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BOB SMITH

Bob Smith, ex Brit Paras, served in 11 Troop, 3 Commando, as the troop corporal from 1975 - 1977. A fine soldier, though highly unconventional, he was nicknamed "Shoulders" because of his awkward gait, caused by an upper torso out of proportion with insufficient leg-power. He always wore a filthy green balaclava, festooned with guinea fowl feathers, porcupine quills and the tails of small mammals, and used this piece of headgear to clean out his curry-infested mess tins. He was transferred out of the commandos after an altercation with an officer. He died of cancer c. 1986 while working on the Arcturus Mine, outside of Harare.