

WILLIAM HAY, who latterly resided in the UK, died there on April 21 at the age of 95. He was the oldest member of the SAVA when he resigned his life membership in 1984. He obtained his MRCVS in 1915. While serving in the BEF in France during the First World War, he watched from adjoining high ground, the South African Infantry being decimated at Delville Wood.

He subsequently saw service as follows :

1919 - 1920 RAVC India.

1920 - 1923 GVO South West Africa.

1923 - 1925 VO FMI Abattoir Durban Docks.

1925 - 1927 Meat Inspection, Kimberley.

1927 - 1945 GVO Bechuanaland Protectorate.

1945 - 1949 DVS Bechuanaland Protectorate.

1949 - 1956 VO Northern Rhodesia.

1963 - 1964 Undertook a feasibility study on the establishment of an export abattoir in Ethiopia *. He joined the SAVA in May 1921 (the SAVA was founded on April 1, 1920).

* He considered the project not to be viable because of a 40 percent incidence of measles in the Ethiopian cattle.