

Edition 37 - BULLSHEET - June 2013

Wie nie kan lees nie moet maar prentjies kyk!

Marshal Smuts Shellhole - since 1946 - 105 Drama Street - Somerset West

SHELLHOLE TO HOST RHODESIAN REGIMENT INTAKE 146 REUNION

The weekend of 6 to 9 June will see the Shellhole hosting the Rhodesian Regiment Intake 146 reunion; all catering will be provided by Shellhole members. The event is organised by Moth Steve Lunderstedt and visitors from all over the world will attend.

THURSDAY 6 JUNE

17h00 Meet and Greet at Marshal Smuts Shellhole. Braaivleis – Mutton Chop, Wors, Green salad, Potato salad, Bread roll. Bar shall be open from 15h00.

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

17h00 bar opens and complimentary glass of sherry upon arrival. 18h00 Intake 146 Reunion Dinner, open plan seating, no main table. One table reserved for former regular officers of the Rhodesian Army. Meal: Ham and Pea soup; Roast Beef, Roast potatoes, Rice and gravy, carrots and peas; Malva pudding with custard; tea and coffee.

REUNION DINNER PROGRAMME

Welcome Master of Ceremonies; Blessing/Grace Chaplain; Intake 146 Overview; Soup; Main Meal; Guest Speaker 1; Guest Speaker 2; Dessert; Tea/Coffee; Toasts; Thanks and Conclusion. The following will be toasted: Intake 146; those who died during National Service; all who have died since and Absent Friends!

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

09h00 facilities open at Marshal Smuts Shellhole.
10h00 Memorial and Thanksgiving Service at Shellhole Cairn; depending on weather, will be outside or inside building.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome, prayer, collect, lesson, prayer, sermon, address, Last Post, laying of wreaths on behalf of: Rhodesian Army, Rhodesian Regiment Intake 146, Tony Cogill, all National Servicemen who died on active service, RAR, RLI, SAS and MOTH. Benediction; the Memorial Service will officially conclude the Reunion Weekend and Potjiekos will be served afterwards.

BULLSHEET in SHORT

Important Dates

Thursday 06 June 1944: D Day landings

Thursday 06 June 2013: St John Somerset West AGM at 18h00

Friday 21 June 2013: 672nd General Meeting at 18h10

Birthdays

11 June 1942: Moth John Fitz Henry

19 June 1951: Moth Don Pengelly

30 June 1936: Moth Tony Goodyear



D DAY 69 YEARS LATER

Dedicated to the memory of all D Day veterans, wherever they may be!

“Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force! You are about to embark upon a great crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our

brave Allies and brothers in arms on other fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world. Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle hardened, he will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man to man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our home fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to victory!

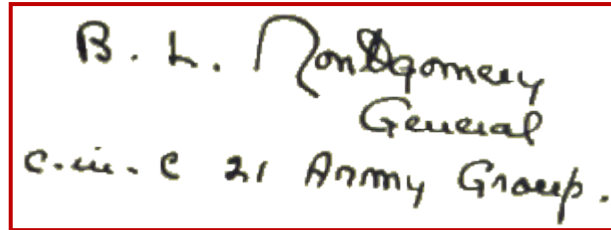
I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.” -- **General Dwight D. Eisenhower**

21 ARMY GROUP - PERSONAL MESSAGE - FROM THE C-in-C - To be read to all Troops

“The time has come to deal the enemy a terrific blow in Western Europe. The blow will be struck by the combined sea, land and air forces of the Allies together constituting one great Allied team, under the supreme command of General Eisenhower. On the eve of this great adventure I send my best wishes to every soldier in the Allied team.

To us is given the honour of striking a blow for freedom which will live in history; and in the better days that lie ahead men will speak with pride of our doings. We have a great and a righteous cause. Let us pray that “The Lord Mighty in Battle” will go forth with our armies, and that His special providence will aid us in the struggle. I want every soldier to know that I have complete confidence in the successful outcome of the operations that we are now about to begin. With stout hearts, and with enthusiasm for the contest, let us go forward to victory. And, as we enter the battle, let us recall the words of a famous soldier spoken many years ago: “*He either fears his fate too much, or his deserts are small, who dare not put it to*

the touch, to win or lose it all." Good luck to each one of you. And good hunting on the main land of Europe."



MOTH DEREK McLEAN REMEMBERS

"My 27th sortie with 115 Squadron on the Lancaster MKII bombers as the Rear Gunner was on 6 June 1944. Operation Ouistreham – ETD 03:35

We were told there were 11 places on the coast that had to be bombed. After dropping through the clouds and completing the bombings, we made our way back to the English coast: It was only then that one of our crew members shouted *"the sea is full of ships!"* We looked out of the aircraft and saw thousands of landing craft sailing in the murky dawn. We all got excited until Tom Tweedie (the Engineer) said over the radio *"cool it boys, let's say a prayer for these boys."* The D Day landings were under way and we had zero losses on the day!" Derek McLean went on to fly another 3 missions to complete 30 sorties. Out of the 102 000 RAF bomber command air crew that flew during the war, more than 57 000 were killed. On the 30 sorties Moth Derek flew, 791 aircraft were shot down!

GHQ NEWS

GHQ 2013/11 SUNSET CALL: MOTH PHILIP WESSELS BIERMANN

Moth GHQ and the National Executive regret to announce the passing to Higher Service of Moth Philip Wessels Biermann on 14th May 2013. Moth Biermann became a Moth when he joined Dan Pienaar Shellhole, Johannesburg in 1946. Moth Biermann later moved to the Western Cape and transferred to Snoekie Shellhole.

He served as the Vigilance Officer for the Cape Western Provincial Dugout and was elected to the post of Deputy Provincial Old Bill in 1996 and Provincial Old Bill of Cape Western in 1997, this post he held for a number of years. In civilian life he was a School Headmaster and an Inspector of Schools. He served in the SA Navy during WWII and in the post war years he was a Lt. Cdr. (CF) of SAS Unitie, and Commanding Officer Naval Cadet Detachment. He was awarded the Certificate of Comradeship in 1994, Certificate for Excellent Service in 1996 and the Certificate of Merit in 1998.

He was a Moth who was extremely diligent and meticulous in all the various tasks he carried out. No task was too big or too small for Moth Biermann to assist with. He will be missed by all who knew him. Yours in True Comradeship **MOTH ROBERT PEGRAM - GENERAL SECRETARY**

GHQ 2013/13 SUNSET CALL: MOTH TOM BROOK PAST OLD BILL OF THE ORDER 2008/2009

Moth GHQ and the National Executive regret to announce the passing to Higher Service of Moth Tom Brook on 19th May 2013. Moth Brook became a Moth when he joined Dardanelles Shellhole. He later transferred to the now defunct Malta Shellhole, whilst at Malta Shellhole he served as Adjutant for 7 years, when Malta Shellhole closed he transferred to Delville Wood/Protea Shellhole and served as the Adjutant for a number of years.

Moth Brook was a foundation member of the Johannesburg Memorial Centre. He served as Chairman of the Malta Shellhole building committee for the subsequent building of the West Rand MESCA Cottages. Moth Brook served as Secretary of Sound Memory Cottages, Transvaal and of MESCA West Rand Cottages. He was also a member of the MESCA Executive. He was awarded the Certificate of Comradeship in 1977 and the Certificate of Merit in 1990. Moth Brook was appointed Old Bill of the Order for 2008/2009. He was a Moth who was extremely diligent and meticulous in all the various tasks he carried out. He will be missed by all who knew him. Yours in True Comradeship **MOTH ROBERT PEGRAM - GENERAL SECRETARY**

SHELLHOLE NEWS

Globe trotters: Paybill Bob Fisher will be visiting family in the United Kingdom during June and July, while Moth Don Pengelly will be spending his annual holiday in Perth. Upon his return to South Africa, Moth Pengelly will also embark on a fishing expedition to the Zambezi Valley. Moth Fergus O'Brien will return to South Africa on the 1st of June after having worked in Madagascar. Before being inducted at the 671st General meeting; a work related visit took Moth Peter Erasmus to Lagos.



Grouser Pierre Olivier will be visiting his daughter in Mexico and son in Ireland during September and October. Sergeant Major John Fitz Henry, pictured to the left, and the good wife will be visiting their son in Australia during August and September.

In typical Irish fashion, the Sergeant Major is trying to save money for the trip; he does not contribute to the Bob's In collection anymore, but have instead volunteered to do the dishes!