



Rhodesian Services Association Newsletter September 2006

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Greetings

The ticket sales for the RV are going well. Please do not leave it too late. You need to get your registration and payment to me as soon as possible. We have a lot to organise so it is a real help if we have everything all sorted and ready to go by the end of this month. There will be a late payment fee for any registrations received after 12th October. In addition, late registrations may not get the lapel badge in time.

The CQ Store

We have been very busy in this department. We now have number plate surrounds, pictured below, for sale at \$12 each. They fit NZ standard plates 120mm x 360mm You can order from me (cell 021 045 8069 or email hbomford@clear.net.nz)



The other new lines we are stocking are caps, at \$23 each, women's v neck stretch cotton shirts, all sizes \$30 and poly cotton polo shirts all sizes \$36.50. The caps can have your name (one only), unit or regimental number on the back for just \$5.

All our stock is pictured on the website www.rhodesianservices.org under the CQ Store tab.

The full list is below. Please support the association by buying from us.

APPAREL

Lion & Tusk t-shirts size S M L XL \$30.00
Lion & Tusk t-shirts size XXL XXXL \$35.00
Lion & Tusk women's v-neck all sizes \$30.00
Lion & Tusk polo shirts all sizes \$36.50
Lion & Tusk caps \$23.00
Name or number or unit (on order) \$5.00
Children's sizes To be announced
Berets without badge \$35.00

MEDALS, RIBBONS & BADGES

RGSM miniature, with ribbon \$35.00
Zim Indep. miniature, with ribbon \$35.00
Zim Indep. full size replica with ribbon \$45.00
RGSM ribbon per 15cm length \$10.00
Zim Indep ribbon per 15cm length \$10.00
Mounting Price on application
Badges As available, price on application
4RR Hackles \$15.00

OTHER ITEMS

Number plate surround, choice of 3 \$12.00
Name badges incl. postage in NZ \$15.00
Bumper stickers \$10.00
Key rings \$10.00
All lapel pins \$5.00
Rhodesian Army recruitment poster \$15.00 (includes postage to NZ address)

Relief Fund

The golf tournament held in Auckland was a huge success and I received a report that they raised in excess of NZ\$17 500. This is to be distributed to three old age homes, Borrowdale Trust in Marondera, Pioneer Trust in Masvingo and the Bulawayo Help Network. Well done to all concerned.

Selous Scout Association

Tom Thomas has asked me to remind any former operators who are not already members of the Selous Scout Association that they are welcome to contact him to join up. Tom's email is thomas@selfcopypapers.co.za

Rhodesians World Wide magazine

The editor Chris Whitehead has asked me to let people know that he is wanting more subscriptions as numbers subscribing from NZ are disappointing. This magazine is unique. It was started 22 years ago by Geoff Hill in Australia. It is very reasonably priced. NZ\$34 gets you a whole years subscription and you can pay by personal cheque or there are other options. So for a years subscription you get 4 issues each of 32 pages mailed to you. That is .26 cents a page. It costs nearly double that to send a single sheet of paper from one place to another in New Zealand. C'mon folks it makes a great gift. It is full of interesting articles, contact lists, gossip and much more. Those of you attending the RV will have had a freebie in your registration packs. Please consider subscribing

Book Review

SAILOR SOLDIER by David Tyndale-Biscoe Privately published, Simon's Town, RSA. Pp 296.

Edward Tyndale-Biscoe, the subject of this book, joined the Royal Navy in 1878 at the age of 14 and served in it for 11 years. He then joined Cecil Rhodes' Pioneer Corps to take up concessions in Mashonaland under agreement with King LoBengula. He raised the Union Jack at the proclamation of Fort Salisbury on 13 September 1890. Later he was a volunteer with the naval guns at the siege of Ladysmith during the Boer War. When he died in June 1941 a wreath was laid on the Pioneer Column in Cecil Square, Salisbury, Rhodesia and flags were flown at half mast at the Pioneer Memorial, at the Town House and the B.S.A. Company Offices.

His great nephew, David Tyndale-Biscoe, who grew up in Tanganyika (Tanzania), Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) and Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), met his illustrious uncle in 1940, during his last visit to Africa for the Jubilee celebrations in Salisbury. David accompanied him on walks into the veldt, and his tales of battles in the Royal Navy and on land left a lasting impression. He has now imaginatively re-created his uncle's autobiography from the letters he wrote to his family at the time; from his original diaries now in the Zimbabwe Archives in Harare; and from examination reports from when he was in the Royal Navy. Edward's own accounts of the siege of Ladysmith were reinforced from Midshipman Carnegie's diaries, which are held in the Brenthurst library in Johannesburg, and from the Military History of the Royal Navy in the Naval Museum in Simon's Town.

One reader writes:

"My wife and I have just finished reading this fascinating biography on the life and times of Commander Edward Cary Tyndale-Biscoe RN. Edward was a remarkable man in so many ways and typical of the type of man who helped counter the slave trade in Africa and introduce infrastructure and economic growth. ... many famous names walked the pages, e.g. General Gordon of Khartoum, Rider Haggard, Baden-Powell, Rudyard Kipling, Mahatma Ghandi, Lord Kitchener and of course Winston Churchill are but a few of them. The latter three names appeared in the Commander's dramatic narrative on the exploits of the Naval Brigade during its defence of Ladysmith 1899-1901. I was glad to read about Cecil John Rhodes in such a positive light, as it is not now politically correct to mention him in anything except derogatory terms."

Copies of Sailor Soldier are available in Australia from the author's cousin, Hugh Tyndale-Biscoe, 114 Grayson Street, Hackett, ACT 2602. Email hughtb@bigpond.com Price A\$45 (including packing and postage). Orders will be filled on receipt of a cheque payable to 'Sailor Soldier account' and postal address for dispatch.

That is about all for now - please don't leave the RV registrations to the last minute

Cheers

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