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*Cover picture – Police Dog name unknown. “Who said police dogs were vicious”*
As we will be celebrating our Centenary next year it seems the ideal opportunity to reflect on the history of the Regimental Association and what it stood for then and now.

The following words were contained in a dispatch from the Commissioner's office dated 20 March 1913 and formed the basis upon which the Regimental Association was established.

“Colonel Edwards cannot help thinking it would be a good thing to start a "B.S.A. Police Old Comrades Association," to which all present and past members of the Force could belong.

The advantages of such an Association are many: the past and present unite; esprit de corps is fostered; while all have an opportunity at the annual gatherings of meeting one another.

Above all, the subscriptions would form the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund, which is much needed, by means of which help could be given in deserving cases”.

Commenting on the Commissioner's letter, E. Moore Ritchie, Editor of the Police Review Magazine stated that “An Association like this—an Association on lines similar to those “Old Boys” Clubs connected with various schools, for instance, and, doubtless, other corps throughout the Empire—is one of the finest schemes thinkable for binding together men who at one time or another have trodden for a time the same path as a phase in their lives”.

Elsewhere he went on to say that the Association should not be merely for those who belong or have belonged to the comparatively modern BSAP including the original B.S.A.Co.'s Police but for every man who had served in any of the Old Corps out of which the BSAP has sprung.
The idea of forming such an Association gathered momentum very quickly with a steady stream of letters applauding the project. In his issue of May 1st, 1913, Moore Ritchie commented that the Old Comrades Association was taking very definite shape; the first General Meeting set down for Empire Day, May 24th, at the Civil Courthouse, Bulawayo.

The meeting was well advertised; and though the inaugural gathering took place for the sake of convenience in Bulawayo, the scheme was for branches to be formed in Rhodesia—in South Africa—in London—anywhere where even two or three Old Comrades may be gathered together.

And so it was that the first meeting took place on May 24 1913 with The Commandant General in the chair. Following Colonel Edwards' opening speech, the business of the meeting was of course wholly inaugural. The framing of rules, definitions of eligibility for membership, election of Executive Council, and so forth dominated the agenda. It was agreed that Empire Day would be the day for the annual gatherings simultaneously everywhere. Following this, various details connected with the scheme of financial relief administrations were gone into. Colonel Edwards was elected President, Major Nesbitt, V.C. (Goromonzi), Vice President.

The life of the Old Comrades Association was however relatively brief as the First World War broke out during the following year, The Association was not active during the war years and for a number of years thereafter.

The First World War brought great changes including the renaming of The Police Review, The new name, The Rhodesia Defence Force Journal, was adopted to reflect the fact that the magazine now also catered to the other forces raised during the war. In 1923 there was another renaming, to The Outpost.

The life of the Association was re-kindled when a preliminary meeting held at Charter House on 14 November 1926, proposed details of the lines on which it was desired to start a Regimental Association were presented. The Commissioner, Lieut.-Col. G. Stops, explained the objectives of the proposed "B.S.A. Police Regimental Association." He stated that the formation of such an association was customary in most of the regiments of the British Army. He
said that he wished to state from the start that it was entirely non-political; the idea was no new one, as such an institution had been formed as long ago as 1913, but owing to the war had lapsed.

He said The Association would be open to all members and ex-members of the B.S.A. Police, Mashonaland Mounted Police, B.S.A. Company’s Police and the B.S.A.P. Service Columns; in fact, to any ex-member who had worn the B.S.A. Police uniform badge at anytime. The headquarters of the Association would be at Salisbury,

We have come a long way since then and despite the intervention of the Second World War and our own Bush War the Association has continued to uphold the principles and ideals set forth in Colonel Edward’s brief.

Long may the Esprit de Corps that has remained strong over the decades continue to endure and grow in the years ahead.

There has been a suggestion that a function be held to commemorate the occasion, perhaps the final chapter in this history of the BSAP. Regretfully though, little enthusiasm for such an event has been forthcoming. Those of you who would like to get together and celebrate the occasion are asked to contact me via email.

It must also be remembered that 2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of those members who joined the Force in 1963, of which I am a member, and the 40th of those joining in 1973. Another reason to hold a celebration!!

Jim Blair

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Towards the end of last year Jan Steenkamp (6671), reported from Hermanus that he may soon have to have a Hip Revision. He was part of 8% of persons around the world with a faulty hip prosthesis, made by a certain supplier, Johnson & Johnson in London. They found that the model that Jan received was faulty and they had agreed to pay reasonable costs to replace the parts.

The prosthesis and pseudo tumour (fortunately not malignant), which is a jelly like substance, was trying to enclose the foreign bodies, and had to be sent back to London for examination by the supplier.

Poor old Jan wished that he had been part of the other 92% who had no problem with their new hip.

*We received the following news from Jan in February 2012*

Hi Lawrie,
Thanks for your interest. Op went well. Am walking with one crutch only now. Am able to drive a motor car. Hoping to ditch this one crutch soon! Certainly see you mid-year, BSAP Ladies Luncheon. Look forward to that.
Am in e-mail contact with Eric and Lorna Kennelly, who holiday in RSA, but live in bonnie Scotland, a home that Lorna inherited from her parents. Looked it up on GOOGLE MAP. Lucky people. We worked together in Musketry Section at Morris Depot, Hard Square venue with the Armoury. He attended one of your recent Timour Hall sundowners. Very grateful to you folks for warning me of his presence. Your Boet has alot to do with the "Ou Toppies" that reside in Hermanus!!

**Best Wishes from Jan and Felicity.**

Dear Neville,
Prue and I would like to thank you and all concerned for the excellent braai. The food was excellent and extremely good value. It was great seeing Dave Blacker, Brian Thomas, Jim Blain and Dave Waddon again. I would also like to thank Lawrie Mabin for an excellent magazine ! Could we have a re-print of The Regiment by Dave Blacker as shown on the "BSAP Cake"? Wishing you an the family all the very best for xmas and the new year.
All the best wishes and kind regards,

**6472 Diaz and Prue Ferreira**

Very good Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all, I would venture to say. The time and venue work well and the name taggs, a very good thought.
Please convey Ursula, Carol and my thanks to all members of the committee and others that helped put the show on the road.
Regards

**Andrew Stevens 6226**
Good Day Neville,
Thank you and your committee for all your efforts to make the Christmas Party a great success.
Best Wishes for Christmas
David Rycroft (5957)

To the committee,
From the McKrills and Gibbons, and Vickeries, many thanks for another splendid event, and I think the day and timing was well planned.
Next year we will have to limit the Bothwell Tavern to a few raffle tickets only.
Well done, once again team , and may you and the families all have a blessed Christmas, and a safe passage into 2012.
8302 Niall & Micci McKrill

Many and sincere congratulations on your latest publication. Many were the memories of places and people that flooded back. Your chairman (Jim Blain) is still recognisable from the stocky, determined football player of many, many years ago. Jim and I served together for a short time at PGHQ. I now live, quietly and happily in a small town in South Gloucestershire and try not to think too often of the mistakes I made in my life. By far the greatest was staying in Zimbabwe after 1980, but then I would not have met my lovely wife - Bulawayo born, ballet dancer Dawn Summerton. Here, there is one of the lessons of life - whichever way one may turn, there are always regrets but there are also great pleasures to be had. I will be writing to your correspondent who enquired about Noel Robertson; the latter wrote a lengthy article in NADA back in 1969 which may be of help. Again, thank you for a fascinating and evocative production; my very best wishes to you and your members for Christmas and 2012.
Hugh Phillips, 4770.

For the record - I’ve just returned from the World Canoe Marathon Championships that were held in Singapore from 19 - 23 October and where I was a member of the South African Canoing team, representing SA in the Masters category. I won 2 gold medals on this trip - one for the K1 (single) canoes and with my SA partner, one in the K2 (doubles) canoeing event.

We raced over laps of 4.3 km, each lap separated by a 120m portage (over a full-sized floating synthetic grass soccer pitch (they don’t mess around in the Far East!) and over a total distance of 22 km (5 laps), the final ‘run in’ home when the 5th portage has been completed is plus/minus 1000m, which invariably ends in a sprint for the line.

Singapore is an amazing city (country) to visit - no mini bus taxis, no litter, virtually no crime, because if that is your game, basopa lo wena! - the busses, trams and railways all run on time, there is no road rage, taxis (if used, are clean and relatively inexpensive) at your door within 5 minutes of calling, everyone seems to be very tolerant of one and other and the food is very interesting (!) and delicious.
Being just over a degree north of the equator it is very hot and of course, being on the Malacca Straits, very humid - we had daily temperatures of about 35 degrees and a humidity rating of plus 85% - phew!
But a great trip and all the hard work from a long season (I started training for this back in February/March this year), so it was....'mission accomplished'.
Rob Maclean (8224)

A couple of us thought of arranging the 40th Reunion in 2013 for squads 3 and 4 / 73. At this stage we are just trying to create a Mailing List. Depending on numbers, the place & date will be decided later. I’ve picked up a few names off the website database. If there are any interested members from squads 3 and 4 / 73, please drop me a note with all details, address, email and contact numbers. It would be great to hear from you.
Best regards
8980 Duncan “Porky” Paul

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Also at Wynberg
Some of you may have heard already, but the Pensions Office have started to pay external pensions at long last, commencing with South Africa. They are currently only paying pensions to pensioners with Standard Chartered Bank Accounts as a pilot project, for that is the only bank that has confirmed the pensioners bank account numbers. We believe that once the remaining South African Banks have confirmed their pensioners bank account numbers, that payments will be made to those banks as well. The South African and the Zimbabwean banking systems are similar, which is why South Africa was chosen for the pilot project. We do not know at this stage when payments will be made to countries other than South Africa, but will advise as soon as this has been clarified.

We understand that payments will date back to March 2009 which is when Government started paying pensions in US dollars. We do not know at this stage whether the payments currently being made represent full payment of pension arrears dating back to March 2009, or whether this is just the first tranche with further tranches of arrears pension payments to follow.

It is unlikely that pensioners will receive pension advice slips from the pensions office indicating just what their monthly pension payments will be. We Zimbabwe residents have not received monthly pension advice slips since March 1998!

We are continuing to seek further clarification from the Pensions Office, and will provide you all with further details once these become known.

Best wishes,
Peter Bellingham
(Harare)
A recent visitor to South Africa (Durban) was 8115 Nigel Leakey, with his wife and two children. Nigel and his family have recently achieved the amazing feat of sailing around the world. They left Falmouth, England in April, 2001, sailing a Prout Catamaran. They named their boat ‘Murungaru”, after Nigel’s grandfather who was murdered by the Mau Mau in Kenya. Neither Nigel nor his wife, Caroline had done any off shore sailing before this venture.

The family have spent the last 10 years on this adventure. They have visited many exotic locations and experienced horrific weather conditions, and even successfully avoiding contact with pirates.

Nigel reports how wonderful and nostalgic their return to South Africa has been – to see old friends, the wild life, and the tastes and smells of Africa. He is currently (Nov/Dec, 2011) in Cape Town and from there he will sail to St Helena, The Ascention Islands, Brazil and Trinidad, where he intends parking his catamaran off while he and the family fly to the UK for a wedding, then back to Trinidad to pick up the cat and sail through the Panama Canal to his ultimate destination, New Zealand, where they are going to settle.

Congratulations Nigel!

Article from Natal Outpost
R1000.00 Donation to Timour Hall

Over the years most our members have attended gatherings and functions of some sort at Timour Hall. So we will be aware of how fortunate we are to have this magnificent building in serene surroundings as our focal point. All good things come at a cost these days and we are aware of how expensive the upkeep of Timour Hall is. Through your committee we recently donated R1000.00 to this very worthy cause.

Deon Huysamen – Manager of Timour Hall.

Centenary of a very special song.

I was born in Stalybridge, Cheshire but prior to that noteworthy event in the Theatre in Stalybridge there was a Variety show on. The year was 1912 and one of the artistes in the show was Jack Judge a song writer and singer. Jack liked a pint and after the show went into one of the local pubs nearby, the Newmarket Inn in Corporation Street. Whilst there he was bet that he couldn’t write and sing a song in time for next night’s show, the wager was five Shillings and Jack accepted it. On his way out he passed somebody telling somebody else “It’s a long way to .... Jack added Tipperary in his mind and went to bed thinking about it. The next morning he completed the song And sang it in the theatre that night , the evening of January the 31st 1912. Came the Great War and it became the armies great marching song. I can still remember as a child seeing the plaque commemorating the feat by Jack Judge on the outside wall of the pub concerned.

D.G.B.

A big welcome to these new members, or those that have rekindled their links with the Western Cape Association.

| 6996 Dave LUCAS | 8265 Stewart WOODCOCK |
| 5405 Brian THOMAS | 7507 Alan SALONIKA |
| 7702 Chris LE MESURIER | 6472 Ginge FEIRERA |
Some Interesting History of the BSAP Golf Club

As far as can be traced, the BSA Police is the only Force in the world to own a golf club. Sophistication and viability are two words which can be applied to the clubhouse and course in Salisbury in 1975. But the club was strictly from "pioneer stock" in its origins, and the early years called for strenuous individual effort and ingenuity on the part of many members in creating, nurturing and developing the fledgling sport.

Terence McCormick, ex-C.I.D., has dug deeply into the records for the story of the golf club, and the following outline has been taken from his writings.

In 1921 the Rhodesian Defence Force Journal published an article indicating that golf had become an active and addictive sport which was penetrating the ranks of the BSA Police. Early records suggest that the first tee was to the rear of the Officers' Mess and the ninth somewhere near the Saddler's shop. On July 12, a dance was held at Meikle's Hotel, complete with band and "chuckers out", and the evening was "a boisterous success". On May 7 the course was opened officially with a match between officers and NCO's, the results being:

General Edwards I, Tpr. Maxwell 0; Major Parsons 1, SM. Walker 0; Major Dacomb ½; Sgt. Whitely ½ Captain Pitt-Schenkel 0, CPL Todd 1; Lieut. Adams 1, Sgt. Ockenden 0; Lieut. Bugler 0, Tpr. Jordan 1; Lieut. Morris 1, Sgt. Coni 0; and Lieut. Parr 0, Cpl. Stewart 1.

Players were then asked to submit score cards of three nine-hole matches played within a month, so that handicaps could be allocated.

The impetus for the development of the game probably came mainly from Jock Simpson, who had charge of the "course" but was losing ground, literally, to the turfed sports fields, and by 1934 50 acres of land adjoining the Depot had been leased from the Municipality. Jack Seaward and Jock Simpson, with 10 years of hard work behind them, had the satisfaction of seeing the Commissioner, Brigadier J. S. Morris hit the first drive in a match between the Force and a team representing the Regimental Association on June 28. 1935. At that time Seaward was the Mashonaland champion, and Constable Ellis the Manicaland and Sgt. Christie the Umtali champions. By the end of 1937 the last two holes were moved from Depot and grass tees had been built for both men and ladies (who had been active for some time, although their section was not constituted officially until 1958).

The first trophy of any significance was organised for the Club by Captain N. St. Quentin, presented by the Rhodesian Milling and Manufacturing Company, and the first winner of his Gloria Cup was Sgt. G. Rolfe. Says Terence McCormick:

The Outpost... mentioned a certain prominent Police sportsman whose
behaviour was, to say the least, erratic. It was, in fact, Jock Simpson, whose enthusiasm for the game sometimes caused him to pursue the caddy in full cry up the fairway after an indifferent shot. If you enjoyed the pleasure of a round with Jock you had an even chance of seeing him wreck a club or two during the nine holes ... In 1940 the caddies went on strike, insisting that 3d for nine holes and 6d for 18 was gross underpayment. Their claim was resisted and they eventually returned to their tasks, but the 'lost ball' problem seemed to increase just after the dispute."

In October, 1943, a brick edifice went up between what is today the Provost Camp and the Ordnance Store. This was the "new" Clubhouse, and for 20 years was to remain the "alma mater" for the regular golfers. The after-golf parties became — as one member said — "part of our social lives, and were famous throughout Mashonaland and. indeed, Rhodesia itself."

On August 3, 1947, the Robinson Cup, donated by A. M. Robinson of Meikles's Hotel, was played for the first time in the form of an inter-district event. At first confined to the Police Golf Club, the competition was adjusted to alternate between Salisbury and Gwelo, but in recent years Salisbury has become the host centre and the competition has become the most important event for a gathering of the Police clans from all over Rhodesia.

In September, 1973, a Press photograph showed Terence McCormick. Ronnie Fleming. Jack Wood and the late Malcolm Bryer celebrating the participation of this team in the Robinson Cup for 25 years. One or two years had. unavoidably, been missed, but on the twentieth occasion Meikles's gave the team a slap-up dinner — reported to have had ghastly effects on the Meikles's cellars and the appearance of the golfers came the dawn.

McCormick has paid a sincere tribute to the ladies of the Police Club, who, he says, "held things together in the formative years". And he has added: "They supplied sustenance and succour to all under the most exacting conditions. Some wives even extended sympathy to their husbands on "the morning after'."

The first Captain of the Ladies' Section was Betty Fourie, and the first committee members were Betty Martin, Maud van der Walt, Peta Clayton. K. Irvine. Nerine, Pinnar. Pauline Bailey and Joyce Porter. (The Police Club may be unique in that here is no restriction on the Ladies' days and times of play).

On July 31. 1964, the Commissioner. Mr. F. E. Barfoot, opened the new clubhouse after nine holes had been added to the course.

The Visitors' Book in the clubhouse has always reflected the popularity of the club, and increasing use of the "watering place" forced the committee to enlarge the premises, the Commissioner. Mr. J. Spink, officially opened the
extensions on February 27, 1970. Among the first official guests to enjoy the new facilities were golfers from the South African Police, taking part in what has become an annual fixture. The Force championships were held on April 19 the same year, the first holder of the title being Patrol Officer Graham van der Veen, second place being taken by Staff Chief Inspector Reece, after a play-off with Inspector Collier. Soon afterwards Van der Veen won the Natal Amateur Championship at Royal Durban.

"In any sporting organisation it is always a great advantage when the man at the top is an active participant," wrote Terence McCormick. Four Commissioners fell into that category. They were Brigadier Morris. Basil Spurting (following actively in the foot-steps of his predecessor), Jimmy Spink, an enthusiastic player, and Syd Bristow, who played as often as he could. The Commissioner, Mr. P. D. W. R. Sherren, was also a keen player.

McCormick might have added that "characters" also help to build a club's morale and reputation. Consider the "Dawn Patrol". Many years ago this happy band decided that the crack of dawn was the right time for starting a round, so that they could be showered and changed by 11 a.m. They then took their appointed places at the bar and started on the serious work — and woe betide the ignorant stranger who occupied one of those reserved stools! Among the original members of this esoteric community were Jack Wood, Ronnie Fleming, Malcolm Bryer, Reg Lowings ("the Duke of Highlands"), Dan Airey, Ray Crowther. Bennie Franklin and McCormick. (Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon, but it has been suggested that this Sunday morning group might be classified as an additional tourist attraction in Rhodesia).

Several members of the Club were prominent golf administrators. Guy Hetherington climaxed his outstanding service to Police golf by being appointed President of the Mashonaland Golf Union for five years. President of the Junior Golf Foundation from 1961 to 1973, and Vice-President of the Rhodesia Golf Union for three years. Algy Porter became Vice-Captain of the Senior Golfers’ Society and a committee member. His appointment as Vice-President of the Police Golf Club for 10 years was probably a record. Dan Airey was appointed President of the MGU for 1973-1974. Some original members of the Seniors' were still active at Gun Kopje, including Algy Porter, Gerry Estcourt, Alan Godwin, Franklin, Spink, Hetherington and "Duke" Lowings. Bill Buchanan had a distinguished run as Club captain.

In spite of the heavy calls on all members — and many past members — of the BSA Police in Rhodesia's current circumstances, the Golf Club continues to flourish. The end of its saga is nowhere in sight.

The BSA Police Golf Club has always had its characters. Primus inter pares was probably Antonio, Barman, caddy master and green-keeper — and often
co-opted as chef by the hungrier members he was respected as "a gentleman of the first order", and when he retired many years ago he was presented with a cheque in the lounge-bar of the present clubhouse — an emotion-charged occasion for the older members and for Antonio himself.

When Jock Simpson retired, Steve Maybrooke took his place as the guide and mentor of golfing activities (and also as Club Captain), and he was followed by Guy Hetherington. Among the players and bar habitues of that period were Ken Wastie, Dr. Bill Murray, Bobby Byrne, Jack Shepherd, George Gould, Chris Paling, Piet van der Walt, Graham Rolfe, Dr. George Ross, Mr. J. S. Morris, Jack Morris, Jack Seaward, Lofty Long, Ronnie Fleming, Jack Wood, Malcolm Bryer, Doc Lawson, Bob Stoker, Gerry Estcourt, Bill Taylor, Cuth Funnell, Paddy Gilmour, Robert Paul, Slim Jones, Dick Drewitt, Frank Walshaw, Claud Milbourne, Tommy Rutherford, Charlie Cosser. Stan Hodkinson. Charles Simpson. Jimmy Young and Tommy Thompson.

Each was an individual. Some were members of the Force, others were in the Police Reserve, and some were professional men and "close associates" of the Police.

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The British are feeling the pinch in regard to recent terrorist threats in Islamabad and have raised their security level from “Miffed” to “Peeved”. Soon though, security levels may be raised again to “Irritated” or even “A Bit Cross”. The Brits have not been “A Bit Cross” since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from “Tiresome” to “A Bloody Nuisance”. The last time the Brits issued “A Bloody Nuisance” warning level was in the great fire of 1666. The French Government announced yesterday that it had raised it’s terrorist alert level from “Run” to “Hide”. The only two higher levels in France are “Collaborate” and “Surrender”. The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France’s white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country’s military capability. It’s not only the French who are on a heightened level of alert. Italy has increased the alert level from “Shout Loudly and Excitedly” to “Elaborate Military Posturing. Two more levels remain – “Ineffective Combat Operations” and “Change Sides” The Germans also increased their alert state from “Disdainful Arrogance” to “Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs”. They also have two higher levels, “Invade a Neighbour” and “Lose”. Belgians on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual, and the only threat they are concerned about is NATO pulling out of Brussels. The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so that the Spanish Navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish Navy. Americans meanwhile are carrying out pre-emptive strikes on their allies- just in case. New Zealand has also raised its security levels – from “ baaa” to “BAAA”. Due to continuing defence cut backs (the airforce being a squadron of spotty teenagers flying paper aeroplanes and the Navy some toy boats in the Prime Minister’s bath), New Zealand has only one more level of escalation, which is “Shit I hope Australia will come and rescue us.” Australia, meanwhile, has raised it’s security level from “No Worries Mate” to “She’ll be Alright”. Three more escalation levels remain: “Crickey! I think we’ll have to cancel the Barbie this week-end.” And “The Barbie is cancelled.”. There has not been a situation yet that has warranted the use of the final escalation level.

Courtesy of New Zealand Outpost

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**DATES TO DIARISE**

**Sunday 8th July, 2012** - Ladies Lunch, Westlake Golf Club

**Friday 14th September, 2012** - Annual Dinner, Westlake Golf Club.

**Every first Monday of the month** – from 5.00 pm onwards, drinks & snacks at Timour Hall. Visitors welcome.
This story occurred on the southern shore of Lake Kariba in the North West of Rhodesia.

It was a late afternoon. One of the Air Force Allouette ‘G’ Car helicopters was on a casevac (casualty evacuation) run from the Binga operational area to Kariba hospital with a local headman who had a fractured leg together with other minor injuries sustained when he was blown up by a land mine near his home kraal.

At the time of the incident he was sitting on his scotch cart being drawn by two donkeys on one of the dirt roads in the Binga rural area. Both donkeys were killed and the headman injured when one of the wheels of the scotch cart detonated a landmine. The injured headman now was on a stretcher on the back seat of the helicopter receiving medical attention from one of the Army medics.

During the flight, and in the vicinity of Bumi Hills the helicopter had a major engine malfunction, when the drive shaft between the engine and gearbox, shattered loosing all engine transfer power to the rotor blades. The pilot immediately executed an auto rotation emergency landing procedure, preferring to land on the soft Kariba weed close to the lake shore, rather than land heavily on the ground which could have caused more injuries and additional damage to the helicopter.

The relatively heavy landing on the thick bed of Kariba weed, resulted in only minor damage to the rotor blades and tail boom section. After the impact the helicopter

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floated in the water for a few minutes allowing the pilot and crew, who were not injured to attend to the injured headman and get him off the sinking aircraft. Rumours circulating a few days later among the aircrews were that the injured headman was the first to reach dry land, fractured leg and all, leaving the aircrew and medic to salvage what they could from the helicopter. The helicopter then sank in about 10 meters (30 feet) of water close to the shore.

When the stranded aircrew and injured headman were rescued by a replacement helicopter close to last light the same day, it took a lot of persuasion to convince the now gray-haired headman to get into the second helicopter to complete his journey to Kariba hospital for treatment.

At the time I was stationed at Salisbury Park Police station in the Salisbury South District.

I received a phone call from Member-in-Charge Sub-Aqua section. Police General Headquarters had issued an urgent call-out and I was told to report to Cranborne Hostel for further instructions and immediate deployment with the section. I was told to take a bag with spare clothes as this call out could last a few days.

On arrival at CRANBORNE I met up with the other members of the sub-aqua team. There were only to be three of us on this call out. The other team members were, 8231 - Tony DAWSON and NSPO 790028 Alan THOMAS. Alan was a highly qualified scuba diver, a member of BSAP “A” Reserve and a very good friend of Tony’s. They were both renowned underwater hockey players.

We were told that we were going to Binga Police station on Lake Kariba to recover a helicopter that had crash-landed into the lake. We were taken out to New Sarum Air force Base with our sub aqua-tanks and diving bags.

The three of us were quickly bundled into a Cessna 210 fixed wing aircraft, piloted by one of the resident SAP pilots that were on attachment to the Rhodesian Air Force at New Sarum. Because of the additional weight of our diving bags and air bottles the Air Force had to allocate another light aircraft to follow a few minutes behind us with our kit.

We landed at the JOC Air Force base camp at FAF Binga airport and given a very brief briefing (Sitrep) by the Air Force rep as to what had occurred and what was required of us. The Air Force wanted the helicopter recovered from the waters of the lake as soon as possible.
We were bundled into an awaiting helicopter piloted by Flt Lt Greg Todd and taken out to the scene of the accident to do an assessment dive to ascertain what condition the sunken helicopter was in and what recommendations we could put forward to recovering it.

On arrival at the scene we found an Army Marine section from Bumi Hills waiting for us with one of the base patrol boats.

All three of us kited up in our wet suits and tanks and were taken out to the location by the marine boat crew to where the helicopter had sunk. The boat was anchored in the middle of a small bay about a hundred meters from the shore, and we entered the water. The visibility in the water was very good and we dived straight down onto the sunken helicopter.
It was quite an uncanny sight seeing it lying there in these un-natural conditions. We later measured the depth at ten meters (33feet)

The helicopter was lying in the mud, slightly on its starboard side. All three-rotor blades were slightly bent and damaged. The tail section was dented from being struck by the rotating blades bouncing off the water during the crash landing. The twin machine guns looked an eerie sight pointing upwards to the dim rays of surface light. In general the whole helicopter appeared not too badly damaged.

We returned to the army boat and were taken back to Binga by helicopter to report our findings to the Air Force JOC Team. We recommended floating the helicopter to the surface. Flt Lt Todd and his technician Hugh McCormick gave us the correct spanners and explained how to safely remove the rotor blades. We requested the Army Marine team to assist us in locating several old empty 200-liter fuel drums. The drums were to have lifting lugs welded onto the top rims. They were requested to have the modified fuel drums together with a small portable air compressor at the recovery scene by early the next morning when we arrived.

The next day we were on the scene early. The Army had supplied an additional boat to assist the recovery team. I think this boat brought out the empty 200 litre Avgas drums and a small tyre pump type compressor run off a portable generator. The first priority
was to remove the rotor blades from the headgear and all other movable equipment, which included the twin machine guns, ammo boxes and aircraft documentation. With each of us working on a rotor blade the damaged blades were soon unbolted and removed from the water and the machine guns floated to the surface using two air filled Jerry cans as floats.

We asked the Army Marine chaps to attach shackles and chains to these lifting points on the drums and take the drums out to where the helicopter was and half fill the drums with water and await our arrival.

Once the three of us were back in the water, we filled all five drums with water and sank them to the lake floor, stacking them in the mud next to the helicopter. We secured two of the water filled drums to each side of the helicopter, but as we started to pump air into the drums the helicopter quickly listed onto its side and nearly turned upside down because of the low centre of gravity of the secured drums.

A new plan was quickly hatched and the drums removed. The chains from four of the drums were then shackled to the lifting ring attachment on the helicopter’s rotor headgear. The air supply from the compressor was fed via a long flexible hose to water filled drums now attached to the helicopter.

One by one the 200-liter drums were filled with air. Each drum was capable of lifting in excess of 300 kgs. As we filled the fourth drum with air the helicopter started to move off the mud, righting itself and slowly move up to the surface.

The only damage sustained to the aircraft at this time, was one of the drums broke one of the Perspex panels in the helicopter dome. The aircraft hung vertical suspended under the drums; nose wheel pointing at the surface, with the tail section still caught in the mud.

It would go no further. We then attached the remaining water filled drum, to the tail rotor housing and filled them with air. This additional lift, allowed the helicopter to float slowly to the surface and hang in a flying attitude just under the surface suspended by the floating drums.

We tied a rope from the Army Marine boat to the helicopter’s nose wheel and slowly towed it out away from the bank into deeper water. Tony Dawson took up station at the nose wheel, Alan Thomas swam next to the port wheel and I swam next to the starboard one. Our task at this time was keep the helicopter away from the submerged trees and prevent any further damage to the aircraft.
About three hundred and fifty meters from the little bay where we had recovered the helicopter we found a gentle sloping mud bank up to the shore, where we thought we could drag the helicopter out of the water.

While we were busy with the water recovery of the helicopter, the Army and Air Force had been busy with a commandeered Internal Affairs bulldozer, constructing a bush road to our isolated location in order to bring in trucks to retrieve the helicopter and take it out of the area by road.

When the wheels of the floating helicopter touched the slope of the bank we removed the boat rope and attached a heavy-duty rope to the bulldozer and nose wheel and tried to pull the helicopter out. No such luck! The wheels dug into the mud and the helicopter would not budge. We had to slacken off the pressure on the heavy-duty rope on the nose wheel before the bulldozer ripped it out of its mountings.

An ‘O Group’ was quickly formed where several constructive theories were put forward. We eventually established that the wheel brakes were still on and this caused the aircraft to get stuck in the mud. Flt Lt Todd showed us on his helicopter how to release the brakes on the trapped aircraft. It was agreed to use the spare helicopter as a “sky crane” and lift and take up the weight of the stranded helicopter while the bulldozer on shore pulled on the nose wheel.

Flt Lt Todd tried to make his aircraft as light as possible. He removed all weaponry and left enough fuel in the tank for about ten minutes endurance. He then took off in his helicopter and his engineer Hugh McCormick manoeuvred him through hand signals to a position right above the stranded helicopter. We attached a spare chain onto the stranded helicopter’s rotor headgear and shackled it to the lifting point Flt Lt Todd’s aircraft.

have never in my life seen such daring and precision controlled flying! He slowly took up the weight of the helicopter and the bulldozer pulled gently on the nose wheel. The stranded helicopter slowly came loose from the confines of the mud and was dragged safely out of the water onto dry land. We quickly remover the chain from both aircraft and Flt Lt Todd landed his “sky crane” safely nearby. There were cheers from everyone all round. We had succeeded.

The Air Force technicians who had driven the recovery trucks to the scene quickly inspected the recovered helicopter. The report back from them was that there was only minor damage to the aircraft and they would have it flying again within a few weeks. They quickly removed the soaked jet engine from it’s mountings and placed it onto the back of a truck and then managed to load the damaged helicopter frame onto
As it was getting late in the afternoon the recovery teams said they would stay overnight at the recovery scene and would leave for Binga early the next morning.

The sub-aqua team then loaded up into the ferry helicopter to return to Binga. On the way we were asking Flt Lt Todd about what happens to a helicopter during an 'auto rotation' condition. A sly smile appeared on his face as he exchanged glances with his engineer Hugh McCormick. He said, "Hold on, and I will show you". Well... before we knew what had happened, three unsuspecting stomachs “hit” the roof of the helicopter as the aircraft rapidly lost height. There were a few moments of controlled free fall. After dropping about 500 or 600 feet, Flt Lt Todd flared the aircraft out, stopping the rapid decent. He levelled the aircraft out gathering control once again. There was an immediate silence in the back of the aircraft and no more questions were asked on the way back to the Binga airstrip.

We stayed overnight in Binga and had a flight (Cessna 210 - or It could be a Cessna 185) scheduled for early the next morning to take us back to Salisbury.

Just after take-off the following morning, the pilot of the Cessna 210 - or It could be a Cessna 185) informed us that there had been a problem with the outbound air force helicopter recovery team and their trucks. He duly returned to the scene and circled around and over the area where we had recovered the helicopter. From our high vantage point we could see that one of the Air Force recovery trucks was badly damaged.

Also we then saw “our” recovered helicopter lying on the side of the road and the truck that had been carrying it, lying some distance away on its side in the bush. A large blackened crater could be seen on the road in the vehicle tracks.

We found out later that a group of terrorists had let the Air Force recovery vehicles pass without incident on their way in to the crash site and then set the landmine in the road for when they came out.

An interesting point of note here is: The truck carrying the recovered helicopter frame was not the first to pass over the land mine. The bulldozer led the convoy out and went right over the mine. But because of its wide "footprint" (less weight per sq inch) it did not detonate the mine. Greg Todd firmly believes that other trucks missed the landmine, however the one carrying the helicopter was not so lucky.
The guys on the ground reported that there were no serious injuries sustained in the explosion with the exception of a few sore eardrums, although one of the technicians did sustain a fairly serious leg injury. We circled the position a few more times relaying messages to the Police station at Bumi Hills and then headed back to Salisbury and returned all kit back to the sub-aqua stores to Cranbourne. The remainder of out diving kit was returned to New Sarum by DC 3 (Dak) a couple of days later.

A few weeks later I found out from one of my friends at New Sarum that the damaged helicopter frame had been written off after the landmine incident. However the jet engine survived the journey back to New Sarum and was fitted to other helicopters and used as a spare for many months.

The injured headman eventually recovered from the fractured leg in Kariba hospital and on being discharged a few weeks later, refused all forms of offered military or police transport back to his home kraal in the Binga area. Choosing instead to accept a two day bus travel warrant to return home, crutches and all..
Interesting information on the origins of place names in Rhodesia (obviously some of these have changed now) ......

ALASKA. Copper mine, probably called after the rich goldfields which had been discovered about the same time in Alaska, North America.

BANKET. The geological formation of gold-bearing rock on the Johannesburg reef was called a "banket". Early prospectors in Rhodesia thought they had discovered a second similar reef, and hopefully christened the place Banket.

BINDURA. Probably an anglicised version of the Shona phrase pindura mhuka meaning "turn the game". The word bindura also means "a bitch in season".

BINGA. On Lake Kariba; the name has two meanings - "the enclosure surrounding a chief's village", or "thick forest country", both of which could apply.

BULAWAYO. Originally kuBulawayo, meaning, in SiNdebele, "the place of killing", the name given by Lobengula, the last of the Matabele chiefs, to his first settlement. His reason for choosing such a name was that on his accession to the chieftainship, three regiments of the army refused to accept him. A battle took place, won by the Lobengula faction, after which he is believed to have said: "I have been killed by my people. I shall call my kraal kuBulawayo".

CHIBI. Derived from the name of the local chief, Chivi. The word chivi means "dirt" or "sin", and was given to the original chief by the Rozwi Mambo, the senior chief of the Rozwi tribe, because of a crime committed by the first Chivi.

CHIRUNDU. Means "people following one another in a line or queue", probably referring to the crossing of the Zambezi River by bridge at Chirundu.

ENKELDOORN. Means, in Afrikaans, "single thorn", because of the scarcity of thorn trees in the area. The town was first settled by Afrikaans-speaking people from South Africa. Today, the citizens of Enkeldoorn display a sense of humour, claiming that their town is the Republic of Enkeldoorn and demanding that visitors to the local pub acquire a visa. They also sell a "republican" tie, the design of which is a branch of the thorn tree.

FIGTREE. There is an old saying that wherever you find a figtree there you find an ancient gold working. This is because the Ancients would mark the place of their gold mines by planting a single fig tree.

FILABUSI. Derived from the SiNdebele eMfelabuso - mpfela meaning "to make" or "death" and buso - meaning "face". A man was struck in the face by an arrow, and the correct word, eMfelabuso therefore means "death in the face", Filabusi being a corruption of the original word.

GOKWE. May be Tonga, meaning "a bee hive" or from goko - "outer shell".

GWANDA. Derived from the name of the local chief. A couple of miles out of the town is a hill named Jahunda's Hill. In Karanga dialect jaunda means "water melon".

KARIBA. A corruption of kariwa, meaning in Shona "a little trap". The Zambezi River narrows at the Kariba Gorge and the old people say that at one time there were two huge boulders on either side the gorge which created a bridge. Riwa can also mean "bridge" or "lintel".
As reported earlier this week, some dirtbag who got pulled over in a routine traffic stop in Florida ended up "executing" the deputy who stopped him. The deputy was shot eight times, including once behind his right ear at close range. Another deputy was wounded and a police dog killed. A statewide manhunt ensued. The low-life was found hiding in a wooded area with his gun. SWAT team officers fired and hit the guy 68 times.

Now here's the thing. Naturally, the media asked why they shot him 68 times. Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, told the Orlando Sentinel - "That's all the bullets we had."

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**KYLE, LAKE.** Thought to have been named after the Kyle district in Scotland, from which pioneer of the Lowveld Tom Murray MacDougall came originally.

**MANGULA.** Kalanga for "copper". The Shona word is nearly the same, mangura - "base metal".

**MATOPOS.** Either derived from the SiNdebele word matobo, meaning "bald heads", or matombo, meaning "rocks".

**MTOROSHANGA.** From the Shona word matorashanga - "you have fetched the old maize stalks". Alternative spelling, matorashangu - "you have fetched the shoes".

**NORTON.** A small village outside Salisbury, close to Porta farm, which was originally owned by Joseph Norton who, with his wife and children, was murdered in the Mashona Rebellion.

**ODZI.** Derived from ChiManyika dialect, odza - meaning "cause to rot". The Odzi River is subject to flash floods and a number of rotting carcasses are brought down by the flood water.

**QUE QUE.** Either Shona onomatopoeic word for the sound made by frogs, written kwe-kwe and anglicised to Que Que, or from the Si-Ndebele, meaning "a crowd". The nearby river is named Kwe Kwe.

**SINOIA.** After the local chief Chinoi, who use to hide in a large cave complex now known as the Sinoa Caves to avoid attack by Matabele raiders.

**SIPOLILO.** A Corruption of the name of the local chief, Chipolilo, originally chipuriro - "the place where the threshing of grain is done".

**VUMBA.** The Vumba Mountains, in the African dialect, are the "mountains of mist".

**ZIMBABWE.** Originally dzimbadze-mabwe - "great houses of stone" - an apt name for the Zimbabwe Ruins.
Some Recent Visitors To Timour Hall

1) 5181 John Evans
2) 5860 Doug Grierson & 9086 Tony Granger & 8244 Rob McClean
3) 7751 Alan Crook & Visitor Unknown
4) 5118 Ian Hayes, 7450 Geoff Holloway, PR653117 Dave Acker
5) 6835 Eric Kennely & 6869 Peter Logue
6) 7860 Hank Bresler
7) 6930 Alan Miller
8) 8895 Rod Eterman & son, Bruce
9) Visitors Nils Berglund from Sweden & Terence Murphy from Simons Town
For the first time the committee decided to hold the annual Christmas function at lunch time on a Saturday. As it transpired, the time and venue suited our members perfectly. We had a larger than normal turnout of members, wives and visitors. As usual our caterer, Chris Piggot, provided a spit braai, which was excellent value. The Raffle was well supported, particularly by the Bothwell Clan, who walked away with at least 60% of the prizes. Thanks to all those who attended and those who donated prizes. Here are some of the photos of members enjoying the function. (Photos courtesy of Mike Mays)
Lockie Howie

John Taylor

Chris Piggot with his famous spit braai

Stuart Woodcock and partner, Trisha

Derek Bothwell
“The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.”
- Winston Churchill

‘Foreign Aid’ may be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.
- Douglas Casey

“If you don’t read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.”
- Mark Twain
The Matabele Outpost, No. 3 issued in November 2010, reports on the three Victoria Crosses awarded during the rebellions of 1896, which are now referred to as the first Chumurenga War. It gives full details of the first award to Trooper Henderson of the Bulawayo Field Force. The other two awards were made to Frank William Baxter, also of the Bulawayo Field Force, and to Ralph Cosby Nesbitt of the Mashonaland Mounted Police.

There have been six Victoria Crosses awarded to Rhodesians since the medal was first awarded by Queen Victoria in 1856. In addition to the first three medals awarded as set out above, three more Victoria Crosses were awarded, firstly, to Frederick Charles Booth of the BSA Police, whilst he was seconded to the Rhodesia Native Regiment, for valour displayed in East Africa during the first world war; secondly, to John Dering Nettleton of the Royal Airforce for valour displayed during a daylight bombing raid over Germany on the 17th April 1942 during the Second World War; and thirdly, to Gerard Ross “Toys” Norton of the Kaffrarian Rifles, but whilst attached to The Hampshire Regiment, for valour displayed whilst serving at Montegridolfo in Italy on the 31st August 1944. Although Norton was South African by birth and served with a South African regiment, he farmed in the Raffingora area of Banket after his demobilization. An excellent record for a small country!

Mashonaland Branch.
The Mashonaland Branch together with the Airforce Association held a most successful lunchtime Christmas Braaivleis at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Saturday the 11th December 2011. The attendance was excellent from both services, but unfortunately, I do not have a full list of those attending. 5568 Dennis Anderson; 7615 Tok Arnold; 5261 Colin Bedford; 5281 Peter Bellingham; 6384 Peter Birkett; 6640? Stuart Blake; 11997 Dennis Borra; 900511F Paul Chisolm; 9016? Pat Cox; 203509E Connie De Kock; 9348 Bill Edwards; 4728 Bill Ellway; 8648 Andrew Field; 7458 Mike Fox; 6262 Nigel Gabriel; (6583) Nora Griffin; 9491 Pat Hammond; 9357 Charlie Hand; 5118 Ian Hayes; (4234) Pat Hobley; 111038 Cliff Johnson; 9403 Gerry Koplien; 5652 Bill Linfield; 10115 Dave Mackintosh; 9889 Don Mackintosh; (4300) Rose Macmillan; 9213 Les Mallett; 4371 John March; 4394 Dave Martin; 5680 Brian McDonnell; 9406 Red O'Connell; 8477 Peter Quick; 5784 Auv Raath; 4059 Peter Robinson; 9342 Ron Roper; 9494 Malcolm Smith; 8746 Rick Summers; 9663 Brian Wilson; 6206 Stuart Wood; W134 Denise Woodiwiss; (4130) and Betty Wright.

The Mashonaland and the Central Annual General Meetings were held at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on Sunday the 29th May 2011 commencing at 12 noon. The attendance though was disappointing. Those attending were: -5568 Dennis Anderson; 7615 Tok Arnold; 7737 Brett Baines; 5281 Peter Bellingham;
Monthly gatherings continue at the Mount Pleasant Sports Club on the evening of the second Friday of every month, which are very popular, and are generally well attended.

Collector of Rhodesiana
Why don’t you listen to the wife and clean out that old trunk under the bed and turn it into cash. I am looking to buy:-
I intend to make a donation to the Association on every purchase made
Contact : Barry Woan on 0834430533 or Ramsgate : 0393122028
BSAP badges including cloth flashes and slip ons, Books on Rhodesia, Bits of uniform, kit and equipment

DURBAN SOUTH
On Sunday 16 October 2011 Durban South Station held a ‘Bring & Braai’ at the Winklespruit Bowling Club, on the south coast.
Member in Charge, Peter Arnold, reports - “ We awoke to an overcast day but as it wore on towards starting time for the function it became obvious that any rain would miss our venue .In the end there were 33 attendees who enjoyed a great get together. Whilst some members had tended their apologies we welcomed the new faces of 5344 Mike and Carmen Duncan and 7646 David Tudor Jones and Partner. As usual Barry Woan and four other members from Margate Station attended as did Natal Branch Committee members Trevor Wilson, Ken Woods ,Denis Wyatt with wife Marian. Also it was good to see Fred Mason looking in good trim with Lindsay.
Once again the members of the Bowling Club looked after our needs for which we were grateful.”

MARGATE STATION
Member in Charge, Barry Woan, reports - A successful Margate Station” Bring and Braai” was held at the Ramsgate Bowling Club on Saturday 5th November 2011 and was attended by 64 members ,family and friends.
As always the event was supported by a strong contingent from as far afield as Johannesburg, Umtata and Durban, with the Natal Committee well represented by our Chairman, Trevor Wilson, Des and Trish Howse and Ken Woods.
Five new Members were recruited on the day which included Bill and Noreen Goussard. Bill served as a Police Reservist and brought along all his
documentation to substantiate the fact. Bill and Noreen also celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on Saturday. Congratulations to you both and welcome Bill to the “Fold.”

Another special guest was Dorothea Broom who for more than 15 years worked with the Consolidated Fund at PGHQ in the 50’s and early 60’s and remembers having an office very close to Commissioner Spurling who she says was a wonderful man.

Memorabilia was donated by Sakkie Mckay, John Dolby and ex WPO Catrina Hales which was auctioned off and a tidy sum was raised for the Association. Many a giggle was raised when Catrina’s small and petite WPO depot track suit was handed around for all to examine. We are not sure what Kevin Woods, the highest bidder, intends doing with the garment!!

Steve Worrall-Clare, his wife Tina and son Matt (a Sharks academy Rugby player) made their first appearance after Steve’s lengthy recovery from a severe accident which resulted in 11 breaks to the leg and a knee replacement.!!

Other welcome visitors were John and Yvonne Haswell, Paul and Heather Shewell and Bob and Wendy Bishop.

We will soon be bidding farewell to George and Judy Hatch who will be leaving the South Coast to stay with their children in Johannesburg. George and Judy have been solid supporters of our Station and although we are going to miss them we wish the Hatch’s all the very best for the future.

A notable absentee were Charlie and Joy Davis from Ifalfa. Charlie is presently in Port Shepstone Hospital undergoing chemo treatment. He is visited regularly by Butch Von Horsten who keeps us all informed. Brian Hutchinson, Sakkie McKay, Pauline Clarke and I visited him on Sunday morning and despite his problems is in a very positive mind.

Kevin and Connie Woods arrived with several SAPS Guests who were made most welcome. Kevin who turned 59 on Saturday was given a Birthday Card (for a 5 Year old) and a teddy bear to commemorate his five years since release from Chikurubi Prison in Zimbabwe.”

Attending:
6019 Sakkie Mckay Johannesburg, 8436 Brian and Jenny Hutchinson Johannesburg, 5663 Peter Huson Ramsgate, 8212 Alistair and Anne Barr Johannesburg, 6133 Piet Jansen Van Rensburg Marina Beach, 5251 John and Carla Dolby Margate, 8157 Barry and Marina Woon Ramsgate, 5708 Fred Brown and Daughter Joyce Nicholls Uvongo, PGHQ Civilian Dorthea Broom aged 86. Margate, 4587 Gerry and Colleen Powell and Kim Packer SouthPort, 380998c Bill and Noreen Goussard Uvongo, 6785 Roger and Marie Brownlow Umtata, 12683 FR Bob and Sheila Jones Margate, 7522 Steve, Tina and Matt Worrall-Clare Ramsgate, 7129 Andy and May Messina South Port, 7675 Bob and Wendy Bishop Ifalfa, 5794 Jac Parker Pennington, 6187 John
and Yvonne Haswell Durban, 9716 Graham and Sue Reeves Johannesburg, 
6467 Butch and Hilary Von Horsten South Port, 5968 George and Judy Hatch 
Margate, 6233 Courtney and Jenny Walton Marina Beach, 5802 Ken Woods 
Durban, 7229 Des and Trish Howse Durban, 10098 Bryan and Louise Smith 
Johannesburg, 7790 Mike Lambourne Shelley Beach, 8332 Chris Cumming 
Shelley Beach, 8531 Kevin and Connie Woods + 8 SAPS Guests, 5749 Paul 
and Heather Shewell, 5661 Trevor Wilson Durban, 7616 Myles and Trish 
Cunnison South Broom, WP 169 Pauline Clarke Uvongo

HILLCREST
On Sunday 27 November 2011, the last social event of the year was held at 
Augusta Estate, Hillcrest – a “Bring & Braai” attended by 28 stalwarts who 
decided a little mist wasn’t going to keep them away. At the end of the 
proceedings we had a visitor who hadn’t been at any of our previous social 
events. Other than our woolly necked stork, those attending were, 
5754 Mike & Ethne AYRTON-WHITE, 8241 Alan & Flik BENNETT, 6519 John & 
Nancy CARROLL, 6283 Nobby & Natascha CLARK, 5836 Peter & Gill 
COLEPEPER, 8105 Peter CUTTING, P/R Laurie & Doreen DE WITT, 6717 
Hugh & Gill DIXON, 5293 Trevor DUTTON, 5930 Roy & Pauline GARDENER, 
7543 Pete GATLAND, 7229 Des HOWSE, 5958 Dick ISEMONGER, 6454 John & 
Chris LEES, 6872 David LYNN, 5661 Trevor & Linda WILSON, 8086 Denis & 
Marian WYATT

LADYBRAND
OK – so it is not in Natal and it is not a 
Station. Although located in the Free 
State, in the absence of a Free State 
Branch of the Association, we are claiming 
it as a two-man satellite Station (both are 
paid up members of Natal Branch)

Phil Hart & Rob Hamilton

DURBAN NORTH
Durban North, at the moment, is not an 
established Station, but 6253 Iain 
Laing has, during 2011, organised a series 
of regular morning coffee meetings 
for a small group of Association members 
who may well prove to be the 
pioneers of a Station with a strength of 
thirty three.

L to R : Malcolm Wiltshire; Peter Tomlinson; Noel Kennedy; Jimmy Stewart; 
Terry Albyn and Iain Laing. Inset : John Haswell
NATAL PROV. HQ
The OC, Trevor Wilson, arranged a Christmas lunch for his Staff and partners (costs deducted from salaries) at Le Domaine Estate Restaurant, on Sunday 4 December 2011, which proved to be very successful – Maddy Lynn apparently commented to her husband, Dave, on their way home – the majority of us on the committee did not really know each other during our time in the Force, but here we are now, dependable friends, brought together by our past association with a fine Force and a desire to ensure that The Regiment lives!

Date Day Time Station Venue Event
18th Feb Sun. Lunch Dbn South Winkelspruit Bowl.Club Bring & Braai
18th Mar Sun. Lunch Hillcrest Augusta Estate Bring & Braai
2nd May Sat. Lunch Margate Ramsgate Bowl. Club Bring & Braai
12th May Sat Lunch Natal Prov Augusta Estate AGM & Braai
22nd Jul Sun Lunch Hillcrest/Mid. Inchanga Estate Bring & Braai
19th Aug Sun Lunch Dbn South Winkelspruit Bowl.Club Bring & Braai
24th Sep Mon Lunch Natal Prov Le Domaine Estate Ann. Lunch
13th Oct Sat Lunch Margate Ramsgate Bowl. Club Bring & Braai
25th Nov Sun Lunch Hillcrest Augusta Estate Bring & Braai

UNITED KINGDOM

The BSAP (UK Branch) Regimental Dinner - 2011
The Annual Regimental Dinner of the UK Branch of the Association took place in The Carisbrooke Hall, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London on Friday 23 September 2011. Members and guests started to arrive at 5.00 pm and after signing in made their way to the bar where acquaintances, both old and new, had gathered. There was ample time to get up to date with the latest news before the bugle sounded for dinner at 7.15 pm. A total of 51 members and guests made their way to the dining hall to take their seats at tables decorated in blue and old gold together with place mats bearing the regimental badge and signs showing the names of Sable, Kudu, Impala, Waterbuck, Duiker, Bushbuck and Eland, all well-known Rhodesian antelopes. Chairman, Peter Phillips, got things underway by welcoming Lord Michael Walker (Patron of the Association Trust), Brigadier Peter Heppenstall (Rhodesia Army Association) and Colonel Peter Walton (guest speaker). Peter then welcomed those attending from overseas, in particular Richard Barnes from Australia and Roger and Suzanne Cook from France. Peter then read
out greetings and best wishes from Her Majesty the Queen, Barry Henson enjoying a UN jaunt in South Africa and Will Cornell from USA. After the loyal toast and grace, members and guests sat down to an enjoyable meal. Following the customary break to allow those members in need, to get a breath of fresh air, Peter introduced our guest speaker, Colonel Peter Walton, ex- British Army, military historian, archivist, author and artist. In a speech that was well received by all, Peter spoke both about his experiences with the British Army in Zimbabwe after independence and the fact that The Chairman, Peter Phillips, The BSAP Trust Patron Lord Michael Walker and the guest speaker, Col. Peter Walton 7411 Jock EDIE 6424 Wynn BERRY BSAP history should continue to be recorded. After Peter proposed a toast to the Regiment and Regimental Association, Les Burrow (Junior Troop) replied in humorous fashion before proposing the toast to absent friends. It was then time for the raffle, once again efficiently organised by Mick York. Peter Walton drew the tickets, with the three prizes going to Ken Mageean, Robin Birch and Hugh Phillips. Proceeds from the raffle amounting to £931 going to Association funds. Once again a special word of thanks must go to Parry Jones and Lin Robertson for the efficient organisation of the dinner and to Bertie Cubitt for manning the Q Rep’s table.

Sitting down to dinner were:
Lord Michael Walker, Brigadier, David Heppenstall, Colonel, Peter Walton, 4158 Tim Weimer, 4278 John Balchin, 4853 Fred Punter, 4857 Mike Wiltshire, 4882 Peter Dancer, 4934 Mike Burman, 4964 Mike Tadman, 5111 Jack Bacon, 5171 Peter Hillier, 5248 Alan Lane, 5358 Mick York, 5408 Richard Barnes, 5559 Dick Thompson, 5601 Eric Robb, 5615 Tom MEeKIN with guest Stanley Mills, 5625 Biff Way, 5975 Mike Abbotts, 6130 Randy Symmons, 6355 Mike Moysen, 6366 Jim Stoker, 6432 Chris Roberts, 6609 Parry Jones, 6632 Gerry Paxton, 6721 Peter Russell, 6737 Mike Coleman, 6743 Bruce Allen,
BSAP 10th Annual Irish Gathering - Clonmel 3/9/11

Saturday the 3 September dawned cloudy and wet but by midday the weather cleared and there was a sigh of relief from those gathered for the 10th Annual Irish Gathering. The venue as usual was the fine home of Sandy Stokes for which many thanks are offered. In all 51 persons attended. Apologies were received from 4209 Julian Burkitt and 4789 Eddie Matchett, both on account of ill-health and 5635 Dave Riley (family affairs). An apology of sorts can be credited to 5601 Eric Robb in that he pitched up a day late, on the Sunday, having entered the date incorrectly in his diary. Members moved freely about the extensive grounds, meeting up with old colleagues, before partaking of the excellent and varied lunch prepared by Eve Norris, Anne Mills, Marie Berry, Katharine Flynn, Joan Meekin, all under the overall supervision of Master Chef Sandy. Thanks to all involved.

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

Biff Way took over the raffle, sold tickets, was master of ceremonies at the draw in his own inimitable fashion and was so successful that a sum of £270 was raised both from the raffle and lunch proceeds, to be sent to the Association as a donation. Many thanks to Biff and also to the many who brought prizes to be raffled. Much appreciated. As usual at BSAP functions, there was a substantial hard core who remained until late in the evening, finishing off the liquor and also having a second meal of the fine food left over from lunch.

In attendance were:

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

NB The 11th Annual Irish Gathering will be held on Saturday, 1 September, 2012.

The North-West Gatherings

Changes at The Myerscough have made it unsuitable as a meeting place for the North West Region. It is now a very busy (have you booked) pub, the food is still good but it has become a fastfood sort of place where they want your table for the next customers as soon as you have finished your meal. Obviously that is no good for people who want to chat after a couple of drinks, So we moved back to the Bay Horse, further down the same road towards Skipton for our June meeting. The service and food was excellent, and one and all said ‘Yes, we should move here’. Our next visit was 11 September and things had gone downhill, the licensee was absent and I asked if they had changed the chef. We have three or four ladies in our group who cook, one ordered lasagna and said, ‘This is not lasagna’, another said, ‘The green beans have not been topped and tailed’, and another stated that, ‘if this Yorkshire pudding had been hanging over the side of the Titanic when it hit the iceberg it would not have sunk!’

This was not the end of my woes. One crazy lady who runs in marathons, the last being in New York this year (no names but she is married to Bugs Moran) suggested I might join her in a race next year! This idea reduced Paula Woolley and Margaret Deaden to hysterics to such an extent that we feared they would choke. ‘Whoever has seen a man with COPD running, never mind a Marathon’. I am sure Tessa meant well, but I am not speaking to her again. The members attending were the old faithfuls, (6314) Val Marsden always enjoys herself. She has quite a few grandchildren and is away a lot, so I have to remind her of the meeting. It is now four years plus since we lost Barry Marsden and Harry Davies. Then we lost Mike Leach and more recently 4041 Allen Day, who of course, started the north-west meetings and handed over to me in 1999. The Stricklands, 5639 Hoggarths, 20844 Colemans, 7486 Roy Aston, and 4716 Larry King are no longer able to travel far, so our numbers are depleted. This seems to be the norm as I am told there were only 50 members at the Annual Dinner this year. With petrol at or over £6 per gallon and hotel and B&B room prices forever creeping up - travel ain’t cheap. I recently drove to Heathrow and back and nearly ran out of petrol on the return. On the M6 I went into the service area and petrol was 149p per litre, so I just put in £5 worth, which easily got me home, where I filled up at 131p per litre - saving over £7 on the M6 prices. Even the Meerkats are feeling the pinch and insurance premiums have jumped up this year. I had to pay £448 compared to £331 last year and that with nine
years NCD. Mustn’t grumble I suppose. I recall when I was on £30 per month in Rhodesia, when £10 or thereabouts had to be paid into the Mess, leaving £20 to live on and save for the fare home on long leave. I paid £96 to sail from Beira around the Cape (Suez was closed - I think it was the Gas Board digging it up) to Southampton. A gallon of petrol was then, as now, about the same price as a packet of 20 cigarettes, about 2/6d. (Might have been the electricity people but I am sure it was the Gas Board.)

Our meeting and Christmas Lunch will be at the Bay Horse on 11 December at noon. Then for the second Sunday in March, June, September and December 2012, it depends on the Bay Horse, but everyone will be advised in good time and can call me on 0151 605 1333 (but not before 10am please as I have given up the early shift).

Those attending:

The Scottish Gathering 2012
The success of the inaugural Scottish Gathering in May this year has brought much support and encouragement for another event in 2012. The venue, timings and programme being approved, it is with pleasure that your organisers announce that 28 York Place, Edinburgh, has been booked for Saturday 26 May 2012 for what will now become an annual event. The same catering plan will be followed and it is hoped that costs will be kept close to 2011 levels. This early notification should assist members in making their plans, and a further newsletter with details and news will be sent out in early 2012. Your organising team for 2012 is 7784 Steve Acornley, 5601 Eric Robb, 7264 Gordon Best, 5976 Nigel Seaward plus the crucial support of Wendy Acornley and Pauline Seaward.

If there are any others who wish to be part of the team, your word is awaited! Brickbats and Bouquets. This heading is in respectful memory of 3976 Taffy Morgan who, during the 1950s, had served for several years as a Sergeant in Umtali District. At Inyanga, his station file for Complaints against Police was subtitled Brickbats and Bouquets, split into two sections. Needless to say, the former was filled to over-flowing and the latter very slim, a situation probably common to all stations and no reflection on Inyanga’s much respected Member i/c. With this in mind, we report that 7343 John (Jock) Bryan of Ayr was inadvertently left out of the list of those attending. Also, the photograph on page 13 of the Summer Outpost is listed as being that of ‘Andy Nicoll and Jim Shiel’ as it is, of course, Bob Smith and David Gall.
On the brighter side, we report on a recent visit from 6610 Jock Pirrett, ex-Chairman and stalwart of the Transvaal Branch of the Association. Jock was on a visit to Scotland and called on Steve in Livingston, and together with his brother David, on Pauline and Nigel in Coldstream. Thank you, Jock, for your very sincere words of encouragement and support, and also for your generous donation towards the 2012 Scottish Gathering. We hope to see both you and David there!

Spanish singer Julio Iglesias was on television with British TV host Anne Diamond when he used the word "mañana" (pronounced "manyana").

Diamond asked him to explain what it meant.

He said that the term means "Maybe the job will be done tomorrow, maybe the next day, maybe the day after that. Or perhaps next week, next month, next year. Who really cares?"

The host turned to Mr. Phillip Msondtlwana from South African Government who was also on the show and asked him if there was an equivalent term in his native language.

He replied: "In Xhosa we don't have a word to describe that degree of urgency."
Chris North, 6516, had the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of South Africa at Suda Bay War Cemetery.

This magnificently maintained grave site is the responsibility of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who have under their wing, the graves of some 1 700 000 members of the Commonwealth forces who lost their lives in the two world wars. The cemetery lies on the shore of Suda Bay, a natural harbour on the north west coast of Crete, near the city of Chania.

In the Crete Campaign, 4 116 soldiers of the allied forces - British, Greek, New Zealand & Australian - lost their lives, whilst 3 208 were wounded and 16 632 taken prisoner.

The German forces lost 3 986 lives, with 2 594 wounded. The German cemetery is at Maleme on the west coast.

Andrew Stevens 6226
Roll of Honour

9463 Clive Richard Boddy passed away on the 5th June, 2011, in Harare. He joined the force as a National Serviceman in July, 1974, and served until December, 1979. He was a member of the Mashonaland Branch of the Association.

4586 Gilbert Samuel 'Bert' Selley died on the 13th June, 2011, in Dundee Scotland. Bert joined the force in March, 1950 and served for three years before joining the Kenyan Police where he saw operations against the Mau Mau. He returned to the UK in 1964. He was a member of the UK Branch of the BSAP Association.


4491 Ralph Irwin passed away on the 13th October, 2011, in Oxford, UK. Ralph served in the force from November, 1949 to August, 1964, and left the force on a retirement gratuity with the rank of Inspector. He was a member of the UK Branch of the BSAP Association.

4328 Karl Aubrey Peter Maskell died suddenly on the 28th October, 2011, in Harare. He served from November, 1948 to June, 1983 and retired as Chief Supt.

5494 Sinclair 'Seamus' Sutherland died on the 20th November, 2011, in Edinburgh, Scotland. Seamus served in the force from June, 1956 to June, 1964, mostly in Traffic Branch, Bulawayo. He left the force as a Sergeant.

8007 John Tilley died on the 4th November, 2011, in East London. John served from June, 1968 to June, 1973, and left the force with the rank of Section Officer.

4380 Pat McCulloch passed away on the 16th November, 2011, in Howick, Kwa Zulu Natal. Pat joined the force in February, 1949, and served his distinguished career in Uniformed Branch. As an Inspector he was awarded a Commissioners Commendation for investigation work in the Enkeldoorn area. He served as Officer Commanding Mash Ops and later as O.C Midlands. He took up the position of Chief Staff.
Roll of Honour continued…

Officer (Training) at PGHQ and eventually retired from the Zimbabwe Republic Police in May, 1982, with the rank of Senior Assistant Commissioner. He was the recipient of the PCD and PMM.

4064 Steve Stephens died on the 25th November, 2011, in Frankston, Victoria, Australia. Steve joined the force in June, 1946, after service in the Royal Navy where he saw action in the invasions of Sicily and Italy. By 1951 in was Chief Equitation Instructor, but following a riding accident he was posted to Thomlinson Depot. He became Deputy Commandant Depot in 1980. He was awarded the Colonial Police Long Service Medal in 1964 and in 1977 received the PMM. He retired from the force in September, 1980 with the rank of Chief Superintendent.


Wp517 Alexandra Joy Earwood was tragically murdered on the 20th December 2011, in her home in Blairgowrie, Johannesburg. Alex joined the force in February, 1979, and left in January, 1983. In May, 1981 she was the recipient of the Bronze Baton along with WPO Norma Gore following their courageous arrest of a car thief.

3385 Lionel 'Lummy' Lumholst-Smith died on the 16th January, 2012, in Cumbria, UK. Lummy joined the BSAP in May, 1934. He served with the likes of Arthur Baden-Powell (3383) and Frank Barfoot (3342) later Commissioner of Police. He served mostly in CID Salisbury and Immigration which fell under the CID in those days. He retired in August, 1956, as a Detective Chief Inspector. Lummy was born in March, 1912, and would have reached his 100th year.


4716 Laurence Reginald King passed away on the 16th February, 2012, in Wrexham, UK. He served in the force from May, 1951 to August, 1964, and left as an Inspector. He rejoined for a further six years in January, 1976.
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