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Greetings,

It has been around two years since I put out a full newsletter. This is regrettable but in that period of time we have established The Lion & Tusk – Museum of the Rhodesian Services Association. A major undertaking in which we rented premises and set up the biggest museum displaying Rhodesian militaria outside Africa.

We have a plan for the further development of the museum which we will illustrate to you once we have firmly established the current status. Nothing happens without money – please stick with us and support us if you honestly believe in the preservation of our Rhodesian history – this Association is the one real chance that we all have to achieve this. We must all band together.



Our museum logo above was designed for us by Adam van der Riet. Some of you will know Adam's Dad who served with the Selous Scouts.

In May 2018 we rented an industrial unit at Unit 10, 14 Portside Drive, Mount Maunganui, New Zealand. This has been set out to the point where we are now open to the public. There is still a massive amount of work still to be done – principally labelling and cataloguing but we are open to the public.

Please make a note of this website which we have set up solely for the museum in order for people to be able to see opening hours, events etc. <http://thelionandtusk.org/>

Our Curator is Tony Fraser. He has been instrumental in the establishment of this Association back in the year 2000 and for our close relationship with various New Zealand connections including the 6th Hauraki Regimental Association. Tony served for over 22 years in the New Zealand Army. He has set up two other museums and is an acknowledged authority on Rhodesian history. Tony is in a full-time paid position.

On account of the ease of publication we have been posting photos of our progress on our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/152017521536350/> I know people have reservations about social media (and with good cause) but I recommend that people join our group in order to see daily Rolls of Honour, museum updates and informative discussions.

We have set up a YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmmFOMUq0gk1UNGn53Rm6ug> This has a video of our early stages of setting up. There is a follow up which is being edited by Leander Scott-Donelan currently.

Here are a selection of photos covering our evolution:



2 May 2018 - Delivery of our Alouette III



16 May 2018 We attend to the area that will be the entrance and CQ Store with a 14lb hammer and 10" grinder



25 May 2018 We cannot do anything in the building until Tony has finished painting the Alouette III



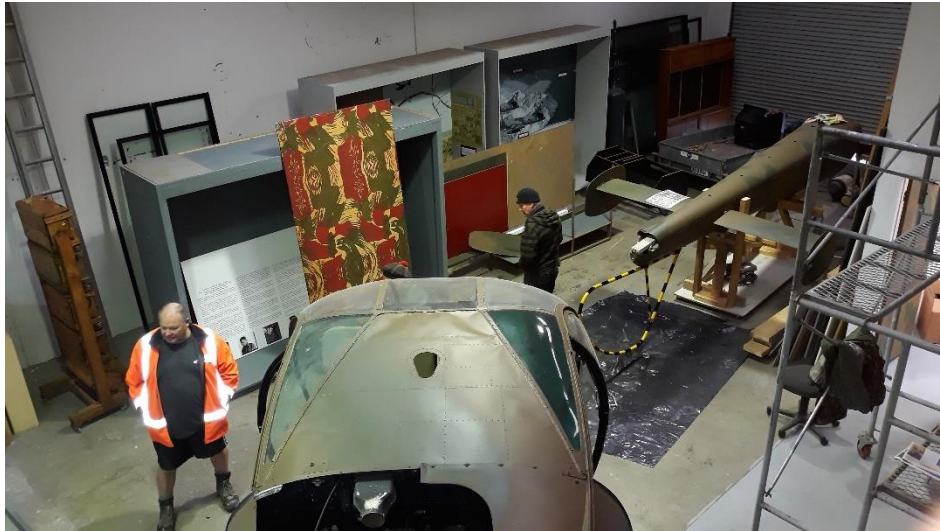
30 May 2018 Terry McEnery donates his time and materials to paint the floor of the entrance and CQ Store



We are shocked to learn that only three 10mm bolts hold the tail of the Alouette III onto the fuselage!



6, 7 and 8 June 2018 we move our displays out of the Classic Flyers Museum – heavy work and we did not break any glass



12 June 2018 It looks like a mess to Dave Soper but Tony has a vision



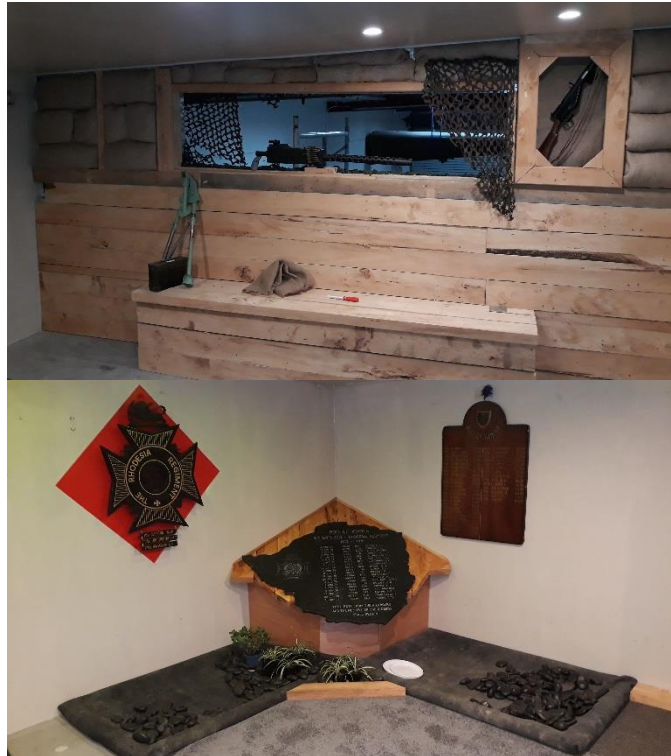
14 June 2018 No room for the Alouette's tail boom so up into the air it goes



19 June 2018 Our friends at a local business OfficeMax hear we need shelving so they let us clear out their warehouse



29 June 2018 The CQ Store begins stocking biltong, droewors and boerewors supplied by our friends at The Lekker Shop, Hamilton



6 July 2018 The Bunker starts to take shape along with the Library and Memorial Garden in the mezzanine floor



14 July 2018 Kids enjoy museums too.



21 July 2018 This Grey's Scout regrets playing poker and losing his uniform and horse



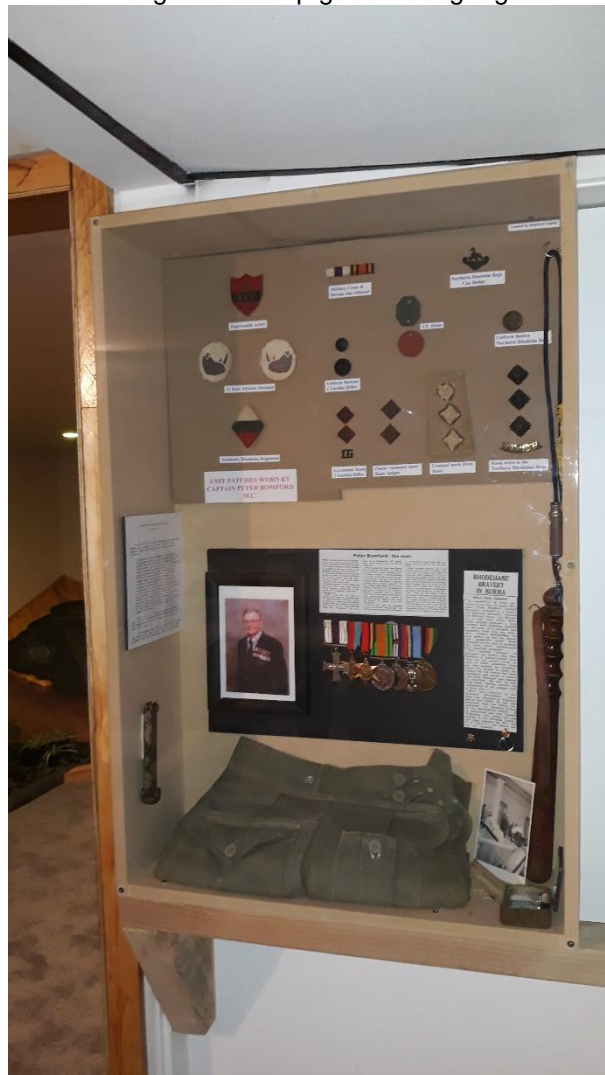
23 July 2018 1000lb Golf Bomb full scale model



22 July 2018 Evolution of the Memorial Garden under Diana Bomford's management



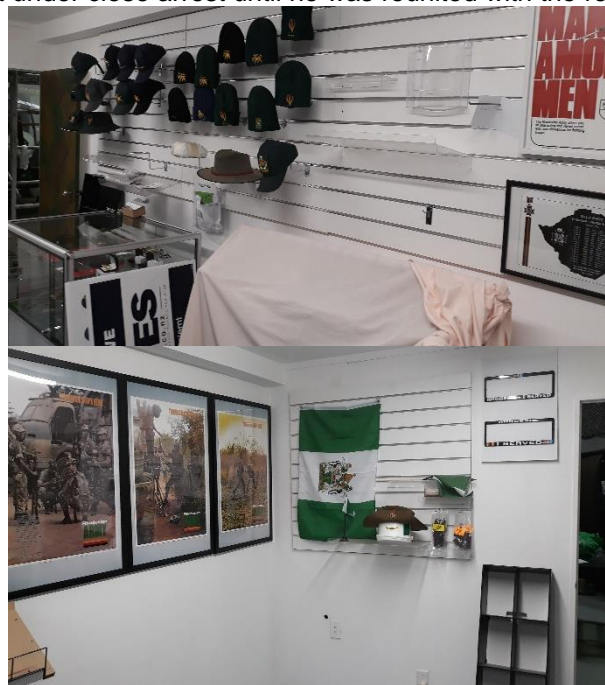
6 August 2018 Up goes our signage



6 August 2018 We honour their memories – Lest We Forget



6 August 2018 This Trooper was AWOL when we moved out of the Classic Flyers. Thankfully he was found and put under close arrest until he was reunited with the rest of his mates



8 August 2018 Getting the CQ Store ready for the Open Day



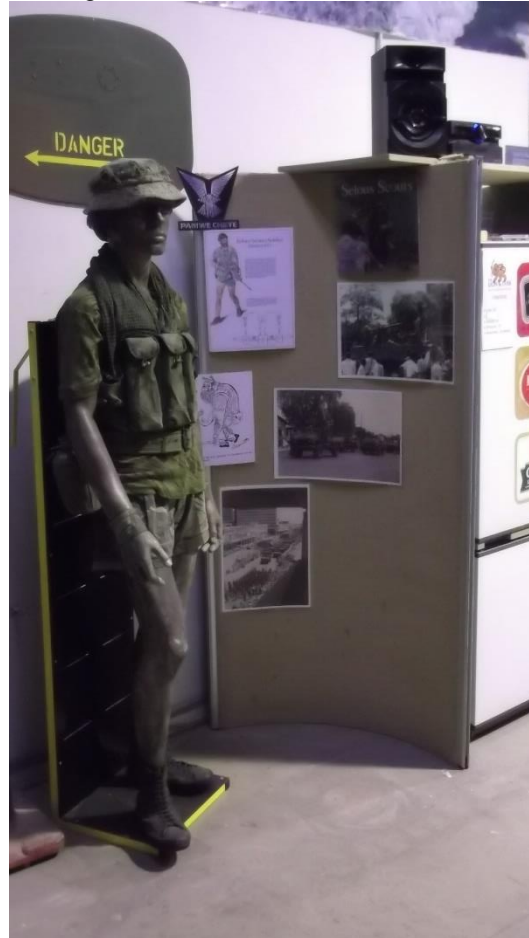
12 August 2018 Open Day – very well attended with folks coming from Auckland in the north to Wellington in the south



2 August 2018 Displays are developing



25 August 2018 Our entrance and CQ Store



13 September 2018 Trooper Trevor – the oldest member of mannequin force



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What these pictures may not show is the hard work that has gone into the museum over the last 5 months to get to where we are at the time of writing this newsletter.

There have been two dedicated volunteers turning up on an almost daily basis to help Tony. These two retired blokes, (one a Scottish Kiwi and the other a Dutch Kiwi) have never been to Rhodesia; they love what they are doing and get a kick from learning about our history. We are indebted to Ray Crafts and Arie van Dijk.

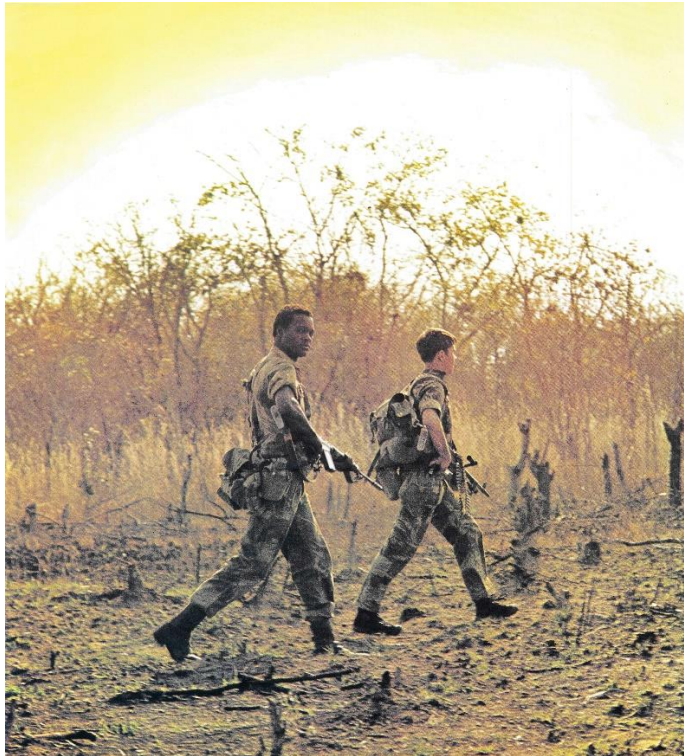
I cannot stress how vital it is for everyone with a connection to or interest in Rhodesia to support this project. Our income is derived from sale of goods in our CQ Store, membership subscriptions and donations. Here is how you support us:

CQ Sales: Go to this page to see what we have in store:

<http://www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm>

Financial Membership: email Chuck Osborne at thesecretary@rhodesianservices.org for payment details. Current annual subscription is only NZ\$15

Donations: We have set up a Givealittle page where people can make a donation or set up regular payments. Use this link <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/rhodesian-services-association-incorporated>



The Lion & Tusk Museum - Official Opening 10 and 11 November 2018

Saturday 10 November:

- From 8am - The Bay of Plenty Service Rifle Assn are holding a Rhodesian themed shooting competition on the NZ Deerstalkers range, TECT Park (off SH 36 between Tauranga and Rotorua). For all inquiries email the organisers on bopsra.inc@gmail.com There may be loan rifles available you must ask. A Rhodesian Services Assn team is being put together – contact Tony Fraser by phone 027 424 6936. Spectators welcome - take ear protection with you.
- 1.30pm to 2pm Rhodesian Services Assn AGM at the Lion & Tusk Museum. Financial members to attend
- 3pm Official Opening of The Lion & Tusk Museum starts. EVERYONE is welcome to attend.
- Boerewors and beer time – come and celebrate with us

Sunday 11 November:

- There are two local Armistice Day parades planned by local councils – Tauranga and Papamoa we recommend that people attend one of the parades, look out for and link up with others.
- On completion of the parades The Lion & Tusk Museum will be open and the braais will be running so come and wind down with us.

Rhodesian Forces Archives Project

Another major project for this Association is the digitisation of nominal and casualty records; photographing and cataloguing all items in the collection for display on-line. It is our objective project as much of our archives as possible through the internet. The entry point is off this link <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/rhodesian-forces-archives-project.htm>

From this page the subdivisions into the various sections begins with the two Lion & Tusk image links. All the areas are under construction. Here are some of the ongoing sections of the project.

Nominal and Casualty Rolls:

- An on-line database has to be built and is being populated with data that is being researched and digitised by a small group of volunteers around the world. To date we have a little under 45,000 records. We post a daily Roll of Honour on our Facebook group. This roll currently includes all records 1890 – 1980 with the exception of WWI records which are a current work in progress.

Museum and Archives:

- The objective of this section is to make available on-line all records of our collection of objects and archives in the Museum Collection.
- Again a massive exercise entailing photographing and recording all details of every single object in the collection and entering the data into our PastPerfect museum management program. Tony Fraser and I are working on this.

- The PastPerfect program stores all relevant information about the donor as well as the object itself. This is not only an essential catalogue but the program also converts this into virtual exhibits and our initial efforts are currently viewable on-line.

All this work is exceedingly time consuming. All those involved have jobs and families so their input to this project and other aspects of the Assn. is done in their 'spare time'.

Annual RV

Plans are to move the RV to the earlier part of the year i.e., late January/early February will be discussed at the AGM.

CQ Store:

We have all items on display at The Lion & Tusk Museum or you can view everything on line at <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/The%20Shop.htm>

As well as our PayPal account we now have an EFTPOS terminal so we can offer a wider range of payment options. To make an on-line order email thecqstore@rhodesianservices.org and we will give you a quote and payment options.

Here are a couple of new items that we have initiated:

BSAP Support Unit Badge. NZ\$40 plus P&P.

High quality, New Zealand made, with overlocked edges designed to be sewn onto your garment. Measures 125mm x 95mm.



Lion & Tusk Museum supporter stickers. NZ\$5 each + P&P
High quality, New Zealand made. Measures 170mm x 110mm



That's all folks, so until next time – go well.
Cheers
Hugh Bomford

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