EDITORIAL

Writing an editorial in 'this day and age' can be fraught with many problems, most of which fall within areas of controversy which Associations such as ours seek to avoid. It was however encouraging to read the editorial of The Herald of 21st December 1985 which in commenting on the sacking of certain senior Police Officers including the Commissioner of the Zimbabwe Republic Police, made it abundantly clear that the Government intended to root out any and all malpractices, corruption etc occurring within the framework of Government and the Public Service. Throughout the world, perhaps with the exception of certain 'Eastern Bloc' countries, the media focuses much attention on the activities of the police. Policemen are the guardians of law and order, preservers of the peace and accordingly their private as well as their official lives are under the close scrutiny of the community they serve. Confidence can be quickly destroyed where there are undesirable let alone illegal acts on the part of policemen. We live in changing times, community tolerances, desires and concepts are constantly changing, perhaps slowly, but nevertheless changing. The role of the Police has to and does adapt to changes, but whatever these changes are or might be, the constant and unchanging factor must be confidence in an impartial and a non-political police force. We hope this will ever be true of our successor, the Zimbabwe Republic Police.

Much has been written in the various magazines and newsletters about a world wide magazine. Central Branch offered to produce a two page, four sided printed broadsheet which would be circulated to
branches for onward distribution with or without local additions. Elsewhere we report Border's comments. We also note the non receipt of a Natal Outpost for a period of time, temporary, we hope, but doubtless occasioned by the inability of the heretofore keen volunteer being able to continue due to changed circumstances. Unfortunately such problems can face us all. The U.K. Branch Committee has closely examined this problem. We can only repeat the last sentence of our Editorial in Issue No. 3 - "Branch Secretaries without exception are the over-worked members, and it behoves branches to examine ways and means of involving other members in the work, re-distribute certain duties and thus lighten the load imposed upon the Secretary." This Branch Committee, whilst acknowledging the usefulness of a worldwide newsletter or magazine, feels the need to produce a local circular/magazine remains. It suggests that a greater need exists for a central register of members of the Association and indeed former members of the Force, giving their last known branch (where applicable) or address, regimental number and even recording deaths of members so that interested parties could contact "the Registrar" and be advised of the information on file. Enquiries of what has happened to "so and so" or where does "so and so" live are frequently received by Branch Secretaries. We frequently request such information in this magazine. The U.K. Branch is prepared to offer to set up this facility with the help of Branch Secretaries. Our "budding" authors of the history of the Force might be able to assist with names and numbers of those who served, which will provide "a skeleton to which the meat of information can be attached". We would expect enquirers to send a stamped addressed envelope for replies and those overseas to send international posting vouchers. Your comments are eagerly awaited.

Have you paid your subscription for 1986 ?
Why not complete a banker's order form if you have not done so ?
Don't forget the A.G.M. on 16th. May 1986.
NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

New Zealand

We welcome the receipt of a very beautiful initial edition of The Kiwi Outpost. We congratulate Terry Cottam and his team who compiled it. A nominal roll is included which we give below. The branch committee is - Bill Schollum 3693 Chairman, Dick Hopper 5339 Secretary, Peter Burridge 7750, Terry Cottam 4346, Mike Lendrum 4788, Greg McManus (Associate NRP390) and David Turner 7497. It is of interest to note that former members of the N.R.P. have been granted associate membership. Apart from the committee above, the roll comprises - Trevor Whyte 3340, Ann Schollum WAP31, W E Graham WP147, Lofty Stokes 4355, Ron Pilborough 4757, Clive Harris 7853, Ian Campion 8690, Sandy Baigrie 8885, Colin Pascoe 9522, Eric Foulkes 5216, Dave Le Seur 5333, Peter Symes 6154, Bill Money 5546/7307, Johnnie Johnston 7354, Guy Percival PR21883, Adrian Hillary PR31839, Peter Bomford PR37141, Roel Nes PR380176J, John Crisp PR8543, Brian Thomas NRP277, Fred Lane NRP366, Aileen Moulds NRP753, Archie Moulds NRP798 and John Howlett NRP853. This edition contains an invitation to "Come to our Tax Haven". 1984/85 rates were 1st $6,000 20%, next $18,000 31.25%, the next $6,000 45.1%, the next $8,000 56.1% and the balance 66%. We haven't checked these rates against the U.K. rate and of course we do not know the extent of their personal tax allowances. The Branch held their 1985 annual dinner on 27th April attended by 42 members, wives and friends. A photo of those attending appears in the magazine. Of particular interest are the extracts from the Outposts of March 1939 and December 1940 concerning the B.S.A.P. Magazine, the predecessor of The Police Review and The Outpost. Space permitting we will reproduce them in this issue.

BORDER

The Christmas edition of The Border Despatch is to hand. The editorial gives the opinion of the Branch Committee to a world wide newsletter produced by Central
Branch and distributed by local branches. Whilst acknowledging the virtues of a centrally produced newsletter, the Committee hopes that branches will continue to produce their own magazines.

The annual dinner was held on 18th. October 1985 attended by 60 members, wives and guests. Rick Nowell performed the function of Master of Ceremonies and introduced Alan Dickinson who proposed a toast to "the wives both present and elsewhere", deeply drunk by all husbands present! Amongst those attending were Ginger Branfield (Chairman), Tony Eldridge, Mike Howarth, Vic Schroeder, Mike Lindley, Piers Winter, Gerald 'Bing' Crosbie, Meyrick Gethen, Peter Begg, John Shaw, Ron Fantham, Rod Shelley, Trevor Till, Rob Bristow, Alex Lister, Rick & Doreen Nowell, Dave Smith, Mike Ayrton-White, Jim Brady, Dave Naisbitt, Ed Batty, Rob Anderson, Jeremy Fisher, Joe Surkont, Paul Shewell, Hamish Harvey, Alan Dickinson, James Leask, Dudley McLachlan, Mark & Cathy Schroeder.

A report on the annual general meeting of the branch also appears and we reproduce an extract concerning "OTHER BUSINESS" discussed, without comment of course!!

"The question of membership fees, annual subscriptions and problems associated with administration of the present membership structure was discussed at length and a proposal was put forward that membership fees and annual subscriptions be combined into an annual subscription for all members of R10. This proposal was adopted with the proviso that any member who had paid life membership fees in the previous twelve months be exempt from having to pay the annual subscription until 1986.

A further proposal was put forward that there be a limit on the number of years that any member could serve on the committee. Several members of the Committee felt that the time had come for the younger members to take over as office bearers and this proposal would have the effect of paving the way for this to happen. This proposal was defeated and a counter proposal that younger members be co-opted to assist the committee and thus gain experience was adopted."

CENTRAL BRANCH
Hugh Phillips opens the December 1985 issue with a toast to 'Absent Friends'. Thank you Hugh for your thoughts and sentiments. In his 'Mailbag' is a letter from Rod Finnigan, now on the management of the Jameson Hotel, Harari. We quote - "Whilst in England recently I met Malcolm Bard 5308 at Leigh on Sea, stayed with John & Betty Neale at Godalming and only after returning realised that Peter Dancer lives virtually next door to my brother in Cowplain, Portsmouth. Roger Cook visited me here earlier in the year - he is still in Fareham, whilst old squad mate Mike Wills 5920 is now in Nairobi where he should meet up with Duncan Mitchell in IATA. I've written to David Turner 7497 in New Zealand and have also been in contact with Taffy James and Peter Nichols in Australia.

A successful sundowner was held in Harari in October with over 100 present. Some of those present were S Reid, George Gibbons, P Lyddiatt, M G Harvey, Wally Barber, Peter Denslow, D G Ridge, Frank Maguire, A Marillier, M Robinson, Barrie Ashwin, Derek Humberstone, Kevin Machon, Jack Everitt, Maurice Cooper-Jones, Martin Fitzgerald, John Vickery, Mike Rowley, Sue Kennaird, Jack Hammond, Fran Fourie, R Potter, Spike Hughes, G A Robertson, Fred Pringle, I A Clark, Tony Machan, Reg Coulton, J G Duff Smith, Ron Eames, D Read, Joe Sudlow, Phil Kensett, Brian Darling, R J Tucker, J D White, P Birkett, Alan Stock, B R Glanville, Dave Bester, P W R Woods, Colin 'Ginger' Armstrong, Dick Humphreys, P C Fraser, J L Milner, R R Mulliño, P Tomlinson, C Haley, A D MacIsaac, D S Mackintosh, Pat Jaffray, T R Hill, J C Mitchell, P Palmer, Nick Harrison, Les Purse, J B Robertson, M Crafter, D Bothwell, B Q Godley and P J Kok.

Hugh also records that the Bulawayo Branch created a precedent by having a lady as the guest of honour - Mrs. M E 'Paddy' Vickery at their annual dinner. Paddy's speech, tempered history with nostalgia, must have rekindled memories for the older generation present. We take the liberty of quoting a couple of extracts - "When Sergeant Vickery resolved to marry Paddy, the latter's father was appalled; he desired a rich tobacco farmer, not a poor policeman. He demanded an interview with Colonel Ross - was ushered instead into Monty Surgey's office where he huffed and puffed about the unsuitability of Sergeant Vickery..."
as a husband for the daughter of Colonel King-Clifford, to which Monty Surgey replied blandly - "It's not so much a case, sir, of whether Vickery is good enough for your daughter, but whether your daughter is a suitable person to marry a member of the B.S.A.P."

"The first stirring (of a Regimental Association) came in a letter published in the sixpenny Police Review in April 1913 as follows:

Commissioner's Office, Salisbury.
20th. March 1913.

Sir, Colonel Edwards cannot help thinking that it would be a good thing to start a 'B.S.A. Police Old Comrades Association' to which all present and past membership of the Force could belong. The advantages of such an Association are many: the past and present unite; esprit de corps is fostered; while all have an opportunity at annual gatherings of meeting one another. Above all, the subscriptions, which even if limited to 6d a month per member, would form the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund, which is much needed, by means of which help could be given in deserving cases.

I shall be glad to receive the names of all those in sympathy with Col. Edwards' suggestion, and if, when communicating with me, their addresses, date of entering and leaving the Force, rank on discharge, could be given, the data would be of great assistance to me in preparing the members' roll.

Yours faithfully,
W. Parson, Sub-Inspector.
Acting Staff Officer.

In this way the Association was born. The inaugural meeting was held here in Bulawayo in the old Magistrates' Court on May 28th. 1913 at 5.30 and it's on record that the Courthouse was full, so it was off to a good start. Colonel Edwards the Commandant General was on a visit to Bulawayo, so he took the Chair and was elected President. Major Nesbitt, V.C. stationed at the time at Goromonzi was Vice President. The sub was fixed at half a guinea a year."

Now please don't complain about a sub of £3 a year in 1986 !!! Sorry chaps - I couldn't resist that one.
The Annual General Meeting of the United Kingdom Branch of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association will be held on Friday, 16th, May 1986 commencing at 6 p.m. sharp at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London to transact the business set out in the agenda below:

1. Read and confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd. May 1985.
3. Chairman's report.
5. Election of:
   - Chairman
   - Secretary
   - Treasurer
   - Members of the Executive Committee (to comprise not less than three and not more than eight members).
6. Any other business.

Brian Tindale, Secretary.

Please note:

Accommodation - a limited amount is available at the Club, those wishing accommodation please make application DIRECT to the Club as early as possible.

After the meeting the usual snacks will be available and of course the bar will be open. Please make every effort to attend.

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The Italian Government, so we hear, is to form a "crack unit" to deal with terrorists. Its motto adapted from the SAS so we are told is "Who cares who wins".

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RECENT EVENTS

Sixty three members and guests attended a most successful evening at the Victory Services Club, London on Friday, 29th. November 1985. As one member put it— it was a delightfully organised party with sufficient suggestion of casual approach to organisation to enrich its atmosphere. Those attending included the following members - Ricky May, Brain Lay, John Restorick, Stan Bolas, I Harper, John Baker, S Heath Edwards, Brian Litton, C Parker, Brian Tindale, Derek Jones, Tony Butler, Jim Paine, G Glibbery, Tim Weimer, Keith Scales, R Symmons, Mr. ? Bertill, R Percival, Tony Lowther Pinkerton, Peter Dancer, Jim Norris, Mike Leach, Kevin Leach, T Crawford, R Crawford, Martin Wells and Dave Riley.

The monthly gatherings at Ye Olde Cock Tavern in Fleet Street continue, attendances fluctuate, the wintery months have not been conducive to good attendances, but since we last reported we have seen the following at one or more of the gatherings :- Ted Galloway, Mike Leach, Kevin Leach, Brian Tindale, Fred Punter, Barrie Mackie, Mike Maude, Barry Lennox, George Easton, Stan Bolas, John Restorick, Abbe Bolas, John Miller, Jim Norris, Tony Butler, Roy Tulley, Terry Walmsley, Tim Weimer, Mick Deamer, Pat Campbell, Mike Wiltshire.

Since last reporting contact has been had with Peter (Chunky) Watson and Don Russell. Don and Nalda spent Xmas in the Lake District but were unable to make other than telephonic contact with the Chairman. Before returning to Portugal they planned to visit their daughter in South Africa. We also heard that Nelson Graham had passed through Heathrow en route to the Emerald Isle to visit family. Unfortunately he was unable to drop off in London long enough to make contact. Our informant told he was in good health and fettle.

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Annual Reunion Dinner - Please note this will be held at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London on Friday, 26th. September 1986.
MAILBAG

A letter from Alan Stephens (Steve of Depot & APTS), now of P O Box 266, Sedgefield 6573 CP, R.S.A. seeks the whereabouts of Bill Neale (ex Salisbury Urban) who on retirement worked for the National Archives. Steve is endavouring to obtain a nominal roll of all members to go through Depot from the end of World War II to 31st July 1980 when our force ceased to exist. Can anyone help with news of Bill Neale's whereabouts please. Similarly if you have any information which might otherwise help Steve re squad membership etc please contact him direct. Steve reports working for the local waterworks, living on a sand dune with a slope of 1 in 1 and thereby kept busy building retaining walls, gardening etc. He mentions Bob Mitchell (ex Stats), Mike Murray (ex District & finally O.C. Salisbury Central) Jamie White-law, Dave Tibbits and Dick Marrett all at George, Jack Frost (A J J and one time Staff Officer to Brig. J E Ross) at Knysna and Dave Waddon at Plettenburg Bay.

Peter Dancer 5612 asks for the whereabouts of Peter Finch, believed to be in R.S.A AND Kathleen Prior, also believed to be in R S A. Can anyone help please?

If so please contact the Secretary.

The third newsletter from the Rhodesian Veterans' Association (2022 Taraval Street, Suite 6400, San Francisco CA 94116) reports its third annual reunion at which Ian and Janet Smith were their guests of honour. Some 150 ex Rhodesians attended this function at the High Sierra Hotel where the former Rhodesian Prime Minister and his wife received a rapturous reception. Jack Grundy writes in complimentary tones on our last editorial. Thank you, John. He also noted the variation between published exchange rates of the Zimbabwe dollar and the rate applied to pensions cheques, the latter invariably being disadvantageous to the pensioner.

Maurice Few PR3148 joins the debate on an international Outpost - whilst appreciating Central Branch's offer, he feels the publication should emanate from a country that seems likely to remain stable. Accordingly he suggests the base should be the U.K. as the Mother Country of the erst while British Empire.

Mike Wills 5920/7034 writes from Nairobi where he is now working and living. He enquires if any ex BSAP
members are resident in Kenya — we have no others on the U.K. roll. If anyone has any knowledge of such members please contact the Secretary. Mike also enquires re the whereabouts of Roger & Helen Lebish whose last known address was 3 Morrell Street, Pallara, Townsville, Queensland 4810. He is also seeking military and service medals from the BSAP era, sets rather than individual ones depicting the recipient's history in the BSAP/Armed Forces and possibly with a photograph of the recipient. He guarantees proper care of same and will pay true and proper value. Anyone interested please contact Mike at P O Box 30087 Nairobi; likewise any intending visitors to Nairobi who are assured of a warm welcome.

Den Johnston 3967 informs us he has now retired from teaching but leads an active life walking and climbing and being attached to the Dartmoor Rescue Team. A long time ago when serving in the Force (1946-50 era) Den captained the Rhodesian soccer team. If our memories serve us right Keith Rawson played goal for Rhodesia very shortly after that time.

Bert Selly 4586 way up north at Broughty Ferry relates a little local drama which occurred recently — a case of cops and robbers disturbing the peace and tranquility of the beautiful Scottish countryside when two hostages were taken by a gunman and his moll and after a 30 miles chase from Montrose to Broughty Ferry, the gunman was cornered and the hostages' place taken by the Chief Constable with the drama being finally played out at Ayr, much further south in Bonnie Scotland. He also mentions his former squad mate Terry Spong. Bert served in the Kenya Police after leaving the BSAP. He seeks the whereabouts of Brian Lovell with who he served at Gatooma in 1951. Can anyone help please?

Like Den Johnston he has taken up walking and explores the Angus Glens and Grampians which are almost on his doorstep.

Dick Eales 2944 in forwarding his subscription for 1986 notes our comment in the previous issue that only 50% had paid their subscriptions — not good enough says Dick. We must heartily endorse his sentiments. He was pleased to receive a Regimental Xmas card from his old pal George Dawkins, he compliments those responsible for the lay out and design of the card.
Charles Furze mentions coming across a Derick Saunders living on "NOBs' HILL2 on the other side of the valley from Altea (Alicante). Derick was sporting "stockings, blue tops and shorts khaki", but was not very forthcoming about his service in the P/R Airwing Salisbury. Does that ring any bells anywhere?

Iain Harper who though not a former member of the Force to our knowledge, tells that there is a regular Monday night gathering of ex Rhodesians at Peter Savoury's pub Eaton Bray near Milton Keynes. Peter Savoury is an ex member of the Force. Members living in the area might like to support this gathering.

Terry Bushnell 6446 held a UDI party at the Claredon Hotel and Wight Mouse Inn, Chale, Isle of wight which attracted 28 guests including Tony Parker, ex Secretary for Defence and Mervyn Hamilton, ex RBC - a good time was had by all - all that was missing says Terry was the Lion lager!

John Neale 4996 reports that Terry Looker is now general manager of the Totonto Humane Trust (the equivalent of the RSPCA) and resides at 29 Roywood Drive Don Mills Ontario M3A 2L7.

Ted Galloway 4046 has found a 'super getaway from it all' salmon fishing holiday in Eire - a one bedroomed bungalow on electricity with gas stove, T V, can sleep four- portable double bed in sitting room - situated in 'the sticks' 2 miles from Lismore, Co Waterford. Two miles of free salmon fishing on River Blackwater is available. All facilities are provided except food. Special rate for BSAP £50 per week - please contact Ted.

R A H Johnston 8488 & PR20337E reports having arrived ex RSA, welcome to the UK - he tells he saw Jack London (ex Sby Traffic & PATU Gwelo) who is now in the Bophutatswana Police with Rusty Hustler.

Reg Blackmore 3705 also reports his arrival from RSA where for 15 years he worked for the S.A. Navy at Simons- town leaving behind amongst others Vic Moisey, Colin MacKenzie and George Emes. Reg was a farrier and he mentions Paddy Kay in Bulawayo, Coot Atkinson, 'Big Bill' Coetzee, Eddie Matchett, Cecil Page whom he reports being hospitalised in Guernsey C l and Pete Brighton who was killed by a mad mule in Gwelo some 35 years ago. Finally a letter from Arthur 'Ngiti' Pipe 3024 who has managed to make contact with the branch. Again welcome, Arthur also served in the NRP for a spell.
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS (Please add to your address list.)

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PLEASE advise the Secretary of any change in your
address as soon as possible. If you are aware of
member who works or lives near you whose name does not
appear on the list, please advise the Secretary.

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The First B S A Police Magazine

We reproduce from The Outpost of March 1939 the following

Dear Sir,

An old comrade of mine in the B S A Police occasionally sends me a copy of The Outpost and it brings back to my memory Tpr Walter Wills who started the first B S A P "Magazine" - though that is perhaps too fine sounding a name for it. Wills, who was getting on in years when he joined the Corps in 1907, was an old Dulwich-College Boy, whose brother was the then Chairman of the Victoria Falls Power Co. During the Rebellion Wills had served with the Belingwe Field Force and later in the South African War. For some reason the R S M (Jimmy) took a violent dislike to him and whenever poor old Walter made a bloomer Jimmy would roar: "Look at the man with three medals up!"

When Wills passed off recruits course he went straight into the Ordnance Stores and it was whilst there he produced his, and I think the first B S A Police paper. It consisted of two or three sheets of typewritten paper which Wills used laboriously to type out at night in the office by candle light. I forget the price we paid for it. I think threepence or sixpence. I often wonder if there are any copies still in existence, if so, they should be carefully preserved.

It would be of great interest to old hands if one of Wills' efforts could be reproduced in The Outpost. As a pioneer of the first Police Magazine I think Wills deserves a place in the history of the Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

J, H, Turner,
late Tpr. No. 896, BSAP.

A footnote from the then Editor of The Outpost records inability to find further information regarding "this first B S A Police paper" and invites correspondence from those who might have knowledge or recollections of the matter.

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Annual General Meeting - don't forget to attend please. The date is Friday, 16th. May 1986, the place is the Victory Services Club, London.
Suspected new arrivals We believe the following have recently appeared or their whereabouts have been discovered in the U.K. and we are endeavouring to make contact with them: - Lawrie Lowther, Dick Mallinson & J R Dennison. We hope to report further in due course.

Service duly honoured Many members, particularly those who served in Manicaland during the 1950's and early 1960's will remember R/Supt Jim Norris. On his return to the U.K. Jim joined the Metropolitan Special Constabulary and served therein for some 21 years. Jim thus has served two police forces in a part time voluntary capacity for a very long period of time. In November last year the honour of Freeman of the City of London was conferred on Jim to mark his devoted duties to police work. We are sure all members will join us in congratulating Jim on this honour.

Departure We believe that Doug Wright has left the U.K. and is holidaying in R.S.A. before emigrating to Australia. We do not know his future address.

Australia please note. Help for New Arrivals Carl Van Woerdon (Tel - work 0602 861275) offers to help as far as he is able new arrivals. Those interested please contact him direct.

U.S.A. During a recent visit to the U.S.A. Tim Weimer saw Willie Cornell who lives in Huntingdon Beach, California. Willie is keeping well, hasn't changed over the years and wishes to be remembered to all his old colleagues. Tim also saw Major Tom Milledebrandt of the Arizona Highway Patrol. Many members associated with the Traffic Branch in the 1965-72 era will recall Tom lecturing at the Rhodesia Road Federation Winter Traffic Schools. He extends his good wishes to all concerned particularly to Tom Egleton, Buch Buchanan, Martin Fitzgerald and Ron Pilborough. Tom is still serving, is very fit and changed little over the years. Tom and Tim enjoyed an "alaskan red eye" together for old time's sake. His 'trophies' from his visits to Rhodesia are proudly displayed in his study.

A.G.M. A further reminder that the A.G.M. is on Friday 16th. May 1986 at the Victory Services Club, London.
Please contact the Secretary if you are interested in purchasing a Regimental Association tie, genuine silk £10 each, BSAP ties (ex Regulars) £6.50 each inclusive of postage & packing. Gibbs History of the Force, 1889 to 1938 (in two volumes) available also from the Secretary at £10 per set.

BLAZER BADGES - gold wire on either black or navy background, £16.95 each incl VAT, 6-8 weeks delivery, please apply direct to J P Griffiths Richards (3786), 'Umtali', 2 Carfax Avenue, Oadby, Leics, LE2 5FB tel (0533) 712251

Volunteers wanted - Are you prepared to serve on your branch committee - if so please attend the A.G.M. on 16th. May. To re-elect the retiring committee en bloc is almost a ritual - shall we be different this year? If not prepared to serve yourself, can you encourage a colleague to do so? Think about it please.

STOP PRESS As we go to press we acknowledge receipt of Central Branch Newsletter No. 11 of March 1986, Hugh Phillips in his own style gives quite a range of news. At this time we note with regret the passing of Peter Kent, Joe Sudlow and Photis Demetriou and offer our condolences to their families. Hugh again mentions the 'forty sixers' and the consideration that their 40th. year be marked by a function in Harari. Will any 'Forty sixers' resident in the U.K. please contact the Chairman (Tim Weimer) if they are interested in a function to mark the occasion.

Correction Page 12 this issue, line 14 for 'Ngiti' please read 'Ngiti Nhinyane'. Sorry Arthur but we must be correct.

Membership Roll Since writing the editorial comment on this subject, work has proceeded to the point where this Branch is able to computerise this information and we now ask all branch secretaries to send to our Secretary nominal rolls giving regimental nos. and any other relevant details including addresses which might be available. Any reader having any nominal rolls of members of the Force are also invited to send details.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE A.G.M. We need to do better than last year's poor attendance, please.
OBITUARIES

We regret to report the accidental death of Trevor Wilde who was involved in a road accident whilst jogging near his home in Sharbrook. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Sally.

We also regret to record the deaths of the following members:

Douglas Charles Knight    Peter Weatherdon
Trevor Wright              Jimmy Rail

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