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Sgt. MAJOR CHRIS PRETORIUS

Dear Member / Friend

Chris Pretorius was born on the 25th December 1942 and passed away on the 10th April 2010



Obituary

EXTRACT OF SERVICE
721685 WL2 PRISTORIUS C.G.

Attested number One Training Unit on	22 Nov 1960
Posted into 1st Battalion Rhodesia Light Infantry on	22 Nov 1961
Posted to Bulswaye Area on	1 Mar 1963
Appointed Lance Corporal on	1 May 1963
Posted to HQ 1 Brigade on	31 Dec 1963
Promoted Corporal on	1 Jan 1964
Temporary attached HQ Southern Rhodesia Military Police on	22 Apr 1964
Promoted Sergeant on	1 Mar 1965
Posted to Army Detention Barracks on	26 Mar 1965
Promoted Staff Sergeant on	1 Mar 1970
Promoted Warrant Officer Class 2 on	1 Mar 1973
Seconded to Guard Force on	1 Mar 1977
Posted HQ Protection Coy on	1 Aug 1977
Posted to Selous Scouts on	1 Sep 1977
Change of Parent Regiment to 1 RLI on	27 Jun 1978
and is still serving	22 Nov 1978

Obituary Citation

TELEPHONE:
EXTENSION:



SELOUS SCOUTS
ANDRE RABIE BARRACKS
PRIVATE BAG 331 B
SALISBURY

Recommended for: Military Forces Commendation
(Non Operational)

Warrant Officer Class 1 Christopher Gert PRETORIUS (721685)

Previous Decorations: Exemplary Service Medal.

Warrant Officer in Charge Detention Barracks, Selous Scouts.

Service: Attested 22 November, 1960, and still serving.
18 years 2 months 25 days.

CITATION

Warrant Officer Class 1 Pretorius joined the Rhodesian Light Infantry on 22 November, 1960. In March 1963 he transferred to the Corps of Military Police. He spent a total of fifteen years service with the Military Police before volunteering his services to the Selous Scouts.

Because of the security aspect of the Selous Scouts, it was found necessary to institute a detention barracks within the Selous Scout complex.


Warrant Officer Class 1 Pretorius was commissioned to carry out this task and, in a very short time, had a most efficient Detention Barracks operative. His handling of soldiers under sentence has been above reproach. He has the ability to get through to men and there are many potential regimental "bad hats" who have become good soldiers as a result.

Warrant Officer Class 1 Pretorius has created an efficient Regimental Police Section which has added greatly to the security of the Unit, and in the reduction of military offences.

Throughout his career in the Army, spanning some eighteen years, Warrant Officer Class 1 Pretorius has given of his best. He has proved to be a loyal dedicated soldier and has always placed the Army's interest above his own.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL CITATION.

Note: This citation was not actioned by the Honours and Awards Committee. In my opinion, Warrant Officer Class 1 Pretorius thoroughly deserved this award.


(R.F. REID-DALY) CLM, DMM, MBE
Commanding Officer Selous Scouts: Lieutenant Colonel

21 JUNE 1982.