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Dear Dickie Fritz Moths,

Anzac Day is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all



Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Parades are held around the country at the break of dawn and this year Dickie Fritz Shellhole proudly had a member, Moth Dawn Losper, attend the Anzac Parade in Perth on 25th April 2017.

South Africa and the Rhodesians do not extensively praise, idolise and remember their armed forces and the origins of their fighting legacy in the manner that the Australians and New Zealanders do for their forces. This has therefore manifested the inclusion of hundreds of South African and Rhodesian veterans residing in Australia in National Anzac Day parades held around Australia and New Zealand, and it is because of the unique bond forged by our forefathers in WW1 and WW2 that they are welcomed with open arms.

Moth Dawn Losper served in the Rhodesian Light Infantry during the Rhodesian Bush War and was therefore given the honour of laying a wreath for the Rhodesians at this year's Anzac Parade held on 25th April 2017. Although the RLI were not given permission to fly their flag at the parade, permission was given for the Rhodesian flag to be flown. However, as you can see from the photo, the RLI certainly ensured their flag was on display at the picnic after the parade. Sincere thanks to Dawn for sharing these wonderful photos with us.



Dawn broke over Perth as the bugler played the Last Post at Kings Park, Perth, Australia



Moth Dawn Losper proudly displays the RLI flag

The Memorable Order of Tin Hats (Moths) was founded in Durban, by the remarkable Charles Alfred Evenden, affectionately known as Moth "O". He was born in London on the 01st October 1894 and as a young man immigrated to Australia and served with the Australian forces in Gallipoli during World War I where he was wounded and evacuated to England. After returning to Australia, he was discharged from the army.



Witnessing the annual ANZAC parades, Charles Evenden turned his thoughts to the formation of an association of front line soldiers to perpetuate the comradeship gained from front line service. Later, he settled in South Africa where he worked as a cartoonist on the staff of the Mercury, a morning paper in Durban, under the pseudonym of "EVO" by which name he soon became popularly known to most people.

In 1927 he saw a war film that included an impressive scene of marching troops wearing tin hats, and muddy uniforms all carrying trench equipment. Looking at the scene, it made him wonder what had become of his comrades in the army; where they were and what they were doing. This line of thought inspired a cartoon on forgetfulness of a comradeship that had apparently ceased to exist. From this one idea other ideas came to the fore, then discussions with colleagues and friends and, eventually, the founding on the 07th May 1927 of an ex-serviceman's organisation known as the Memorable Order of Tin Hats or simply MOTH.

This year the Moth celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Order with parades being held around the country. The KZN Provincial Dugout and Southern KZN Provincial Dugout hosted the MOTH 90th Anniversary in KZN from the 4th May 2017 through to the 8th May 2017, with many members choosing to stay at the Charles Hoffe Park Holiday Resort.

The Moth GHQ meeting was held on the morning of the 6th May 2017 and was well supported by members attending from around the country. A Banquet Dinner was hosted on the evening of 6th May 2017 which was attended by Moth Charles Evenden's granddaughter and great-granddaughter. It should be noted that as the Old Bill of the Order, Moth Andy Boden, inadvertently referred to the Moth as the Moth Order (BIG MISTAKE!!), he was made to sing for his supper!!!



OBOTO Moth Andy Boden singing for his supper



Moth Charles Evenden's great granddaughter and granddaughter attended the Banquet Dinner celebrating the 90th Anniversary

On Sunday 7th May 2017, the 90th Anniversary Parade was held at Warrior's Gate. It is estimated that approximately 500 people attended the Parade, with 270 members making up the squad.



Moth National Chairman Moth Cas Acamp and Old Bill of the Order, Moth Andy Boden lay a wreath at the 90th Anniversary Parade at Warrior's Gate



Marching past the dignitaries at the 90th Anniversary Parade held at Warrior's Gate, KZN.

Six Shellholes from Platinum Province were in attendance, with two members from Dickie Fritz Shellhole attending.

The Old Bill of the Order, Moth Andy Boden was invited to attend the 90th Anniversary celebrations in Cape Town over the weekend of 26th - 29th May 2017. On Friday 26th May a Cocktail Evening was held at Dawn Patrol Shellhole where the Old Bill of the Order had the opportunity to meet members from the various Cape Western Shellholes. On Saturday 27th May 2017 a Gala Evening was held at the Kelvin Grove Grill Room where Old Bill Moth Andy Boden was the Guest Speaker. The weekend culminated in the parade at Dawn Patrol Shellhole. The parade was supported by members from the surrounding Shellholes, the Mothwa and the MMA.



OBOTO Moth Andy Boden



On Parade at Dawn Patrol 27th May 2017



The MMA ensured they were present at the Parade



A fantastic evening hosted by the Dickie Fritz Mothwa was held on Friday 26th May 2017. Angela Pizzocaro (Old Bill Moth Leon Apicella's sister) and her dance partner, Sean Prinsloo, were kind enough to do an exhibition of dances including the Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Viennese Waltz, the Cha-cha, Rumba, Mambo and the Argentine Tango. To finish off the amazing dancing, the Cheryl Stoner Dance Studio presented a number of Spanish dances.

As usual, the food provided by the Mothwa was excellent. A great evening all around!!

What a brilliant time everyone had at the Moth Annual Memorial Walk held at Dickie Fritz on Saturday 27th May 2017.



We had 11 associations/shellholes represented with the Floating Trophy going to SAVSA (Signallers' Ass) for having the highest number of walkers in attendance.

Our youngest walker was Euan Dickson (5 years old) and the oldest was Brian Farreris (73 years young). Our quickest walker was Graiden Dickson (11 years old) who completed the 6kms course in 51 minutes.

Hats off to the injured and disabled walkers who completed the entire course. We also had two members do the course in their wheel chairs. Two dogs, Monty and Gucci, received their medals for also completing the course.

Brian Farreris (73)



Bella and Sean Robbertze



Stephie Apicella



Dick Latilla



Monty and Family



OB Leon Apicella

Well done to everyone.

A big thanks to the Mothwa Dickie Fritz for providing delicious bacon and eggs rolls and hamburgers. Ladies, the food was amazing as always.

Thanks to Eddie Louw and his great team for manning the bar and Moth Ron De Roche and his team for setting everything up.

And a huge thanks to The Rockers for providing brilliant music for the day. You guys rock!

A great day was had by all - for those of you who weren't able to attend, you missed a fantastic day.



The young Sweetings Sisters, Sarah and Leila



Steve and Dana Prophet and Debbie and Gary Huxham

The CMVO held its Annual Remembrance Service at the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria on Sunday 28th May 2017.

Dickie Fritz Shellhole was proudly represented by a number of our members. The MOTH Standard Bearer was Mark Scholtz.

Dickie Fritz Shellhole member, Moth Len Beechy, laid the wreath for the RLI.



Martin Thompson, Kelvin Luke, Rob Jefferies, Mark Scholtz and Jorge De Jesus



Len Beechy laid a wreath for the RLI

Over the weekend of 20th and 21st May, 32 Battalion hosted their Annual Dinner and Savate at Dickie Fritz. Due to lack of space for this month, we are unable to cover this event, but we will ensure that this event is covered in the June Bull Sheet.



Sadly we end this Bull Sheet with the news that a past member, Brian Coutts, of Dickie Fritz Shellhole answered the Sunset Call on 24th May 2017. Brian was inducted into the Order as a member of Dickie Fritz Shellhole in September 2004 and remained a member until three months ago when he resigned due to a heavy workload. Brian served in Rhodesia in the BSAP. He is survived by his wife Susan.

We will remember him.

Brian Coutts

Don't forget the upcoming events. Your support at these events is greatly appreciated.

- 03.06.17 - RLI/AFA Prayer Meeting
- 03.06.17 - Jan Smuts Parade
- 18.06.17 - Dickie Fritz Bowls Day
- 22.06.17 - Warrior Oasis Cottages Golf Day
- 09.09.17 - MMA Sunflower Fun Run
- 04.11.17 - MESCA Annual Sidi Rezegh Parade and Fete

Have a great month and don't forget that if you want to advertise any services or items to sell, we will happily include the information in the upcoming Bull Sheet. Contact Adjutant Moth Cheryl Grover for further information.

Leon and Cheryl

