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*Cover picture – Heroes of the Mazoe Patrol: Inspector Randolph Nesbitt VC at centre (May 1897) - See article on Nesbitt, Page 22*
The True Spirit of the Association

Our Association, following in the tradition of the BSA Police, has a long and proud reputation of camaraderie amongst its members. The strength of our organisation was recently put to the test, regretfully in sad and tragic circumstances.

At the end of January 2011 Ex-Chief Superintendent Tony Hubbard (4228) and his wife Margaret travelled to South Africa from Harare on holiday. Whilst in Cape Town they were involved in a motor vehicle accident. As a result of the accident Tony suffered a heart attack and died on 31 January 2011. Margaret sustained a broken hip and was admitted to the Tygerberg Hospital in a serious condition.

Our Branch was not aware of the incident until Neville Spurr, our Branch Secretary received a request on 10 February 2011 from Peter Bellingham in Harare advising us of Margaret's situation. He advised that she had been hospitalised and likely to be so for a number of weeks. He also mentioned that to his knowledge Margaret did not have any family or close friends in Cape Town. He said he would appreciate any assistance the Branch was able to offer her.

Within a day of receiving Peter's request, Janet and Neville Spur responded by visiting her to offer what assistance they could. As Branch Secretary Neville sent out an “all points bulletin” to members informing of Margaret's circumstances and requesting members to visit her. Over the course of the next few weeks several members and their wives visited Margaret. I have been informed that Margaret greatly appreciated these visits and found them comforting.

Also quick to heed the call were Valerie and Andy Bullmore. After a number of visits they established a special relationship with Margaret which I am sure greatly relieved Margaret's burden in hospital. They liaised with Margaret's daughter Angela in the USA and on a regular basis kept her informed of Margaret's progress.

My wife Marlene and I also visited her to offer what comfort we could in her circumstances. We were humbled by the fortitude and courage Margaret displayed. We tried to imagine the anguish she must have experienced over the preceding weeks, grieving her husband's death and not having been able to attend his funeral, being hospitalised in another country and in a hospital where the conversational language was foreign to her, not having family or close friends with whom she could share her thoughts and concerns and having to
rely on the goodwill of strangers for her needs. Margaret was truly a very brave lady.

Margaret's desire to return home was, I am sure, her strength to continue the fight and endure the hardships. On the 18 April she was discharged from hospital and her daughter Angela was with her as she flew back to Harare. Margaret arrived safely home but sadly passed away on 22 April. Angela advised Valerie and Andy Bullmore that her Mom passed away peacefully in her sleep happy in the knowledge that she had managed to return home and see some of her friends.

To all of you who made the effort and gave of your time to pay Margaret a visit in hospital and make her life a little easier, I say a sincere “Thank you.” A special word of thanks must go to Valerie and Andy Bullmore for their time, kindness, compassion and caring they shared with Margaret. Also for the assistance they gave to her family by keeping them informed about her progress. I would also like to thank Hazel Petrig who, although not an Association member, visited Margaret several times after hearing of her plight from Tony Rozemeyer, our Branch Almoner.

Thank you all for maintaining the true spirit of the Association

Jim Blair

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Dear Editor,

The last few editions of the Outpost had items of news which brought back memories of my depot days in 1953.

Firstly the sad news that Bill Earle had passed away and more recently “Tickie” Woods with whom I served in the early Dog Section – and a letter from Ray Weare.

Ray Weare as a reservist was a fairly quiet fellow with a dry sense of humour. Bill Earle, known to us as ‘The Honourable’ Sgt Bill Earle, was an excellent equitation instructor with a very quick tongue.

I have an early recollection of the squad riding around the school with irons crossed. Ray had a very pained expression on his face. Bill Earle called out “I know what you’re thinking Weare.” To which Ray replied “Well you ought to because they are there by now.” It left Bill Earle lost for words. Later in the same ride, Sgt Earle shouts “What do you think you are doing Weare” at which point Ray was thrown from his horse, and shouts “Flying Sir”

Regards,
Dave Riley 5098

Hi Everyone,

It is with deep regret that I have to advise of the death of Margaret Jane Hubbard, widow of 4228 ex C/Supt Anthony Michael “Tony” Hubbard who died in her sleep at her home in Harare on the 22nd April 2011. She sustained severe injuries in the road accident that killed her husband Tony, and was confined in hospital in Cape Town from the 31st January until Monday the 18th April 2011 when she returned to her home in Harare by air, escorted by her daughter Angela. It is felt that the stress and trauma of the flight home was the probable cause of her death.

While Margaret was in hospital in Cape Town, the Western Cape Branch of the Association arranged for members to visit her on a regular basis for her daughter lives in the USA and her son Guy in Zimbabwe, and she was feeling very alone there. I must pay tribute to the Western Cape Branch, and in particular to 6920 Andy Bullmore and his wife Val, for the concern, assistance and support that they rendered to Margaret during the lengthy period of her confinement in Hospital in Cape Town.

Sincerely,
Peter Bellingham
Good Afternoon, Neville,

Grateful if you will record my apologies for non-attendance at AGM Monday, 7 March. Thanks for the minutes of the last meeting, I think at this stage of our lives we all understand 'senior moments'!

I am grateful to you and all members of the Committee for the work you do and the manner in which you are able to keep all of us in touch with the Regimental Association. I do hope that all of you are able and willing to continue your current roles.

Perhaps one of the most distressing things of growing older is to read the passing of people we tend to think of as they were when last we saw them. In many instances this was many years ago. These thoughts made me turn out my B.S.A.P. file and I find that when I arrived in Cape Town from Rhodesia end March 1980 I had just missed the AGM. Sam Brewer was Chairman, George Emes, President, Alan Johnson, Secretary. Ross Biccard became Chairman in Feb, 1981, but business reasons saw his resignation by June, 1981. Les Hausberger became Chairman and Gough Botha became Secretary as Brian Parnaby had also succumbed to business reasons. The remainder of the Committee then were Stan McMillan, Tony Granger, Andy Gray, and Mike Reeler as far as I recall. The Annual Dinner was arranged at Newlands Hotel, cost per head R8.50!!

Come 1982 I found myself on the Committee along with Les, Gough, Tony, Stan, Mike, Maggie Chisholm, Seamus Power, Mike Reeler, Dick Hausberger, Dennis Davies, and Andrew Stevens. By April, 1982, Villagers found they were contravening their Liquor Licence by allowing our 'beer drinks' there, and we found our way to the City and Civil Services Club thanks to Andy Stevens. Here too was held our Annual Dinner on 10 Sept, at a cost of R11.50 per head. Somehow during this period I found I had become Vice Chairman which continued until the AGM of 7 February 1983 by which time I had to return to U.K. for family reasons. The new committee had Doug Grierson as Chairman, Brian Oberholster, Secretary, Andy Deacon, Treasurer, Les and Dick Hausberger, Ed Gleeson, Maggie Chisholm, Peter Lane, and Dave Bayley.

Now, in 2011, a number of these are no longer with us but all, so to speak, helped to keep the flag flying.

I trust the AGM will go well and a few drinks afterwards well-earned. Again my thanks to Committee and all whose efforts keep the Western Cape sector of the Association going so well.

Best Regards

Ken Mitchell, 5518 and PR 25689X.
Dear Committee Members

I refer to your Outpost Edition No. 68 March 2011, the unidentified officer standing next to Commissioner PK Allum is Superintendent Tony James now resident Durban.

Regards

Bob Beddingham

The Editor

THE BIG WHEEL SPINS – The BBC invited Peter Stiff and myself to assist in preparing a radio documentary of the Viscount disasters and the Rhodesian situation toward the end of the war. The interview, due to be broadcast at the end of July 2011, was held at the BBC studios yesterday and will be very successful if they include the sensitive issues Peter and I raised. Besides the Viscount disasters that featured prominently and the effect they had on the Nation, other issues included what its like to be a nation without a country now, Rhodesia’s stand-alone fight against communist terrorists, the stance of the American and British governments of the era, Russian and Chinese backing for Nkomo and Mugabe, how Mugabe won post war elections and then murdered 30,000 Matabele with his 5th Brigade, the forthcoming 2012 Commemoration event, the Brit banning of Rhodesian attendance at the Cenotaph in the UK to honour our fallen. (I unfortunately omitted to say our fallen also from World War 1 &2 when Rhodesians stood by America and Britain to fight Hitler’s tyranny)

British politicians of the era added weight to peanut President Jimmy Carter’s emissary to Africa – Andrew Young, to play a pivotal role along with other Carter administration officials, in enthroning Mugabe’s terror regime and turning much of the dark continent into the nightmarish slaughterhouse of chaos and terror it has become. I also read out the following foreign affairs special report “America and the World, 1980”. Two years earlier, in 1978, Ambassador Andrew Young described Robert Mugabe in an interview with The Times of London. “Does Mr Mugabe strike you as a violent man?” The Times reporter asked. “Not at all, he is a very gentle man,” Young
replied. “In fact, one of the ironies of the whole struggle is that I can’t imagine Joshua Nkomo, or Robert Mugabe, ever pulling the trigger on a gun to kill anyone. I doubt that they ever have.” Ambassadorial young could barely contain his brimming admiration for the newest “liberator” of Africa’s oppressed: “I find that I am fascinated by his intelligence, by his dedication. The only thing that frustrates me about Robert Mugabe is that he is so dammed incorruptible.”

I got the impression that we were speaking to an open minded BBC interviewer. We will see, but one thing is for certain, the truth will emerge and will be recorded in the annals of history of how and why Rhodesia was sacrificed to Communist terrorists by American and British politicians of the era. The Rhodesian Bush war was portrayed by them as white against black – white supremacist racists versus black freedom fighters in their struggle for “freedom and justice.”

I made the point that Rhodesian should curb bitterness towards the American and British public, for they were not responsible for the actions and bad publicity we got from their leaders. Unfortunately, our timeslot with the BBC was not long enough to elaborate further.

Nevertheless, the interest of the BBC to establish the truth is very much appreciated by myself and many others who have commented on Facebook. Thank you very much.

Best regards from Keith and the Viscount team!

South African Banks are offering a free pencil sharpener in gratitude for the 36 billion rand profit they got out of us last year. It’s designed to remind us of the friendly and even intimate relationship the banks have built up with the South African public.
A young police officer was taking his final exam at Police Staff Training College in Zambia.

Here is one of the questions:

You are on patrol in the outskirts of Lusaka when an explosion occurs in a nearby township. On investigation you find a large hole has been blown in the footpath and there is an overturned van lying nearby. Inside the van there is a strong smell of alcohol. Both occupants - a man and woman - are injured. You recognise the woman as the wife of your Divisional Inspector, who is at present away on a peace making mission. A passing motorist stops to offer you assistance and you realise that he is a man who is wanted for armed robbery. Suddenly a man runs out of a nearby house, shouting that his wife is expecting a baby and that the shock of the explosion has made the birth imminent. Another man is crying for help, having been blown into an adjacent dam by the explosion, and he cannot swim.

Describe in a few words what action you would take.

The officer thought for a moment, picked up his pen, and wrote: ‘I would take off my uniform and mingle with the crowd.’

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WESTERN CAPE OUTPOST
A very successful AGM was held on Monday 7th March, 2011, at Timour Hall, Cape Town. Whether it was the promise of appetizing snacks (which were duly delivered) or the anticipation of an interesting Chairman’s Report (which was also duly delivered), we are not sure, but a turnout of some 38 members & visitors was very good and better than we have had for many years. The following members signed the Register:-


Jim Blain delivered an excellent report for the preceding 12 months, as follows.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

WELCOME

Gentlemen, welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Western Cape Branch of the BSAP Regimental Association. It gives me pleasure to present my Annual Report for the year 2010

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Branch is currently 154. There are, I feel sure, many former members who with a little encouragement, may be persuaded to come along to our functions and enjoy the camaraderie that the Association offers.

We need, therefore, to encourage younger members (and I say this cautiously as there cannot be many around today who are under the age of 50) to join the Association to ensure its long term continuance. Former NSPO's and Police Reservists who served with us should also be encouraged to join. We need to bring in these former members and recruitment should be a goal for each of us during the forthcoming year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions, raffles and donations remain the only means we have of keeping the Association afloat. These funds are quickly absorbed by providing benevolence as it becomes necessary, producing a magazine three times a year, snacks at monthly gatherings etc. With rising costs it became necessary to review the annual subscription and the decision was taken to increase it from R90 to R100. Still a bargain price!! Despite this increase I am pleased to report than many members have heeded the call to pay their subs and there has been a steady inflow of contributions.
OUTPOST
The Cape Outpost continues to receive praise from local and overseas readers. Congratulations must go to Lawrie Mabin for producing and maintaining the high standard of the magazine.

The magazine costs the Association about R17.50 per copy or R52.50 per member per year which emphasises how essential it is that annual subs be paid. Reluctantly it has been decided to drop the non-subs payers off the address list for receipt of the magazine. The Committee is mindful that the magazine forms an integral part of our communication process but we are no longer prepared to send to those members who do not contribute to the Association. One hundred rands a year is not a lot to ask of members. We hope that their consciences will eventually get the better of them and they will pay up.

Lawrie advises that he is always on the look-out for material for the magazine and so articles for publication from members is encouraged.

BENEVOLENCE
During the past year there were two calls for assistance. The circumstances of both requests were promptly and discreetly considered by the Committee and assistance granted. A third case was considered by the Committee but after due diligence it was felt that the applicant had not exhausted all personal means of resolving the problem. The applicant, who was not a member of the Association, eventually phoned a relative and the problem was solved.

Recognising the importance that benevolence might play in the future with helping members in times of difficulty, the Committee appointed one of its members, Tony Rozemeyer, to the role of Almoner. Tony, who is a Trauma Counsellor with SAPS Muizenberg, has a great deal of experience in this field and has established a worthy list of contacts. Should you know of anyone who might benefit from Tony’s assistance, please contact him directly.

EVENTS
The usual functions were held during the year. The Ladies Lunch in July proved to be a success and due to its popularity will be held again this year on 17 July. The venue has yet to be decided.

The Annual Dinner is the prestige event of our calendar and hopefully will remain so for a number of years to come. This year’s dinner held at the Mowbray Golf Club in September maintained the high standard normally associated with this function. A sincere thank you to those members and their guests who donated prizes for the raffle.

Finding a suitable speaker remains a strain every year on the imagination and innovativeness of the Committee so we would like to encourage branch members to come forward with suggestions for guest speakers.

The Christmas Spit Braai held at Timour Hall last December also proved a great success especially the raffle. Our thanks to all those who donated prizes.
A special word of thanks to Dave Acker who provided a bottle of fine brandy as a raffle prize for our monthly gatherings.

Numbers at the monthly get-togethers here at Trimour Hall continue to fluctuate. As you are aware we have dedicated use of this facility on the first Monday of every month. Our grateful thanks to Deon Huysmans and Steve McEvoy for their continued support on these evenings.

I would ask you all to make an effort to attend our monthly get-togethers – even if it is just for a quick beer and a chat. If you are unable to attend the monthly get-togethers, I would ask that you strive to make it to the Annual Dinner in September. The UK Branch of the Association is to be congratulated on its organisation of “The Last Parade” that took place on the 25th July last year. From the feedback I have received it was a resounding success and brought together many ex-members who had not seen each other for decades. Peter Phillips, Chairman of the UK Branch in his address to those present acknowledged the donation (the Rand equivalent of five hundred pounds) which this Association made to the Memorial Fund. A job well done by Peter and his team.

COMMITTEE

I would like to thank all members of the outgoing Committee for their hard work, support and encouragement throughout the past year.

In particular I would like to pay tribute to Neville Spurr for his unstinting efforts as Branch Secretary. As ever, he provided a dedicated service to this Branch and has kept us on the proverbial straight and narrow as regards Association matters. A sincere vote of thanks to you Neville.

The Treasurer remains a key figure in any Branch. Ed Ions fits the bill admirably. I am extremely grateful to him for managing the finances of the Branch in such a meticulous manner and for keeping us in the black and afloat. A vote of thanks also to you Ed.

I have already mentioned the sterling work done by Lawrie Mabin on the Cape Outpost. To the other members of the outgoing committee, Lockie Howie, David Riley and Tony Rozemeyer I wish to convey my personal thanks to you for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

CLOSING

In closing I would like to thank all Branch members for their support in keeping the Association alive whether by attending one or more of the functions or just attending our monthly get-togethers.

Treasurer’s Report – Available from the Secretary in PDF format
The following members were re-elected to committee with one additional new member:-

Chairman – Jim Blain.
Secretary – Neville Spurr
Treasurer – Ed Ions
Outpost Editor – Lawrie Mabin
Member – Tony Rozemeyer
Member – Lockie Howie
Member – Seamus Power

The New Committee for 2011/2012
Seamus Power, Tony Rozemeyer, Neville Spurr, Lockie Howie, Ed Ions,
Lawrie Mabin, Jim Blain.

**DATES TO DIARISE**

**Sunday 17th July, 2011.** Ladies Lunch at Mowbray Golf Club. R110 per head. This is a popular function so please book early. Contact Jim Blain - 082 394 9908

**Saturday 3rd September, 2011.** Annual Irish Reunion, Sandy Stoke's place near Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland.

**Friday 9th September, 2011.** Our Annual Dinner at Westlake Golf Club
A change of venue this year is due mainly to financial reasons. We have been fortunate to secure this excellent venue for dinner and a much improved menu at a lower cost. We are therefore able to keep our cost to members down to R130.00 per head - the same as last year. The committee is currently trying to obtain the services of a very interesting speaker.
Some familiar faces from our monthly gathering on Monday 6th June, 2011, at Timour Hall.

Visitor, Mike Loftus, passing through Cape Town on his way to Ireland from Australia.

**DATES TO DIARISE cont...**

**Friday 11th November, 2011.** South African Reunion - Grahamstown

**Saturday 3rd December, 2011.** Annual Christmas function and raffle. This year at Timour Hall. Function taken the form of the usual spit braai - but please note that it will be held on Saturday afternoon as apposed to a Monday evening.

**Remember:** Monthly get together every first Monday of the month at Timour Hall. Snacks provided. Guests welcome.
The BSAP Southern African Reunion & Remembrance Parade
11th November, 2011 – Grahamstown, RSA.

All ex members & reservists please put this date in your calendar.
An inaugural event to be held on the 11th November, to coincide with Remembrance Day – but most of all, it is an opportunity for members of the Association of the various branches in Southern Africa to get together.

Grahamstown was chosen as a venue because of its central location and the facilities in that town to host events of this nature. There is an abundance of reasonably priced accommodation and efforts are underway provide accommodation at little or no cost to members of the BSAP Association. Further information on the details of the week-end shall follow.

The co-ordinator of this Southern African Reunion is Seamus Power. He may be contacted at the following:
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When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter.

Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.
These are actual comments made by 16 Police Officers. The comments were taken off actual police car videos around the country:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."

2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."

3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."

4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."

6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"

7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"

8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."

11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)

13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"

14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

AND THE WINNER IS....

16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't.. Sign here."
Very little is known or recorded of the early days of the Dog Section.

However, dogs were first used by the BSAP after the First World War, but only for a short period. Their success was very limited and belief arose that environmental conditions in Southern Rhodesia were insurmountable and their use was discontinued.

However, after the Second World War, a member of the C.I.D, Sgt Laurie Davenport, achieved a number of successes using his own dogs to track down criminals and the idea of a Dog Section was revised.

Laurie Davenport's own dogs were an Alsatian and a Doberman. Unfortunately I cannot remember their names. In 1948 the Dog Section was formed and the kennels were erected at Laurie Davenport's home in Greendale, Salisbury.

Sgt Davenport was sent to the South African Police Dog Depot in Pretoria to complete a 'Dog masters' course. He returned after the course with two cross Doberman/Rottweiler dogs named “Echo” and “Emile”. Those dogs remained in service until 1956. (A Dog master is one who both breeds and trains Police dogs and their handlers and carries out most of the tracking duties, especially in the rural areas, whereas uniformed dog handlers worked mainly in the urban areas).

These dogs had been trained by Afrikaans speaking handlers and always had to be spoken to in Afrikaans. The efforts of me and later Martin Braid-Wood in the utilization of this language were amusing to say the least.

The Dog Section at that time was known as the Tracker Dog Section of the C.I.D and its members known as Dog masters. They were treated as members of the C.I.D. The discipline, promotion exams etc were all written as part of the Department. In fact when I was promoted to Sergeant my C.I.D warrant card showed my rank as Dog master Sergeant David Riley, a souvenir I still have to this day.

Laurie Davenport, who had by now become a Sub Inspector, was then assisted by three other Dog masters who were trained in Rhodesia. Sgt Douglas Percival was posted to Gwelo to cover Midlands Province and Sgt John Restorick to Bulawayo to cover Matabeland. Manicaland was covered by Salisbury Dog Section. In Salisbury Laurie Davenport was assisted by Constable Roy Harris, who prior to joining the Force had been a member of the parachute regiment and had dropped at Arnhem during the Second World War.

The Dog masters stationed at Gwelo and Bulawayo were married and the dogs
were kenneled in the gardens of the married quarters... They were also “hybrids” in that only half a day was spent in training and exercising their dogs. The other time being spent on normal CID duties such as CRO, Deportation Section, Scenes of Crime, Photographic and Fingerprint Departments.

I joined Dog Section in early 1956, having been District Police mainly in the Fort Victoria District. I took over from Roy Harris who was taking his discharge and returning to the UK, where he was hoping to take up a singing career. At the time of my arrival, apart from 'Emil' and 'Echo' the other dogs were Emma, Ray, Anna, Alice, Jane, & Duke. A mixture of bloodhounds, ridge backs and Dobermans.

In late 1956 Martin Braidwood joined the section and was the last CID member of Dog Section. Buddy Deetlefs became a member of Dog Depot Staff and later became a Dog Master, and a very good one.

In 1957 the new Dog Depot was opened in Mabelreign. I was posted to Gwelo. In Gwelo the kennels were moved to the single quarters and I was always on 24 hour call. My social life was curtailed considerably. During that period the famous “Sandawana” emeralds were discovered in Belingwe. I was posted there for six months and together with my Police Dogs Duke & Anna we learned a lot about emeralds. Other characters in that area at that time were Det/Insp Dixie Bruce, Sgt ‘Tickie’ Woods, John Falkner, Jock Bruce.
In 1958 the Police Dog Handlers Section was formed, providing European handlers from Duty Uniform Branch for beat work in Salisbury & Bulawayo. I was posted to Bulawayo together with others such as “Ginger” Garland, Trevor Nettleton, & Martin Vincent. African handlers were introduced in 1961.

In 1960 when riots broke out in Bulawayo, the first place the rioters attacked outside the township was the Police Dog Section. Constables Garland, Waller, Shind and I had an interesting hour or so repelling about 600 aggressive people with our dogs and truncheons. We eventually beat a hasty retreat when the flying rocks and stones got the better of us. We were relieved by Supt C. Payne with his Sterling Machine Gun.

In late 1962, just before the Section came under Uniform Branch jurisdiction, I returned to Duty Branch and in August 1963 took my gratuity and returned to the UK. I left behind the happiest days of my life.

The Dog Section grew considerably after I left and played a significant part in the war of the 70's. That is a tale that will have to be told by one of the younger members.

“You want me to smell what.....?”
July, 2011, marks the 114th anniversary of the famous 'Mazoe Patrol' which took place in July, 1897. It also marks the anniversary of the death of Randolph Nesbitt who died on the 23rd July, 1956, at his home in Cape Town.

The Nesbitt family originated in Lincolnshire, but they are now more likely to be associated with South Africa owing mostly to the exploits of Randolph Cosby Nebitt and the extraordinary Alice Mine rescue. In an action that resembled a Hollywood western, a small mounted patrol rode to the rescue of a group of embattled settlers, despite being overwhelmingly outnumbered.

Born in Queenstown in the Cape Colony, on 20th September, 1867, Randolph was educated at Dale College, King Williamstown, and St Paul's School in London. His father was Major Charles Nesbitt. Randolph and his brother Charles followed their father in to the service of the Cape Mounted Rifles.

Both brothers then joined the Mashonaland Mounted Police, moving North to what later became Rhodesia. They took part in the Mashonaland Expedition in 1890, but sadly, Charles died near the Tokwe River on the 13th February, 1891. Randolph was commissioned later that year, but resigned to take up the position of Chief Constable at Fort Pedie in the Cape.

When the Matabele War broke out in 1893, Nesbitt returned to Mashonaland and tried, without success, to become involved in the conflict. He was appointed sub-inspector (lieutenant) in the Mashonaland Mounted Police and sent as acting commandant to command the Umtali district near the border with Mozambique. It was there that he met and fell in love with a pioneer nurse, Sister Mary Sanders, and they later married in Salisbury.

On May 7th, 1897, the London Gazette announced that Nesbitt had been awarded the Victoria Cross for the Mazoe Rescue (Alice Mine). He was presented with the medal in Salisbury on August 12th 1897. During the Anglo-Boer War Nesbitt served with the Mashonaland Division of the BSAP and was part of Plumer's Column that brought about the relief of Mafeking.

After the war, Nesbitt served in

![Survivors of the Mazoe Attacks in 1896. Inspector R.C. Nesbitt VC at centre (with light-coloured tunic and bandolier)]
various districts of Rhodesia, and resigned in 1909. He had been promised that he would succeed as Commissioner of Police, but was passed over. Instead he became Native Commissioner at Goromonzi, in which post he stayed until his retirement in 1927, at the age of 60. After his wife died he moved to Muizenberg in the Cape where he remarried.

In 1956 he was to have travelled to London to take part in the celebration on the centenary of the Victoria Cross, of which he was the oldest living holder. Sadly his health prevented him from attending. He died shortly afterwards at his home on the 23rd July, 1956, aged 89.

*From an article by the late Bernard Terry, member of the UK Regimental Association – Blue & Old Gold.*

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**From C.I.D. Salisbury - Daily Logs**

The duty Detective Chief Inspector was about to start his morning briefing to the staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the DCI decided to pose a question to all those assembled for the briefing.

He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his normal amount of sleep. He posed the question of just how much sex was “work” and how much was “pleasure”?

A Detective Insp chimed in with 75 to 25% in favour of work.
A Detective Section Officer said it was 50 – 50%
A senior D.P.O responded with 25 – 75% in favour of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the D.C.I turned to the probationer who was in charge of making the coffee. What was his opinion?
Without any hesitation the young D.P.O responded. “Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure.”

The D.C.I. was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why.
“Well sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them.”

The room fell silent. God Bless the lower ranks.
(From ORAFS –May 2011)
“To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.”
This story is true in every respect as far as I can recollect after the passage of time but I have changed names.

Mr Sparg had been committed to Ingutsheni Mental Hospital in Bulawayo some 2 years before after showing aggressive and violent tendencies. Although these exceeded merely pulling the wings off flies he hadn’t equalled the levels of the Spanish Inquisition or Jack the Ripper – not yet anyway. The Government psychiatrist and the Government psychologist did their annual assessment and consulted his behavioural patterns as observed by hospital staff, their decision was that he was fit to be released and so he was. He went to his married sister, Mrs Smith, who together with her husband and children lived in Bellvue, Bulawayo. Later that same night when the family retired to bed Mrs Smith told her husband she did not think her brother was right and she was going to lock their bedroom door. Mr Smith told her not to be silly and that he did not want the door locked in case he needed the toilet during the night but surreptitiously she locked the children’s bedroom doors but not theirs. She woke up around 1-0AM to find Sparg had armed himself with a large kitchen knife and was busy stabbing her husband to death in the bed next to her, she tried to stop him and received serious cuts to her arms and hands before she ran from the house screaming for help. Mr and Mrs Jones, who lived in the house directly opposite were roused and came across the road to see what the commotion was. Sparg met them in the drive and stabbed them both to death, their screams together with those of Mrs Smith woke the next door neighbours, Mr and Mrs Thomas, they got up and left their house together also to investigate, again Sparg met them in their own driveway and stabbed them both to death. In the grounds of the Thomas house

Was a cottage leased to a young and recently married couple, they too had been aroused by the commotion and the husband opened the door to go out and investigate, he was pushed back inside and to the floor by Sparg who proceeded to stab him to death whilst sitting astride him. The young wife picked up a chair and smashed it on Sparg’s head which stunned him and he rolled off the body and sat next to it – he was still in that position when the police arrived. Six people had been savagely stabbed to death in a period of less than an hour. The next day I, with others, was instructed to bring Sparg from the cells up to Homicide Section. I armed myself with a sawn-off snooker cue and entered the cell where he was still handcuffed and leg ironed. He was over six feet tall and built like the proverbial brick shithouse so prior to removing the leg irons I waved the sawn off snooker cue in front of him and told him that if he made one wrong move I would break it across his face. From then on he never looked at anything else except the cue or took his eyes off it for one second nor did he utter a word,- trying to warn and caution him was pointless and he was returned to the cells. It was subsequently found that he was unfit to stand trial

And the last I saw of him was in a padded cell at Khami Maximum Security Prison. He had torn all his clothes off and was entertaining himself by throwing his own excreta against the walls, god only knows what subsequently happened to him.
I had, prior to this incident, always been sceptical of the capability of any person to accurately read or predict the thoughts and mind of another but this was the clincher. Here we had two perceived experts reaching a conclusion which resulted in six deaths within 24 hours of their making it, no wonder then that most detectives take with a pinch of salt reports which are made by psychiatrists and psychologists, unfortunately the courts do not.

AFRICAN PIRATES

Freedom fighter or terrorist? Depends whose side you’re on, Africa’s... ‘freedom fighters’... proud pirates everyone, No freedom was ever gained for Black folk’s kith or kin, Their fight was not for liberty, but to loot now from within.

Robert Gabriel Mugabe, Africa’s pirate supreme, Thieving and plundering are his passions it would seem; But in this act he’s not alone, for Grace is worse by far, They aught now both to be rolled, in feathers and hot tar,

Nestle buys their tainted milk from Grace’s stolen farm, But a Nestle spokesman says “We are doing you no harm” Millions of protesters will never eat their produce again, Tainted now forever more, by Grace’s shame and pain.

Whilst pirates in Somalia, wreck havoc on high seas, Grace Mugabe sets her sails, to tramp on whom she please, Africa, land of black pirates, from Suez to Cape Town, Their thirst for ill-gained riches, is truly world renown.

There is not one place in Africa, that is free of piracy, From the great Sahara desert to the azure warm Indian Sea, With now license to plunder, these swashbucklers everyone, Are destined to destroy our Africa ...our paradise in the sun.

Alf Hutchison
"Sound of Distant Drums"
Many will have fond memories of nights spent in Police messes, canteens and in the field with a troubadour present to serenade attendees into the night. These individuals showed varying degrees of vocal ability, as well as competency on piano or guitar. Usually they became more proficient in the ears of the listeners as the party progressed as everyone got to sing-a-long and have a jolly old time of it. Indeed, as such evenings meandered along, more aspiring artists would often emerge from the smoke-shrouded bonhomie to add their weight to the programme! What is not generally known, however, is just how many of these musicians went on to enjoy successful second “careers” in music. In most cases, this was in addition to their daytime jobs but there are instances, albeit fairly rare, where individuals went into the field professionally.

Peter Baker (6198) and Paul Rust (7156) were two individuals who soon made their talents known after joining the Force. Unsurprisingly they met in the police whilst playing at Salisbury’s Folk Club, a short step away from the Central Police Station. After playing in various duos and trios, they eventually formed The Fourtrekkers and recorded an album in 1965 called “Come-A-Roving”. It is alleged that this album has the distinction of being the first LP recorded in Rhodesia, by local artists, featuring original music relating to Rhodesia’s folk history. The group disbanded in 1968 although Peter and Paul went on to perform in various guises.

The colourfully named Genuine Imitation Plastic Waterproof String Vest Ensemble is believed to have evolved one drunken night in the BSAP Traffic Branch’s “Lay-Bye” bar at Cranborne Barracks in Salisbury. Its two founding members were trumpet-playing Frederick Algernon Carr-Thompson (“FA” to his mates!)(7429) and guitar-toting BSAP Reservist, Rick Fenner. Fred had carved quite a reputation for himself within the confines of Morris Depot for his renditions on bugle of “Reveille” and “The Bugle Call Rag” at 02:00!! During performances, the band would intersperse their infectious, foot-tapping, music with epic poetry recitals given by Fred. Fred also played a leading role in introducing Sunday “Jazz Afternoon Jam Sessions” at local hotels and other venues such as the Sherwood Arms. Their greatest claim to fame, however, is performing on Rhodesia Television’s Saturday extravaganza, “Starlight Bar-B-Q”, not once or twice but three times! They duly disbanded and returned to their respective messes to reflect on their few, short years in the spotlight.

In an era given to odd band names, Paddy White's (6658) Plastic Sh*thouse Band had a fairly brief and modest tenure. With Derek Foster (7133) and Norman Reader (7304) making up the rest of the band, their regular practice venue was an ablution block in the Bulawayo police camp. Let this not deceive you into thinking that this is where their world ended – certainly not! Their greatest moment was performing at the Bulawayo showgrounds in the presence of the City’s mayor of the day. Despite the plaudits and promise of greater things to come, this iconic music outfit soon disbanded. Norman Reader, however, continued to play and perform for many years to come.
Drummer, Barry Henderson (8635), had an illustrious career in Bulawayo playing with such local icons as the Johnny Booyse Combo, Max Albert, Anvil, Those Guys and Vice. Being multi-skilled, he also played bass with groups such as the Mike Barker band. Today he lives in the United Kingdom where he plays the drums for the Chester-le-Street Theatre Group Junior Section. In July 2010 he re-united with ertswhile band mates Richard Lambert-Porter, Joe Roberts and Mark Robinson and played at the Rhodesia Pioneer Society July Braai in Derby. They last played together more than 20 years previously in Bulawayo as Those Guys!

Upon joining the Force, Julian Pellatt (900434), had already assumed the stage name of Julian Fortune. Having taken to the guitar as a 12 year old, Julian was a stalwart of the Rhodesian music folk scene at the Beverley Rocks Motel. It was here that he met and enjoyed the encouragement and mentorship of Clem Tholet. This association was to ultimately result in Julian being amongst those who sang the backing vocals to Tholet's recording, “Rhodesians Never Die”. Julian went on to perform on Rhodesian television in his own right, eventually relocating to the United Kingdom where he continues to perform regularly with friends from the “old country” such as Bill Malkin and Stu Dawson (7563/9178) in the area of Chester.

Guy Halls (9621) is yet another former BSAP man who is still musically active. Although his music aspirations were largely put on the backburner after attesting into the Force in 1976, he kept his skills honed by performing at various Bulawayo night clubs and venues. After leaving the Police in 1980 he formed Albatross. After relocating to Cape Town he formed a duo called Night Shuttle and carved a strong presence on the scene. During this period he made appearances with internationally acclaimed South African guitarists, Steve Newman and Tony Cox. In due course, he moved to the United Kingdom where he lives in Salisbury and remains very active on the music scene with his substantial skills on guitar, recording both his own work as well as that of others. Much of this work is available to the public via www.myspace.com/guyhalls

Of course, there was at least one member of the fairer sex who belongs to this club and that is Carol MacKenzie (nee MacDonald WP484). Carol learnt classical music as a child under the instruction of Thora Hill in Bulawayo. With an excellent ear, Carol was quickly able to pick up tunes on the piano or keyboard and was an active performer in Bulawayo. Apart from regular gigs at various venues such as the Churchill Arms, she was also a member of the popular band, Frank McGain's Kincaid and the Blue Notes. Carol presently lives in the United Kingdom and, although she still has an electronic keyboard at her disposal, reckons her days of performing in public are well and truly over!

Arguably the policeman to achieve the greatest level of exposure and success was Mike Stapleton (6066) who had joined the BSAP in 1959. Being into “live” music, Mike was a regular visitor to Salisbury's night spots where he encountered The Diamonds. The Diamonds had formed in 1961 and frequently performed at venues such as the Meikles Hotel and Le Coq d'Or. As their reputation spread they started to
spread their wings, making trips to what-was-then Northern Rhodesia. They even had the distinction of playing on Rhodesia Television the night it was launched! The Diamonds were becoming hot property on the local music scene, their talents being noticed by music imnpressarios south of the Limpopo. This was to lead to their being offered a recording contract with CBS by well known South African musician and bandleader, Dan Hill. Ironically, this led to ructions in the band when their male lead vocalist declined the prospects of a professional career in music. In seeking a replacement the band's attentions were drawn to Constable Mike Stapleton who had done a few impromptu songs with them during “audience participation” sessions.

Having “passed the audition”, Mike immediately resigned from the police, joined the band and assumed the stage name of Mike Shannon. The band's star continued to rise and, after backing The Shadows and Jim Reeves on their visits to Salisbury, they released an album called “The Diamonds Do The Shadows”. In due course, the band relocated from Rhodesia to Johannesburg, releasing nine albums in total.

In 1963 the band, under the management of Eve Boswell, travelled to the United Kingdom where they encountered difficulties with their name as The Diamonds was already a name in use. There was only one thing for it so they renamed themselves The Rhodesians! As the band began to consolidate themselves in the UK they were rubbing shoulders with many budding artists who were to go on to later fame. They subsequently accepted an offer to move to Australia where they, initially, enjoyed good fortune. During this period they recorded an album, “The Rhodesians At The Chevron Skyline”. By 1968, however, the band was riven with dissent which resulted in their break-up with most members returning to South Africa. Today, Mike is enjoying his retirement in the Eastern Cape.

These, then, are a few of the musically-inclined characters who graced the Force's ranks, entertaining and humouring their peers, colleagues and associates wherever, and whenever, the circumstances permitted.
Pete Shout (8655) created and maintains the highly popular Rhodie Music (www.rhodiemusic.com) internet site. He asks that anyone who can add any further information to this body of work drop him an e-mail at sandmaster@ananzi.co.za
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11th FEBRUARY 2011: 18HOO
TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE
Chairman: Barry Enslin, Vice Chairman: John Pirrett, Secretary: Dick Glanville, Treasurer: Maureen Merrifield, Memorabilia: Doug McGibbon, en Bloc - John Pirrett, Members: Ian Duncan, Ashley Collings, Dick Latilla, Dave Holmes, John Hill

MONTHLY GATHERINGS:
14/01/2011, 11/03/2011
Most of the usual supporters were present, and especially a good turnout back at the Transvaal Scottish on the 14th, all of whom were open-mouthed at the splendid alterations and refurbishments at the venue. A relatively new face on the 14th was 5991 Don Joss and his wife Erica. On the 11th March Lt Col Don Smythe of the Transvaal Scottish was granted Honorary Life Membership of the Transvaal Branch of the Association and presented with a certificate of such, which he warmly accepted in the best of traditions.

BRAAI LUNCHEON: ROSEBANK
BOWLING CLUB 27/03/2011
This was very well-attended despite the inclement weather. Maureen Merrifield brought 26 guests! Some 95 in all were present and assisted in the fundraising project by having a good lunch and supporting the raffle. Those who signed the register were:
REMINDER!!!!!
Monthly gatherings every second Friday at the Transvaal Scottish (The Jocks). Anytime after 5.30pm. Wives, partners and guests welcome. Please make the effort – you’ll not be disappointed and you’ll be surprised at who you meet.

NATAL

The AGM of the Natal Branch was held on Friday 6 May 2011 at the German Club (ex-Shamwari), attended by a grand total of fourteen members (what is it about AGM’s that members don’t like?) Maybe if we offered free beer next year we might get a better turnout! We did have twenty apologies, though. It was also suggested that we hold the next AGM on a Saturday morning, followed by a lunch/braai, so that those who don’t like driving at night would be encouraged to attend. Items of interest that came out of the meeting include

The Annual Lunch is to held at Le Domaine, Hillcrest, this year at a cost of R80,00 per Association member and partner and R100,00 a head for non-Association members; The monthly “First Friday” drinks evening at the Better ‘Ole Shellhole’ has not been a success and it was proposed that this be moved to a Saturday morning. The Committee will look into this.

The Committee was re-elected on bloc (surprise, surprise!) with the addition of Dave Lynn (to whom we extend a warm welcome).

The committee was satisfied with the subsequent financial accounts received and the Natal Branch is in good standing”

BSAP MATURE MEMBERS’ CLUB

Whilst we have no further news of new members to the Club it is very pleasing to believe and report that they are all still with us.

Our only “local” member, Bill Crabtree, turned 94 on 12th February this year. When I phoned to wish him a happy day I added “I look forward to celebrating your 100th one day”. Quick as a flash he replied “I hope you will still be around then!”

Amanda (granddaughter), Mike (son), Bill, Cheryl (daughter-in-law)
STATION NOTES

MARGATE - Member in Charge, Barry Woan, reports –
Our 'Bring and Braai' was held on Saturday 12th March 2011 at the Ramsgate Bowling Club. Beautiful weather greeted the 63 members, family friends and guests who attended this years gathering.
"Raiding parties" from Johannesburg, Hillcrest and Durban South Branches and as far afield as Rustenburg joined the well represented Margate contingent for a special day chatting and renewing old friendships, making new ones. The presence of P/R Garth Philpott, grandson of the founder of Philpott and Collins, brought back past memories. An auction of items kindly donated by John Dolby, Bob Packer, Peter Huson and Doug McGibbon raised R1100 for Association coffers.”

DURBAN SOUTH - Member in Charge, Peter Arnold, reports –
A ‘Bring and Braai’ on Sunday 15 May 2011 was the first function held at what we hope is going to be our new home at the Winklespruit Bowling Club in Warner Beach. The particular attention to ensure that all was set up for us was due to the very proactive approach of the Club President, Kobus Roelofse and some of his committee members who were in attendance to see our needs were looked after.
There were thirty five attendees with visitors from Margate station in the persons of Barry Woan, Andy Messina and Dave and Denise Owen. From the Branch Committee and members of Hillcrest station were Chairman Trevor Wilson and our hard working Secretary, Treasure and everything else, Des Howse, Guests were Margaret and Chris Johnson from Harare visiting family, Errol and Hester Johnson. Fred and Lindsay Mason brought Lindsay’s mother, Daphne Huddleston and Brother Roy and his wife. Were also able to welcome Roy and Pauline Gardner who like the undersigned start in the BSAP and then joined the Rhodesian Army way back when. Comments made by other than our own Station members were that the new venue was probably the best in the area due to the amenities whilst simple were very pleasant.”

HILLCREST
Great weather and good companionship were the order of the day when 28 members and wives gathered at Ant Crossley’s Shamwari Farm smallholding in Drummond for the Hillcrest Station 'Bring 'n Braai' on Sunday 22 May 2011. Apologies, particularly from the Branch Chairman, Trevor Wilson (suffering from a severe bout of 'flu), had been received from regular attendees who, for one reason or another, could not attend.
Maritzburg members Alan and Flik Bennett and John and Nancy Carroll graced us with their presence, as usual, and we welcomed new members Rob and Linda Kempen and George and Cheryl Meakum to the fold. Our grateful thanks to Ant Crossley for allowing us the use of a really picturesque and peaceful venue and his invitation to return.
The third gathering for 2011 took place at Toscani’s at Garden City on Wednesday 6th April; present were 4727 Mike Edden, 5450 Dick Howlett, 6303 Peter Nortje, 6604 John Gold, 7012 Mike King, 7432 Will Keys, Goofy Lawrence and we were joined for the first time by 900931 Neill Gordon. Apologies were received from 5757 Ian Milton, 6278 Gerry Dyer, 28014Z Mike Hayes and 6969 Billy Budd.

The fourth gathering was held on Wednesday 18th May; present were 4727 Mike Edden, 5757 Ian Milton, 6278 Gerry Dyer, 6303 Peter Nortje, 6604 John Gold, 6969 Billy Budd, 7012 Mike King, 7432 Will Keys, his guest Frank Gutteridge and 900931 Neill Gordon. Apologies were received from 5450 Dick Howlett and Bev Smyth.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

John Berry in Ireland is about to publish book No 14 on the BSAP and this will include four chapters of my memoirs headed “The Turning Point” in the war, which cover Operation Hurricane and COMOPS up to the Mkushi Raid.

Fred Punter in the UK has put a BBC Channel 4 researcher on to me as the BBC wishes to do a programme on the attempted assassination of Nkomo following the first Viscount Disaster. This raid was carried out by the SAS as Operation Bastille on April 13 1979. As a surviving member of COMOPS I have been asked for my opinion regarding the alleged British Spy in COMOPS, who reputedly tipped Nkomo off about the raid and, whether I am prepared to do an interview on the subject later on.

Naturally I suggested that the interview should be in London, but it appears that parsimony and modern technology has made that trip unnecessary and it will be done by radio link from a studio in Australia; pity!

I admit to being somewhat surprised at the request, but it is not so much about theraid concerned, that is well documented in Barbara Cole’s book “The Elite”, which is the story of the Rhodesian SAS, but that the British want to do a story about the spy, particularly as the SAS believed at the time that the spy was the Director General of CIO, who was supposed to have made the phone call to Lusaka from COMOPS, because the Government preferred to deal with Nkomo rather than Mugabe.

When Ken Flower was shown to have an alibi, the suspicion was moved to his Deputy, Derrick Robinson and even I came under suspicion, though why any of us would have chosen to make the phone call, in the rather more public surrounds at COMOPS than in the safety and security of our offices in CIO, is beyond imagination, particularly as Nkomo’s laughter about the shooting down of the Viscount, then the murder of survivors, put him well beyond the pale and even though Ian Smith had been talking to Nkomo about the Rhodesian situation days before, he was greatly embarrassed by the matter and neither he nor CIO
would have interfered in Nkomo receiving his just deserts. However, I find it very interesting that the British want to do a story some 32 years after the event; perhaps the British public are now keen to know more about the perfidy of their government at the time!

Mike Edden

MALAWI

Malawi Get Together
Athol Estment 8263 writes to advise of a recent gathering of former members in Malawi, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Const Hawken 6143 signing up at Police General Headquarters. Here they are photographed at a local restaurant.

From Left: Richard Mennel, Colin Campbell, Athol Estment, Tony Hawken, Allan Pitman, Stewart Michael
Roll of Honour

6749/7104/8330 Howard Neil passed away on 18th March, 2011, in Fish Hoek, Cape Town. Howard served for three stints in the BSAP, from September, 1962 to October, 1963, from May, 1964 to November, 1968, and again from October, 1969 to June, 1976, when he left the Force with the rank of Inspector. Howard was a long standing and enthusiastic member of our Association in the Western Cape, he was always in touch with the editor of the Outpost and other members of the Association. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Sam and the family.

10033 Eric William Howard died as result of a motor accident on 25th December, 2010, at Bronkhorstpruit Dam, RSA. Eric served in Bulawayo Traffic Branch in 1979 and left the force as a P/O.

Chief Justice Hector Macdonald passed away on the 30th January, 2011, at his home in Rondebosch, Cape Town, at the age of 95. He had a long and distinguished career in the Rhodesian Justice Dept through very difficult times. He was well known to many BSA Policemen and women.

5312 Mike Lindley died on 12th February, 2011, at New Ollerton, U.K. He served in the Force from December, 1954 to April, 1978, when he retired as a Chief Superintendent.

6180 Barry Bennett died on the 1st March, 2011, in Pretoria, RSA. Barry served in the Force from July, 1960, to December, 1971, and left as a Section Officer.

6209 Ian Rule died on the 22nd February, 2011. At Southend-on-Sea, UK. Ian served from September, 1960 to August, 1964, and left as a Detective Patrol Officer.

4157 James (Jimmy) Oliver Watkins died on the 11th April, 2011, at Somerset West, Cape Town. Jimmy served from December, 1946 to December, 1966, and retired as a Chief
Roll of Honour continued...

Superintendent. He was 95 years of age. He was not a member of the Association.


**6942/8465 David Elder** passed away on the 23rd May, 2011, in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. David joined the force for the second time in May, 1970, and served until August, 1983, when he retired as a Superintendent. He was a member of the Mashonaland Branch of the Association.

**6792/7510 David Campbell Milne** died peacefully at the Heart Of Kent Hospital, Aylesford, UK, on the 1st May, 2011. Dave served from November, 1962, to 1965, and re-attested in January, 1966, when he served for another three years. He was a member of the UK Branch of the Association.

**9322 Ian Grant “Brick” Bryson** passed away on the 19th April, 2011, at Ballito Kwazulu Natal. Brick was well known amongst regulars and reservists for his PATU training in Mashonaland Province. His military history included being the youngest man ever to be awarded 'The Burma Star' for his services in the Bay of Bengal during World War 2. He left the Force in September, 1978 as Inspector (T).

**3905 Theunis Gert Coetzee** passed away on 10th April, 2011, in Harare. Theunis served from August, 1940, to August, 1964. He served in the C.I.D where he specialized and became an expert in 'Scenes Of Crime' investigation. During his distinguished career of 24 years he was awarded the Colonial Police Medal For Meritorious Service. He retired from the force with the rank of Chief Superintendent. He was a member of the Mashonaland Branch of the Association.

Roll of Honour continued...

August, 1983, when he retired from Finance Section of the Zimbabwe Republic Police as a Superintendent.


8572 John William Fey died on the 31st March, 2011, in Swartberg, South Africa. John joined the Force in January, 1971, and served until December, 1975, when he left as a Patrol Officer, having served mostly in Support Unit.

6064 Rory Campbell Wardlaw Milne died on the 24th April, 2011, in London, UK. Rory completed ‘his three’ from August, 1959 to August, 1962, and left as a Constable.

4629 Arthur Bevan Whitechurch died on the 4th June, 2011, in Lancaster, UK. Arthur served in the BSAP from May, 1950, to May, 1953, when he went on the join the Nyasaland Police and served in their Special Branch. In 1960 he joined the Federal Intelligence & Security Bureau, where he served for the remainder of the Federal era.

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