walthew
Brian died on 21 February 2019 in Cork, Ireland. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 12 December 1967 to 29 March 1978 leaving on gratuity with the rank of Detective Section Officer.
6710 Robin Kenneth Ouseley Hood
Robin died aged 75, on 24 December 2018 in Marnhull, Dorset, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 16 July 1962 to 12 August 1967 leaving with the rank of Patrol Officer.

4356 Royston (Roy) Townsend
Roy died aged 92, on 20 December 2018 in New Milton, Hampshire, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association and served from 29 November 1948 to 6 August 1971 retiring on pension with the rank of Superintendent. A Town Policeman, Roy served in Salisbury, Gatooma, Gwelo and Bulawayo from where he retired. In 1967 Roy was awarded a commendation for bravery for his involvement in the rescue of 5 Africans from the flooded Hunyani River.

4636 Patrick Michael Rogers
Patrick died aged 87, on 23 December 2018 in Somerset West, Western Cape, South Africa. He served from 26 May 1950 to 25 May 1953 leaving with the rank of Constable. Patrick then moved into journalism and later joined Rhodesia Television, before going to Northern Rhodesia for the launch of television in 1964. He later emigrated to Australia and worked for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, co-hosting its highly rated current affairs programme. His experience there made him a valued catch for the South African Broadcasting Corporation when he returned to South Africa eight years later. After leaving the SABC, Patrick worked in various high-pressure public relations posts in private companies and the Chamber of Commerce.

6214 Larry Arthur Piper
Larry died aged 78, on 26 December 2018 in Bridgewater, Somerset, England. He served from 31 October 1960 to 30 October 1963 leaving with the rank of Constable.

9180 Peter Keith Vernon
Peter died on 28 December 2018 in Cape Town, South Africa. He served from 29 April 1974 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 1 March 1982 leaving that Force with the rank of Inspector.

5548 Matthew (Matt) Michelson
Matt died aged 81, on 31 December 2018 in Lusaka, Zambia. He served from 23 September 1956 to 4 January 1977 retiring on pension with the rank of Inspector. After leaving Depot, he was posted to Bulawayo and thereafter saw service at Selukwe, Featherstone, Shabani, Gwelo Rural, Fort Victoria Rural before finally returning to Bulwayo from where he retired.

6671 Jan Paul Steenkamp
Jan died aged 76, on 7 January 2019 in Hermanus, Western Cape, South Africa. He served from 10 May 1962 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 20 March 1983 retiring from that Force with the rank of Staff Inspector.

Hilda Joan Bristow
It is with sadness that we announce the death on 25 January 2019 of Hilda, aged 100, widow of 3844 Syd Bristow, former Commissioner of the BSAP, in Wells, Somerset, England.

8112 David George Cameron (Dave) Coutts
Dave died on 22 February 2019 in Manchester, England. He served from 15 October 1968 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 2 January 1983 leaving that Force with the rank of Inspector.

8861 Albert Pieter Kriel
Albert died on 3 March 1990 in Johannesburg, South Africa. He served from 26 September 1972 to 25 September 1975 leaving with the rank of Patrol Officer.

8463 Brian William Hutchinson
Brian died on 16 March 2019 in Margate, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. He served from 5 March 1970 to 30 June 1980 leaving with the rank of Inspector.

7645 Demetri (Taki) Amira
Taki died on 20 March 2019 in Cape Town, South Africa. He was a member of the Western Cape Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 15 September 1966 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 6 August 1981 leaving with the rank of Superintendent.

5503/6384 Peter Anthony Birkett
Peter died on 20 March 2019 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He was a member of the Mashonaland Branch of the Regimental Association, and initially served from 23 June 1956 to 23 June 1959 and then from 8 May 1961 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 31 December 1984 retiring from that Force with the rank of Chief Superintendent.

110660 John Phillip (Jack) Slade
Jack died on 14 January 2019 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He was a member of the Mashonaland Branch of the Association, and served from 24 October 1978 to 10 January 1980 leaving with the rank of Patrol Officer.
5766 George David Fairlie
George died aged 81, on 21 January 2019 in Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 22 September 1957 to 20 March 1963 leaving with the rank of Sergeant.

7690 Graham Whitfield (Gray) Barker
Gray died age 72 on 29 March 2019 in Swindon, Wiltshire, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 11 January 1967 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 12 October 1980, retiring from that Force with the rank of Inspector.

9331 George Ernest (Timber) Woodman CPM
Timber died aged 93 on 29 March 2019 in Worthing Hospital, West Sussex, England. After leaving school George served in the Royal Navy in Simonstown for 3 years. He joined the Bechuanaland Police on 24 April 1946 and continued to serve after that country became Botswana, until 10 August 1972, retiring with the rank of Senior Superintendent. He served in the BSAP from 3 January 1973 to 31 July 1980, when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 8 July 1985, retiring from that Force with the rank of Inspector. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association.

6117 Roy William Edwards
Roy died on 28 March 2019 in Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa. He was a member of the Transvaal Branch of the British South Africa Police, and served from 8 February 1960 to 12 February 1972, retiring with the rank of Chief Inspector.

5537 George Bryan Litton
Bryan died aged 81 on 6 April 2019 in Gloucester Royal Hospital, Gloucester, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 23 September 1956 to 29 February 1968 leaving with the rank of Section Officer.

5990/7433 Dirk Wouter Botha
Dirk died on 6 April 2019 in San Diego, California, USA. He served initially from 16 March 1959 to 17 February 1965, and then from 10 September 1965 to 8 December 1972, leaving with the rank of Section Officer.

9718 Peter Lionel Holland
Peter died on 8 April 2019 in Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa. He served from 9 August 1976 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 1 December 1981, leaving that force with the rank of Section Officer.

9670 Mark Mario Martins
Mario died on 9 April 2019 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He served from 30 June 1976 to 31 July 1980 when he transferred to the ZRP where he served until 13 November 1981, leaving that force with the rank of Detective Section Officer.

4484 Charles Buchan Smollet Telfer
Buchan died aged 96 on 25 April 2019 in Newton Abbott, Devon, England. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 18 October 1949 to 31 May 1958, leaving with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

6717 Hugh Jeremy Dixon
Hugh died on 26 April 2019 in Hillcrest, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He served from 9 August 1962 to 31 October 1970, leaving with the rank of Section Officer.

6869 Peter William Logue
Peter died on 29 April 2019 in Wynberg, Cape Town, South Africa. He was a member of the Western Cape Branch of the Regimental Association, and served from 14 February 1963 to 31 March 1971, leaving with the rank of Section Officer.

*Although we acted in good faith on information received we are informed by 10148 Andy Coutts, that his father 5234 Sandy Coutts passed away on the 4th of June not 4th July - Apologies*
A Celebration of Life for Roy Townsend

Roy died on 20 December 2018, aged 92, in New Milton, Hampshire, England. He was born in London and was training as an insurance broker at Lloyds of London when he was called up in 1944. He served with the Parachute Regiment in Malaya and Singapore before being moved to Palestine until 1948.

When he was demobbed, unable to resettle in his Lloyds job, he emigrated to Southern Rhodesia to join the BSAP attesting as a constable in Salisbury on 20 November 1948. Subsequently he transferred to Gatooma in 1951 as a Sergeant, then to Gwelo in 1956, then back to Salisbury in 1963 as an Inspector and Member in Charge of Rhodesville. He joined PATU and in 1967 was awarded a commendation for bravery for his involvement in the rescue of 5 Africans from the flooded Hunyani River.

The photograph shows Roy receiving his award from Clifford Dupont, Officer Administering the Government. Roy became a Chief Inspector in Harare in 1967 and was transferred in 1970 to Bulawayo as a Superintendent, before retiring on 7 August 1971. He then joined the Police Reserve and the Civil Service from which he retired in 1987. Thereafter he served for several years as a property inspector for Harare West Rural Council. When the Zimbabwean economy collapsed Roy and his wife Patricia were repatriated to England in 2009, settling in Bordon, Hampshire. Pat predeceased him by 5 years. In 2018 he became frail and moved to a nursing home near to his sister and her family. Roy is survived by his 3 children: Hilda in Zimbabwe, Ted in South Africa and John in Australia.

In the event of the death of a member

When a member dies, friends and/or family are asked to notify the Almoner as soon as possible. The UK Branch of the BSAP Regimental Association will endeavour to arrange representation at the funeral of a former member of the Force. Members of the BSAP Association living in the area of the funeral will be asked to attend. If requested, the Almoner will try to arrange for a BSAP flag and cap to be made available to the funeral director for use during the ceremony.

To contact the Almoner:
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BSAP Digital Library Project

When the first two discs were marketed, we stated that Phase 2 release would include an update of Disc 1 with the inclusion of ‘Rhodesia Defence Force Journal 1911-1923’. Unfortunately we have been unable to secure copies of them through the Zimbabwe Archives. We will continue to try and obtain copies.
BSAP Regimental Association
Funeral Plans

UPDATE

Elysium Lump Sum Funeral Plan - The Affinity Group funeral plans arranged by Elysium for the BSAP Regimental Association has been improved with the inclusion of a new low-cost lump sum plan which means that older and younger ages can benefit. The lump Sum plan is available to anyone over the age of 18 and has no upper age limit. It was sourced for the Association following demand by members.

Special Feature - The Lump Sum Plan can be purchased after death to pay for funeral arrangements. This means that costs are reduced as the providers negotiate terms with the funeral directors.

Paying in Instalments - The Plan can be paid in instalments (up to 10 years) or by way of a lump sum. A deposit of £250 must be made.

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<td>£5.00</td>
<td>Bag, shopping jute with force logo</td>
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# Books of The British South Africa Police

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<td><strong>BSAP Origins and Early History 1885-1901</strong></td>
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<td>Wilfred Bussy was the editor of the Police Review, the first of the Force magazines and the forerunner of the Outpost.</td>
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<td><strong>Zambesi Patrol</strong></td>
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<td>Zambesi Patrol is an account of a patrol undertaken by Trooper John Hoddinott in 1928 in the Zambesi Valley to verify a report that smallpox was ravaging the area and, if so, to establish cordons to prevent the spread of the disease and to vaccinate the native population.</td>
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<td><strong>Sunrise Patrols</strong></td>
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<td>Seeking a more eventful life, John Palmer resigned from his job as a storekeeper in Basutoland and joined the British South Africa Police in November 1926.</td>
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<td><strong>Down the Decades</strong></td>
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<td>The British South Africa Police and its immediate forerunner, the British South Africa Company's Police, was responsible for maintaining law and order in the vast territories between the Limpopo and Zambesi Rivers and the Bechuanaland Protectorate on the West and Portuguese East Africa on the East. [contains Nominal &amp; Medal Rolls]</td>
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<td><strong>Not without Incident</strong></td>
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<td>This is a previously unpublished memoir by one of the early members of the British South Africa Police.</td>
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<td><strong>Mocke</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Trooper’s Tales</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Stand to your Horses</strong></td>
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<td>Stanley Edwards joined the British South Africa Police as a Trooper in 1938 and rose through the ranks retiring in 1966 as a Senior Assistant Commissioner having commanded Salisbury Province and be appointed Chief Staff Officer to the Commissioner. [well illustrated with drawings and photographs]</td>
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<td><strong>Murray’s Column</strong></td>
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<td>Since its formation in 1889 the British South Africa Police had taken part in many campaigns, including service with distinction in the Anglo-Boer War, but during the period 1914 -1918 it was to take part in a longer and more challenging campaign than any that had gone before.</td>
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Inimitable Style
George Cecil Style was a man of many parts; during his life he was a bank clerk, police trooper, cattle inspector, army lieutenant, tobacco farmer, pioneer of game ranching in the then undeveloped low-veld of Southern Rhodesia and, during his retirement, a voluntary relief farm manager during the years of the Rhodesian Bushwar.

Humour in The BSAP
The British South Africa Police has been fortunate in having many great writers in its ranks, such as Eben Mocke, George Style, Constable Wonderwayi and Scrimshank-Wick.

Personalities and Institutions of The BSAP
Over nearly seven decades the chronicles and happenings of the British South Africa Police, together with the experiences of ordinary members of the Force, have been recorded in the Police magazines.

Motoring Memories of the BSAP
When were motorcycles first officially used by the Force? When was the first Information Room established? How did the 'B' Car get its name? When were the first Highway Patrol Cars used? When were Traffic Patrol Cars first introduced? Who drove a Morris Oxford Station Wagon from Rhodesia to Ethiopia and back? Who rode a motorcycle from Salisbury to Uganda, round Lake Victoria and back in thirty days? Includes over 250 photographs.

The BSAP in the Great War
Many books have been written about the First World War campaign in German East Africa, sometimes called the Forgotten War as it was overshadowed by the battles of the Western Front. [containing Nominal Rolls]

Jameson's Men
The Jameson Raid was a defining event in the history of the British South Africa Police. What led Dr. Leander Starr Jameson, Rhodes' right hand man in Rhodesia, to take most of the Police out of the country and invade the Transvaal with the aim of capturing Johannesburg? [contains Nominal Rolls]

A Memoir of Early BSAP Days
In 1912 Southern Rhodesia was a very young country with vast areas of bush, few roads and mostly dependent on the horse, the mule and the ox-wagon for transport. Its Police Force, the British South Africa Police, together with its forebears, had only been in existence for twenty two years. It was that year the Bernard Seymour-Hall joined the B.S.A.P. as a Trooper. [well illustrated with drawings and photographs]

More Tales of The BSAP
This book carries on the tradition of the other books in the Series of publishing a selection of stories, articles and memoirs written by former members of the B.S.A.P. They may include articles published in 'The Outpost' and also previously unpublished works which may have been gathering dust for decades and which could eventually disappear for ever.

From Horse to Aeroplane
The Second World War was a watershed in the evolution of the British South Africa Police. Before it the horse, mule and pack donkey were the usual modes of transport. Mechanisation was gradually creeping in but this really accelerated after the War.

Nyati, the Last Quartermaster (latest publication)
Nyati - The Last Quartermaster, the 21st and probably final book in the series of Books of the BSAP, is a tour de force of the BSAP. It is a compilation of the works of Richard Hamley, author, historian, artist and cartoonist. A companion volume to Blue and Old Gold with magnificent illustrations.

History of the BSA Police 1889-1980
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Both would be grateful for donations in memory of a loved one in order to con-
tinue their assistance to Members in need or the administration of the Associa-
tion. For more information please contact a Trustee (see penultimate page).

‘My Breeches’

They were polished, at first, on a form at school;
They were next introduced to an office stool,
And now are rubbing the back of a mule-

And sometimes this hooligan quadruped

Puts shame on my bags to their meanest thread
When, viciously bucking, them over its head

My breeches

It pitches.

At school’ tis, alas, a deplorable fact
They daily presented their seat to be whacked;
They were not respectable; sometimes they lacked

Their Stitches

For the office then knew them in elegance stiped,
All splendidly creased, with the seams of them piped,
And regarded with awe by the ladies who typed-

The Witches

I yet may be clothed in immaculate pants
If there die, before me, my two maiden aunts,
And the Lord, in His goodness, this sinner but grants

Their riches.

No longer beautiful, now they besstride
The quadruped horror a trooper must ride,
And sometimes a flea slips through from its hide

And sometimes this hooligan quadruped

Puts shame on my bags to their meanest thread
When, viciously bucking, them over its head

My breeches

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