



Rhodesian Services Association Newsletter January 2007

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Greetings

All the best for 2007. It is a busy time for me (mainly involving the container - see below) so this will be a brief newsletter.

12 of us recently went to see Blood Diamond. I was not sure how it would go but I was pleasantly surprised. Danny Archer, played by DeCaprio, who's parents were killed by terrorists in 1978 on their farm in Rhodesia, was sent to South Africa to live. He joined 32 Battalion in 1988. Archer is firm in his stance that he considers himself a Rhodesian. The movie is set in Sierra Leone in 1999/2000, it is filmed mostly in Mozambique and South Africa. His rendition of a Rhodesian accent is quite good for a yank. In my opinion it is worth going to see. It is very much a 'skiet en donder' movie.

Please be sure to pass this newsletter on to anyone interested and if you change email address please let me know

Storage Unit

Late last year we purchased a refrigeration unit measuring 4m x 4.6m x 3m high to be used for storage of items in the museum collection that are not on display. The unit suits the purpose in that it is insulated and spacious. We will be able to show the stored items to people by appointment. We will also be able to do cataloguing etc as we intend to install a computer in the unit.

Before purchase we approached Classic Flyers to see if they could suggest a place to install it. We were 'over the moon' when they said we could put it on the back corner of their hanger.

We paid \$1250 for the unit and at the beginning of January 07 we cleared the site. After some delays that were beyond our control and which unfortunately resulted in a lot of valuable time being wasted we had the unit transported in.

We have repaired the major 'dings' and are currently getting the outside painted so that it blends in with the Classic Flyers paint scheme. We will then put shelving on the inside. We estimate that the total cost of the project will be in the region of \$2500.



Clearing site



Site levelled & labour force about to head for a beer



Container shifted in - raining



Making repairs



1st top coat on 1 side and the door (28/1/07)

There is much still to be done. Any offers of help will be gladly accepted.

If you can work on the container we can set you a task and give you a key. We would really appreciate some help as a few of us have been taking time off work. The primary job is to get the outside painted and the inside clean. Please contact me by email or phone 021 045 8069 if you can help in any way or make a financial contribution. You can also support the project by purchasing association goods which are listed on the CQ Store page of the website <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm>

Rhodesian Light Infantry Regimental Assn

The RLIRA is actively seeking all former people who served with the unit. Interested parties should contact the NZ rep. Johno Johnson zalika@xtra.co.nz or Tony Young ozemedic@bigpond.net.au for those in Australia or elsewhere in the world.

I have their current newsletter which I can send on to anyone interested. The newsletter is very comprehensive. It is in MS Word format. It is rather large - over 3mb, so I will only send it by request as it may block up mail servers of those who do not have broadband connections. The newsletter contains:-

1. Progress report on the RLIRA - International organization.
2. Progress report on the RLIRA - Australia branch.
3. 2007 Sydney RLI Reunion update
4. Announcement of launch of a new book on the RLI.
5. Request for info on recently found RLI Rugby Trophy.
6. Report on recent GFU RLI gathering
7. A couple of Historical Interest articles.

Rhodesians World Wide Magazine

Rhodesians Worldwide is a contact magazine produced for Rhodesians, by Rhodesians about Rhodesians. It can be found in 60 countries, including Zimbabwe!

Rhodesians Worldwide was started 22 years ago by Geoff Hill in Australia. The current editors, Chris and Annette Whitehead, estimate that each issue is read by about 60 000 people. Yet, of this number, probably no more than 3 or 4 % are subscribers to the magazine. Chris and Annette have continued to develop Rhodesians Worldwide into a glossy covered magazine packed with Rhodesian related material, but they need your support as subscribers. Four issues are published each year; and a typical issue contains:

- *a feature story with photographs
- *selected news stories from Zimbabwe
- *articles on how fellow Rhodesians are getting along overseas
- *contact details for friends and family across the world
- *advertisements and classified ads for those hard-to-find items
- *personal classifieds (which are carried free, within reason)
- *births, death and in memoriam notices (also carried free of charge)

Subscription from New Zealand is \$34 per annum and can be paid by personal cheque. It makes a great gift. If you want an introductory magazine contact me by email hbomford@clear.net.nz with your address and I will send you one.

The editors have recently published the following disclaimer in response to a message that was circulated late last year.

Disclaimer

The following message is being broadcast around the worldwide web by some individuals and online enterprises:

Expanding the Rhodesian Community Worldwide

A Sneak Preview: For some time we have been working with the restructured Rhodesian Broadcasting Corporation. We are pleased to announce that starting in January 2007 they will be offering a wide range of offerings; original recording of the RBC, podcasts in audio and the all-new Rhodie-PodTV: TV podcasts!

Rhodesians Worldwide is coming to the web! 2007 promises to be exciting year, not only with RBC launching their service but with the launch of a new multi-party venture; **Rhodesians Worldwide**, who will be launching a new web-site. More than just an occasional magazine it will be a multi-faceted service for Rhodesians Word Wide.

NOW, OUR STATEMENT!

We at Rhodesians Worldwide™ magazine are in no way connected to or associated with these individuals or enterprises and we wish it to be known we have not given them permission to use our copyrighted name of Rhodesians Worldwide™. The name Rhodesians Worldwide™ has been owned by the magazine since 1984 when it was first published in Australia, 1987 when it was first published in the United Kingdom and in the USA since 1998 when it began its life here. The Rhodesians Worldwide™ magazine and the merchandise we produce are not linked to these individuals and enterprises and the organisations sending this information have been requested to desist from further use of the name Rhodesians Worldwide™. These parties are in no way linked to this magazine, to this website, or to the good name that we have built up over the past 22 years. Furthermore Rhodesians Worldwide™ magazine is in no way involved in the

"multi-party" venture mentioned in this message being distributed. We are also not linked in anyway to a company located at <http://www.rhodiewebring.com/> that is listing itself as "A Rhodesians World Wide Inc company".

A Walk Against the Stream by A J Ballinger

My platoon commander during National Service was Tony Ballinger. He has recently published a book on his time doing National Service and subsequent experiences at Victoria Falls. I have only seen the manuscript and not the finished article. I am looking forward to reading the book.

Orders can be made from the web page <http://www.trafford.com/06-2261> (where there is info and an excerpt from the book) or from the author direct tony@ballinger5422.freemove.co.uk

Until next month - go well

Cheers
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