MAAG, ALFONS (2/7/1866 - 26/1/1933)

Born in Edinburgh, Germany on 2/7/1866 he graduated from the University in Stuttgart in 1908. In 1914 he came to South Africa as a Government Veterinary Officer under the German Government, but was dismissed from his post when the country was captured by the South African Forces in 1915. From 1915 to 1919 he was unemployed as a veterinarian, but greatly assisted with the flu epidemic. For his work in this epidemic he was awarded the Red Cross Medal. In 1922 he, Schmid and Sigwart were appointed by the South West Africa administration and it is interesting to note that these three veterinarians were the only former German officials to be so re-employed. After his appointment he was stationed at Gobabis until his health failed. He died from cancer in his home town in Germany on 26/1/1933.

MACDONALD, RODERICK (26/12/1874 - )

Born in Scotland on 26/12/1874 he qualified as a veterinarian at the University of Ontario Vet. College, Canada in 1891. In 1900 he came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department to take part in the Boer War. After the war he joined the volunteer corps in 1903 and after serving as a trooper in its ranks was promoted to Vety Lieutenant on 15/11/1907 and transferred to the East Rand Mounted Rifles (left wing of the Imperial Light Horse). In 1911 he was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Imperial Light Horse. He recorded that during the period 1/3/1901 to 31/5/1902 the Imperial Light Horse Regiment was "Rehorsed" 3½ times.

MACFARLANE, IAN SCOTT (10/3/1921 - 12/4/1978)

Born at Brakpan on 10/3/1921 he qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty Onderstepoort in 1949. After qualifying he worked for a while as an animal feed advisor to a private organisation and then from 1951 to 1955 was a dairy manager for a large estate in the Transvaal. From 1956 to 1960 he was full time consultant and veterinary advisor to the Imperial Cold Storage Organisation. In 1961 he returned to Onderstepoort and lectured at the Veterinary Faculty until 1975 when he resigned in favour of breeding American Aberdeen Angus cattle. He committed suicide at Irene on 12/4/1978.

MACINTYRE, JAMES FRANK ( - 28/9/1934)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 20/12/1901 and practiced in Grenock and Glasgow prior to World War I. During World War I he served for 3 years in the RAVC with the rank of Captain. In 1921 he arrived in South Africa and was stationed as a G.V.O. at Umtata. However, subsequently resigned from the service due to ill health and thereafter settled in Durban where he practiced until his death on 1934. In Durban he took over the practice of T L Oldfield at
320 West Street which was vacated on the latter's death in ± 1921.

MACKINTOSH, WILLIAM LACHLAN SMITH ( - 25/12/1969)

All that is known about him is that he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 17/7/1922 and that he was registered in South Africa and living at White River where he died on 25/12/1969.

MACNAB, EDWARD ( - 28/9/1984)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) in 1934 and was employed on Meat Inspection duties in his home town in Scotland, until he joined the Colonial Development Corporation and was employed on the Gambia egg scheme and the Bechuanaland Ranches. He served in the Bechuanaland Protectorate Veterinary Department from 1955 to 1960 (Lobatsi) and 1960 to 1964 (Gaborone) when he moved to South Africa and worked for some years as Veterinary Meat Inspector at the old Johannesburg (Newtown) Abattoir. He died in Cape Town on 28/9/1984.

MAGILL, JOSEPH MAY

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 15/7/1882 and during the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. The Vet Record of 28/4/1900 records that he sailed for duty in Gibraltar aboard the P & O SS Sunda on 27/3/1900. After the war he returned to England. He must have died some time in 1923.

MAIN, ALEXANDER ( - 1908)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) in 1895 and during the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. In 1908 he committed suicide.

MAINPRIZE, JOHN LEONARD (1914 - 1/5/1940)

Born on 1/6/1914, he graduated BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1936. After qualifying he served in the Division of Veterinary Services in South Africa for a period of 18 months and in June 1938 was appointed Veterinary Research Officer, Salisbury (Rhodesia). He died on 1/5/1940 at Sinoia on a shooting trip, when while having lunch, a gun placed against a tree next to him fell over and went off. He was buried in Johannesburg on 17/5/1940.

"Klein Jackie" or "Texas" as he was later nicknamed, was born in Pretoria on 25 April 1910. At the end of 1932 he obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort and immediately joined the Division of Veterinary Services. Official records reflect that he was transferred as follows:-

1936: Middelburg (Cape) to Wellington
1942: Potchefstroom to Onderstepoort

He remained at Onderstepoort for the rest of his working life, first as lecturer in medicine and later as professor of medicine until 1958 when he was replaced by Dr Kaiser van der Walt. Thereafter he became head of the Department of Clinical Pathology until 1973. When the veterinary faculty separated from the Institute (NVI) at Onderstepoort he transferred to the Department of Toxicology at the NVI. He retired from the service in 1975 and died on 24/1/1989 at the age of 78 years.

MALONE, WILLIAM (15/4/1936 - 15/4/1936)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 24/5/1894 and during the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 15/4/1936.


He qualified MRCVS (London) on 1/4/1880 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 10/3/1900 to May 1902. After the war he returned to England. He died at Milton Dameral on 6/6/1912.


Born on 18/4/1894 in the district of Pietersburg, he obtained his BSc at Stellenbosch University in 1919 and his BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1924, being one of the first seven students to qualify as veterinarians in South Africa. After qualifying he joined the Department of Agriculture and served as a State Veterinarian at Mafeking, Middelburg (Transvaal) and Hoopstad. However, most of his life was spent in Mafeking. He died there on 26/5/1974.

MARAIJS, ANITA (28/12/1963 - 23/2/1988)

Born on 28/12/1963 in Pretoria, she matriculated at Randburg High School in 1981. In 1987 she obtained her BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Pretoria. After qualifying she served as State Veterinarian Windhoek and Grootfontein until
her tragic death in a motor car accident (car overturned) in South West Africa. She was buried from the NG Church, Fontainbleau on the 29th of February 1988. Her death took place 30 km east of the police post Maroelaboom.

MARAIS, GUILLAUME FRANCOIS (23/8/1885 - 4/11/1918)

He was born in Potchefstroom on 23/8/1885 and qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1913. On 9/2/1914 he joined the Union of South Africa Veterinary Division. In the flu epidemic of 1918 he took ill and died at Volksrust on 4/11/1918. He also had a B.A. and BSc degree.

MARAIS, ISAAC PIETER (12/2/1900 - 22/10/1964)

Born in Pretoria on 12/2/1900 he graduated BSc (Agric) in 1921 and BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1925. On 4/2/1926 he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and remained in the service until 1938 when he was appointed Veterinary Superintendent of the Pretoria Municipal Abattoir. In 1927 he married Miss T N Erlich. In 1928 he carried out relief duties at Allerton and from 1930 - 1931 was officer in charge of that laboratory. During his service in the Division of Veterinary Services he was Senior Lecturer in the Department of Surgery and Gynaecology. From 1935 to 1936 he studied in Leipzig. In June 1940 he joined the S.A.V.C. with the rank of Major. In 1953 he resigned from the Pretoria Municipal Service and entered private practice at Alberton. He died on 22/10/1964.

MARRIOT, SAMUEL JAMES ( - 25/5/1937)


MARSHALL, FREDERICK FITZHUGH ( - 25/8/1905)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in 1854 and joined the Cape Mounted Rifles on 22/6/1860. He served in this regiment at the Cape until he transferred to the 14th Hussars on 7/6/1870. He died at Blackheath on 25/8/1905.

MARTIN, E E C.M.G., C.B.E. ( - 23/8/1925)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/5/1889 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 17/5/1902 to 18/8/1902. After service he returned to England. He died in India on 23/8/1925.
MARTINAGLIA, GIOVANNI (1888 - 10/5/1967)

He is reported to have been the first white child born in Roodepoort. He spent his early years at the Langlaagte Orphanage which he regularly visited in later life. His first employment was to tend the valves of the cyanide tanks at Randfontein Estates Gold Mines, but after winning "seven hundred pounds" on a sweepstake he proceeded to America to study.

In 1919 he obtained his BVSc from the University of Toronto and in 1920 his MSc from Cornell University. During 1921 he was employed at the Rockefeller Institute and from 1921 to 1922 he was a demonstrator in Pathology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore. During this time he visited Jamaica and studied the bacteriology of Leprosy. In 1922 he returned to South Africa and obtained his BVSc degree from the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort in 1924. After graduating at Onderstepoort he served as Veterinary Research Officer under Sir Arnold Theiler at Allerton Laboratory until 1/8/1926 when he transferred to Onderstepoort. In 1929 he obtained his DVSc degree from the University of Toronto. In May 1930 he was appointed Municipal Veterinarian to the Johannesburg Abattoir. Subsequently he was appointed Director of the abattoir. He retired on 11/5/1948 and then undertook research in Tuberculosis at the King George V Hospital in Durban for 15 years. He died in the South Rand Hospital, Johannesburg on 10/5/1967 aged 79 years.

MASHETER, JAMES WILLIAM HALL (1873 - 4/1/1943)

"Will" was born at Urswick near Barrow-in-Furness and qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 24/5/1893. After qualifying he practiced in the Mallerstang Valley on the borders of Yorkshire and later Hutton's Ambo.

At the outbreak of the Boer War he volunteered for military service and was sent to Aldershot for training where he obtained a very poor impression of a large number of his colleagues. Early in February 1900 he sailed for Cape Town as Civil Veterinary Officer attached to the 8th Hussars. Due to his dedication to the horses in his care, only 16 died out of a total of 230 which he treated during the sea journey. On the 4th of February 1900 he wrote to his father ... "We are 4 miles north of Bloemfontein ... I've had 3 meals in 4 days ... Camp is 3 inches deep in water, nowhere to lie down and nothing to cover us". Of the sick lines he wrote ... "A more ghastly sight I never wish to witness. There were about 500 horses in lines and everyone dead or dying ... no food or water for horses or men, but 3 inches of water on the ground". Two weeks later the situation was even worse ... "Their lines are a morass of mud and water, right up to their hocks".

By the 13th of May when his regiment entered Kroonstad they had lost two thirds of their horses. His own horse having been shot through the chest. He also recorded that when his brigade covered 350 miles in 34 days they lost 600 horses out of a complement of 1,000. When his brigade camped at Pretoria, 515 horses had sore backs, 302 suffered from exhaustion and 189 had wounds.
After taking part in the action at Barberton, Belfast and Machadodorp he was sent home on sick leave, but returned to take charge of the Base Veterinary Hospital at Maitland in February 1901. This hospital was however, phased out and in June of the same year, he was at Christiana clearing the country of livestock. In one week 10,000 sheep, 800 cattle and 700 horses were collected in this way. He was grateful to be relieved of this unpleasant task when he was transferred to Aliwal North in August 1901 to combat an outbreak of Rinderpest. In March 1902 he contracted dysentry and when fit enough to travel, he returned home. After the war he practiced at Malton (Yorkshire) and later at Massingham (Lincolnshire). In 1919 he moved to Newnham-on-Severn where he died in 1943. 75 Letters which he wrote to his father from the field have been preserved by A L Salter, Dunkeld House, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria CA 17 4SY. He died on 4/1/1943.

MASON, HAROLD EDWARD TRESTRAIL ( - 12/12/1944)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1894. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 12/12/1944.

MASON, JOHN HUXLEY (3/10/1899 - 28/1/1985)

Born in Glasgow in 1899 he qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 3/10/1920. After practicing for 3 years he undertook post graduate study in Bacteriology. Thereafter he lectured at the Glasgow Veterinary College for some time. In 1924 he was employed by the Wellcome Foundation where he served as one of the pioneers in the study of Toxigenic Anaerobes.

In 1927 he obtained his FRCVS and a year later was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. In 1931 he was appointed an Empire Marketing Board Research Fellow at the V.R.I. Onderstepoort and in 1936 became a permanent member of staff there where he continued his research on Clostridial Anaerobes. In 1936 he was awarded the DVSc degree by the University of South Africa.

In 1940 he transferred to the Serum Department of the S.A. Institute of Medical Research where he was responsible for producing Diphtheria and other antisera. He also studied Salmonella typhi and the production of immunity to typhoid fever in man. In 1955 he was promoted to the post of Deputy Director at the S.A.I.M.R and retired in 1975. He was the author and part author of 110 scientific publications. He was president of the SAVA from 1946 to 1950. In September 1976 he was awarded the SAVA (5th) Gold Medal for "distinguished service to the veterinary profession". He died at the Johannesburg General Hospital following a double operation for Inguinal Hernia and Aortic Aneurism on 28 January 1985.

MASSIE, JAMES A (25/6/1850 -

As a veterinary graduate of Ontario Veterinary College (1879) he served with the Canadian 4th Hussars from 13/5/1881 to 9/5/1887.
when he joined the Royal Canadian Artillery. On the outbreak of the Boer War he, on 29/12/1899, accompanied his regiment to South Africa where he remained until 8/1/1901. He took part in operations at Faber's Put (30/5/1900) as well as in the Cape Colony, Orange River Colony (May to November 1900) and the Transvaal. He received the Queen's medal with 3 clasps.

MATTHEW, ALEXANDER DRUMMOND ( - August 1969)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 20/5/1908 and for many years worked as a Government Veterinary Officer for the Division of Veterinary Services being stationed at Bedford, Elliot, Cape Town (1910/1911), Port Elizabeth and Durban where in July 1939 he was succeeded as G.V.O. by N C Starke. After resigning from the service he practiced at Drummond, Fort Beaufort. He died in August 1969.

MATTHEWS, ILES (27/3/1854 - 25/5/1906)

Born on 27/3/1854 he qualified MRCVS (London) in 1872. As a regular officer of the A.V.D. he was sent to South Africa on 23/6/1898 with specific instructions to check on past mortality amongst horses and to suggest possible methods of prevention in future. In his subsequent report he stated that deaths amongst horses were largely due to a number of factors viz. the harsh tropical climate, the working of horses before the morning mist had dispersed, horses breaking loose at night and being exposed to infection, exhaustion caused by the climate, the use of freshly cut bedding, scarcity of water (particularly in Pietermaritzburg), dirty water (Ladysmith), where he was besieged with several other veterinarians and Horsesickness. During his stay in Natal he was in 1899 promoted to the post of P.V.O. in succession to R T Frost. The post then carried the rank of Vet'y Lieut Colonel. He remained P.V.O. in Natal until 6/3/1903 when he returned to England and was succeeded by Frederick Smith. He died in Simla on 25/5/1906.

MATTHEWS, REGINALD C D.S.O.

He qualified MRCVS on 28/3/1896 and as a regular officer of the A.V.D. saw service in South Africa during the Boer War. He does not appear to have returned to England because he read a paper on the possibilities of private practice to the 25th General Meeting of the South African Veterinary Medical Association on 4-5/10/1933.

MATTHEWS, RICHARD CHARLES (1882 - 4/9/1934)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 19/12/1908 and was in South Africa for some years prior to his death on 4/9/1934 at the age of 52 years at Stildon, East Grinstead. Nothing more is known about him.
Born on 2/7/1879 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/7/1901. He came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department aboard the S.S. Morayshire which was fitted out to carry 800 horses (each horse having a space of 10 ft x 2 ft 8 inches). Thereafter he brought out another consignment of horses amongst which were 300 hunters from Colchester. It is recorded that although he rejected two of these animals suffering from strangles, by the time the consignment arrived in Port Elizabeth harbour six weeks later (December 1901) 356 cases of strangles had occurred.

In order to reduce losses, he and other veterinarians were paid a bonus of one shilling a head if losses were under 7¾%, two shillings for losses under 5% and three shillings for losses under 2¾%. In South Africa he served for 9 months at the veterinary hospital of the Remount Depot at De Aar under Colonel Beresford. At the conclusion of the Boer War, he was appointed as Veterinary Officer to the newly formed Transvaal Agricultural Department by Major Sanderson and was sent to Daspoot for a 6 week refresher course under Sir Arnold Theiler on 28/11/1902.

At the conclusion of the refresher course in December 1902 he was instructed "to go to the Repatriation Camp near the Leper Asylum, choose a Cape Cart, four mules and a native driver and drive to Rustenburg" to take up duties as District Veterinary Officer of that place. He spent two nights on the way between Pretoria and Rustenburg. In 1903 he was transferred to Nylstroom, but shortly afterwards his headquarters was moved to Potgietersrus in order to cope more effectively with the invasion of East Coast Fever. His presence on farms was not always welcome, because the farmers believed that veterinarians carried and spread the disease. On departing from one farm he observed the farmer disinfecting the spot where he had stood.

For the first nine months at Potgietersrus he was engaged in creating a stock free zone for 100 miles inland from Potgietersrus by loading 100 cattle a day for slaughter in Johannesburg. In order to counteract claims by farmers that they could cure East Coast Fever, he infected cattle with ticks and allowed them to out their remedies such as garlic in the dewlap. They were finally convinced that the disease could not be cured.

In 1913 he was transferred to Standerton where he married. He subsequently posted to Carolina where he controlled the districts of Ermelo, Wakkerstroom, Volksrust, Bethal, Heidelberg, Johannesburg, Pilgrims Rest, Barberton, Nelspruit and Sabie. In 1918 he was posted to Potchefstroom where he also lectured at the Agricultural College. On 1/11/1926 he was promoted to Senior Veterinary Officer, Pretoria and except for short spells of duty at Pietersburg and Queenstown, he remained there until he retired in July 1934 at the compulsory retiring age of 55. During World War II he was in England, but returned to South Africa after the war. He died at Rochester (UK) on 29/10/1973 at the age of 93.
MAYBIN, JOHN ALEXANDER (3/5/1895 - 18/11/1939)

He was born in County Antrim, Ireland on 3/5/1895 and qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 24/7/1924. At Dublin he was a fellow student of C J Van Heerden. A few months after qualifying he joined the South West Africa service as a Government Veterinary Officer. He took ill at the 1938 S.A. Veterinary Medical Association Conference and died on 18/11/1938 while still in the service of the S.W.A. Administration.

McCALL, DAVID BROWN JOHNSON (8/2/1888 - May 1967)

Born on 8/2/1888 the 8th veterinarian son (1st son by second wife) of James McCall the founder of Glasgow Veterinary College and younger brother of G R McCall of Baillieston, Lanarkshire, he qualified MRCVS at his father's college on 26/5/1910. After qualifying he came to South Africa and joined the Division of Veterinary Services as District Veterinary Officer. This statement is supported by the fact that he is included in a photograph of a group of D.V.O's who visited Onderstepoort in 1910. Nothing is known about his further service in the Veterinary Department. During World War I he saw active service with the SAVC in East Africa and South West Africa and was discharged at the end of the war with the rank of Major. After World War I he farmed at Clocolan and it is recorded that he did a Locum for Verney (P.V.O. Basutoland). In 1922 he transferred to Durban where he practiced until he retired in 1956. (Practices at Clarabel Road, Montpelier Road and Sir Arthur Road). He died in May 1967 and after being cremated his ashes were strewn over his farm at Nottingham Road (present site of Rainbow Chickens PB 3 hatchery). His wife Margaret, died at Pietermaritzburg on 8/5/1986 aged 89 years. She would have been 90 in August.

McCALL, CAPTAIN GEORGE RAPHAEL (1/1/1885 - July 1930)

Born on 1/1/1885 at Blair Tammock, Baillieston, Lanarkshire, the 7th veterinarian son of James McCall the founder of Glasgow Veterinary College, he qualified MRCVS at his father's college on 21/12/1905 and was appointed professor of Materia Medica and Hygiene at Glasgow University. Later he served in the Egyptian service for 2½ years. In 1910 he joined the Veterinary Division of the Union of South Africa. During World War I he saw active service in the South West Africa and East African Campaigns with the SAVC. In 1920 he resigned his official post and went to live in Kenya. His brother D B J McCall was also a veterinarian in South Africa. It is reported that he died in Durban in July 1930.

McDONALD, ROBERT ARTHUR SCRYMGEOR (- - 7/1/1944)

All that is known of this man is that he qualified BSc/MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 17/12/1921 and died on 7/1/1944. He appears to have practiced in South Africa, because he was registered as a veterinarian in terms of Act 16 of 1933.
McEACHRAN, JOHN FRASER ( - 1932)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 20/5/1897 and came to South Africa during the Boer War at the end of 1899 with the 6th New Zealand Contingent. He returned to New Zealand after the war. He died in 1932.


All that is known of this man is that he obtained his MRCVS on 17/7/1922 (Edinburgh) and was stationed at Allerton Laboratory in 1924 where he served under D T Mitchell. He subsequently returned to England and in 1954 was Chief Bacteriologist at the Animal Diseases Research Association Institute (Moredun), Gilmerton, Edinburgh from which post he retired on 27/4/1957. He was awarded the O.B.E. He died on 10/3/1985.

McGARTH, J J

During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

McGREGOR, CHARLES ( - 20/1/1902)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in July 1886 and during the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He served in the Scottish Horse. His name appears on a monument in Kensington, Johannesburg as Sgt Veterinary (number 25868). He died of Enteric fever at Ventersdorp, Transvaal on 20/1/1902 after being wounded at Witpoort. He was buried in Ventersdorp cemetary where his gravestone can still be seen.

McGREGOR, GREGOR (1863 - 8/2/1942)

A G. McGregor is recorded as having served as a District Veterinarian at Lichtenburg during the period 1904 - 1905. Nothing more is known about him. He may be the G McGregor who obtained his MRCVS (Glasgow) on 28/4/1884. He died on 8/2/1942 aged 79 years.

McGREGOR, JOHN D ( - 25/1/1933)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 18/12/1888 and came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He appears to have remained in South Africa because he served with the SAVC during World War I. He died at Old Catton, Norwich on 25/1/1933.
McINTYRE, GORDON (9/11/1886 - 12/5/1967)

Born Lenzil in England on 9/11/1886 he qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 26 May 1910 and came to South Africa in 1920 when he joined the Division of Veterinary Field Services as Government Veterinary Officer at Vryheid and subsequently at Eshowe, Frankfort, George, King Williamstown, Aliwal North and Queenstown. During World War II he served as a Major in the SAVC in Egypt and Palestine. He officially retired in 1946, but remained in the service on a temporary basis in the Division until 1958. Thereafter he practiced in Queenstown for 3 years. He died on 12/5/1967 in Queenstown.

McKENZIE, K McL D.S.O. (- 6/10/1925)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 21/12/1903 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 10/9/1906 to 3/9/1909. He died on 6/10/1925 in India.

McKIE, WILLIAM (1864 - 18/3/1939)

Born Inch Parish, Stranraer, Scotland in 1864 he qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 18/4/1887. He came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the A.V.D. and then farmed until such time as his children had to go to school. In 1909 he joined the Administration of the Orange Free State and served as District Veterinary Officer at Bloemfontein until 1911. He then went into practice at Bloemfontein. He saw active service in World War I in the South West Africa and East Africa Campaign as a Captain in the SAVC. In 1920 he was released from the army and joined the South West Africa Civil Veterinary Division. He retired in 1926 and went farming on the farm Blenheim in the Orange Free State. He died on 18/3/1939.

McLEOD, J

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 13/12/1898 and saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the Queensland Imperial Bushmen and with the 5th Contingent and 7th Commonwealth Horse.

McWILLAN, ADAM (29/3/1869 - )

As a veterinary graduate of Ontario Veterinary College (1890) he served as a Farrier Quartermaster-Sergeant (1st Canadian Mounted Rifles) in South Africa during the Boer War from 29/12/1899. On 15/8/1900 he was promoted in the field to Acting Vet. Lieutenant in Strathcona's Horse and on 9/11/1900 was mentioned in Despatches by Gen. Buller (London Gazette Feb. 1901). From 9/3/1901 to 8/5/1902 he was in Canada, but returned to South Africa as Vet. Lieutenant to the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. After the war he returned to Canada.
McNAE, ALEXANDER ( - 31/3/1945)

He was born at Maxwelltown, Dumfriesthire, Scotland and qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 30/5/1899. He came to South Africa at the beginning of 1901 as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the A.V.D. to take part in the Boer War. For the remainder of the war he served as Veterinary Officer to the Imperial Light Horse Regiment. From September 1902 to October 1904 he served with the Transvaal Repatriation Department. Thereafter he joined the Transvaal Civil Veterinary Department (31/12/1904) and subsequently the Union of South Africa Veterinary Division in which he served until he retired on 31/3/1934. During World War I he served with the SAVC and after the cessation of hostilities was G.V.O. in charge of the Government Stud Farm at Standerton. He was also stationed at Louis Trichardt twice and Pietersburg twice during 1926.

In December 1927 he was transferred from Thabinai (Pietersburg) to South West Africa and on 1/1/1928 he was promoted to the post of Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of South West Africa where he remained until his retirement. After his retirement he joined the Veterinary Vaccine Agency in Johannesburg and died on 31/3/1945.

It is said of him that although he was a keen card player and whiskey drinker, he would never do either on a Sunday because of a lifelong promise he had made to his mother. This promise was never broken. It is also said that the eradication of East Coast Fever in the Soutpansberg area was largely to his credit and that he used to travel the area in a spider drawn by 4 mules.

McNAUGHT, THOMAS TREVOR (5/5/1919 - 9/6/1967)

Born on 5/5/1919, he qualified MRCVS (London) on 3/7/1942 and was for some time employed as a Government Veterinary Officer in Rhodesia. He subsequently came to South Africa where he died on 9 June 1967.

McNEIL, JOHN (1868 - 1952)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 18/7/1896. After qualifying he practiced at Grenock, but then came to South Africa as veterinarian to Cecil John Rhodes. During World War I he served as a Captain in the SAVC. He died at Wynberg (Cape) in 1952 aged 84 years.
MCVEAN, HUGH FRASER (1874 - 26/4/1933)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 23/12/1896. He saw service in South Africa throughout the Boer War as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Elgin, Scotland on 26/4/1933 aged 59 years. He also saw active service for the duration of World War I. For most of his life he practiced at Craigellachie, Banffshire.

MCWHIRTER, DAVID LEPRAIK (2/1894 - 15/10/1964)

As a MRCVS (Edinburgh) 1922, he was registered as a veterinarian in South Africa between 1960 and 1962. At the time he was living at Oakvale, P O Eston, Natal. Nothing more is known about him. He subsequently returned to England where he died in London on 15/10/1964.

MEARA, PATRICK JAMES (17/3/1912 - 17/5/1991)

Born on 17/3/1912 he matriculated first class from Dale College, Kingwilliamstown in December 1927. Thereafter he attended Rhodes University and obtained his B.V.Sc degree from the University of Pretoria in December 1932.

Thereafter his career was as follows:-

1933 - 1936 : G.V.O. Umtata
1937 : G.V.O. East London. In charge of meat inspection for the export of beef and mutton to the U.K.
1938 - 1939 : Post Graduate study at Cambridge University
1939 - 1946 : Veterinary, Research Officer, Onderstepoort
1946 : Graduated D.V.Sc University of Pretoria
1946 - 1978 : City Council of Johannesburg as:-

(a) Assistant Veterinarian, Abattoir : July 1946 to July 1948.
(b) 1949 - 1958 Veterinarian in charge Milk Laboratory and Supervision of Abattoir operations.
(c) 1958 to 1960 Assistant Director City Health Department.
(d) 1960 - 1974 Director, Abattoir and Livestock market Department.
(e) July 1974 - March 1978 Chief Veterinarian - City Health Department.

He retired from service with the City Health Department of Johannesburg on 17 March 1978 at the age of 66 years. During his lifetime he published 20 scientific articles. He died after a long illness on 17/5/1991 at the age of 79 years.
MEESER, MEESER JOHANNES NICOLAAS (16/10/1912 - 30/1/1971)

Born in Roodepoort on 16/10/1912 he graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1936. After qualifying he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed at Eshowe, Worcester, Upington, Oudtshoorn, Calvinia (1944), Lydenburg (8/1949) and Pietersburg. In 1954 he was promoted to Senior Veterinary Officer and in 1961 to Sub-Director in charge of the Northern and Eastern Transvaal region. On 9/9/1939 he married Miss Johanna Badenhorst a primary school teacher at the Worcester Boys’ Junior School. She died in 1968. He passed away on 30/1/1971 aged 58 years.

MEIER, H

He came to South Africa together with J R S Scheuber and Marcus Zschokke from Switzerland in 1919. For a time he served as G.V.O. at Armoedsvlakte before returning to Switzerland in 1921.

MEHNERT, OTTO HELMUTH JEROME (13/5/1914 - 15/2/1975)

Born at Jamestown (Cape) on 3/5/1914 he took the Staatsexamen for veterinarians in Leipzig in 1938 and obtained the degree of Dr Med Vet from the same university in 1939. In 1940 and until he joined the German Wehrmag he was engaged in private practice and meat inspection. After World War II he resumed private practice in Germany until 1957 when he returned to South Africa and joined the Division of Veterinary Services. He served as State Veterinarian at Upington (1959 to 1962) and Greytown Natal from 1963 to 1966 when he returned to Germany. He died in Germany on 15/2/1975.

MELCK, GILBERT HENRY ( - 30/3/1933)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 9/7/1914. On his return to South Africa he joined the Division of Veterinary Services. During World War I he was on active service with the RAVC and from 1917 to 1919 in India with a permanent commission in the Ghurka regiment. After World War I he served as G.V.O at Umtata, Worcester, De Aar (13/3/1928) and Louis Trichardt. On 29/11/1928 he was appointed Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of Natal in the post vacated by W M Power on his retirement. On the death of Major Alex Goodall at Wolmaranstad on 6/4/1930, he was appointed Sub-Director, Pretoria. While on Foot and Mouth duties at Koedoesrand in 1933 he became ill and died shortly afterwards on 30/3/1933.
MELDAL-JOHNSON, CONRAD MENTZ THESEN (1920 - 16/2/1968)

Born in 1920 he graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1944. During the remainder of World War II he was commissioned in the SAVC. After the war he served as Government Veterinary Officer in King Williamstown, but later emigrated to New Zealand. He returned to South Africa in September 1967 and took up an appointment as State Veterinarian at Estcourt. On 16/2/1968 he was killed by a vehicle from behind when pushing his car to get it started on the main road between Colenso and Estcourt. The person with him (Mr Russel Bolton of Estcourt) spent four months in hospital as a result of the injuries he sustained in the accident.

MELHUISH, FRANK WHIDDON ( - 16/5/1926)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 26/7/1888 and saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the New South Wales Lancers. He took part in the action at the Relief of Kimberley, Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, Driefontein, Karee Siding, Zandrivier, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill, etc. He died in Sydney, Australia on 16/5/1926.

MEREDITH, J A, F.R.C.V.S.

All that is known of this veterinarian is that on 7 January 1902 he was appointed to replace J Loughlin who on 3/11/1900 had died while serving as a Veterinary Captain in the 1st Life Guards in Wynberg, Cape.

MERRICK, THOMAS HENRY ( - 18/3/1894)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in 1874 and served in the 5th Basutu War of 1880-1881 with the Cape Mounted Riflemen. In all, he remained in South Africa for 4 years as testified before the Council of the RCVS on 5/7/1893 when he pleases for "protection" of the qualified veterinarian. In 1891 he was awarded his FRCVS. In 1890 he was President of the Midlands Counties Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Committee. He died in 1894.

METTAM, RICHARD WILLIAM MORRISON O.B.E. (19/5/1895 - 11/7/1951)

The son of A E Mettam the Principal of the Veterinary College at Dublin, he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 17/7/1917. After serving in the army in France, Belgium and Germany he came to Onderstepoort in 1919. In 1920 he was appointed Professor of Veterinary Anatomy of the newly founded Veterinary Faculty of the University of the Witwatersrand. When this closed down after one year, he returned to Onderstepoort. In 1927 he left South Africa to take up a post in Kenya as Veterinary Research Officer, Kabete. He remained at Kabete until early 1930 when he became Veterinary Pathologist to
the Uganda government and was stationed at Entebbe. In September 1937 he transferred to Nigeria where he was stationed in the laboratory at Vom. In 1950 he was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List. He became ill at Vom and returned to England for hospitalisation. He died at Lanark, Scotland on 11/7/1951.

MEYER, KARL FRIEDRICH (19/5/1884 - 27/4/1974)

Born on 19/5/1884 in Basle, Switzerland he qualified as a veterinarian (Dr Med Vet) at the university of Munchen in 1905.

In 1908 he was appointed as Veterinary Bacteriologist at Onderstepoort in which post he served until 1910 when he was appointed to the post of Assistant Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. He considered Onderstepoort to be "too small for two giants" (both Swiss). In 1914 he went to the University of California as Professor of Bacteriology and experimental Pathology. In 1924 he became director of the George Williams Hooper Foundation for Medical Research where he remained for the rest of his career. He revisited Onderstepoort in March 1963. He died on 27/4/1974.

MILLAR, W M (12/1/1867 - 25/4/1914)

Born on 12/1/1867 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/5/1895 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. Officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 26/8/1896 to March 1898. After service he returned to England, but came back to take part in the Boer War from 23/12/1901 to 31/1/1903 as Veterinary Officer to the 3rd Hussars regiment. He died from Smallpox on 25/4/1914 Lucknow.

In 1907 he was awarded the FRCVS for his thesis entitled "South African Horsesickness".

MILLER, ROBERT (1876 - 31/3/1911)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 18/7/1896 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 31/3/1911 aged 35 years.
 MITCHELL, A

He qualified as a veterinarian in New York and during the Boer War saw service for an unknown period of time in South Africa as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he left South Africa.

 MITCHELL, DAVID THOMAS M.B.E. (17/3/1885 - 7/5/1943)

He was born at Drumenny, Northern Ireland on 17/3/1885 (St Patricks Day) and obtained his MRCVS diploma at Dublin on 21/7/1908. On 27/1/1909 he took up an appointment with the Transvaal Government as District Veterinarian after an interview with S Stockman. Thereafter he was appointed Bacteriologist under Sir Arnold Theiler at Onderstepoort. On A W Shilston's departure for India in 1914 he was transferred to Natal and placed in charge of Allerton Laboratory where he remained until 30/6/1918 when he was sent to Onderstepoort to deputise as Director of the Veterinary Research Institute. On 1/4/1919 he was appointed Assistant Director of Veterinary Research, Onderstepoort until Sir Arnold Theiler was re-appointed in 1920 when he was transferred to Armoedsvlakte. He stayed at Armoedsvlakte until 1922 when he went on a years study leave. On his return to South Africa he was stationed at Allerton Laboratory for a second tour of duty. In 1928 he was sent on secondment to Burma to study Anthrax in elephants. After a year there he resigned from the South African service and joined the Burmese Government as Director of Veterinary Services. As a result of the successful use of Onderstepoort Anthrax vaccine on elephants, a silver plate was presented to him by the Teak Companies of Burma in 1939. After resigning his post in 1939 he rejoined the South African service and was sent to Tanganyika to supervise Rinderpest vaccine production (January to August 1940). On his return to South Africa he was sent on study leave. He was working on the production of Typhus vaccine when he died on 7/5/1943.

MÖNNIG, PROFESSOR HERMANN OTTO (27/1/1897 - 1978)

He was born on 27/1/1897 in Cape Town and graduated BA (Hons) from Stellenbosch University in 1917. With the aid of a Queen Victoria Stipendium he studied Zoology at Amsterdam from 1919 to 1921 and was awarded a DSc in Zoology by the University of Zurich. On his return to South Africa he served as Research Officer (Parasitology) at Onderstepoort, but soon after studied Veterinary Science and in 1926 graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort. After graduating he was appointed head of the Department of Parasitic Diseases at Onderstepoort and in 1929 Professor of Parasitology. In 1934 he wrote his classic textbook "Veterinary Helminthology and Entomology".

In 1954 he resigned his official post and founded Agricura Laboratories with the object of manufacturing remedies for the control of animal diseases and agricultural pests and supplying them to the farmer. During his lifetime he was:-
1. Member of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
2. Chairman of the National Parks Board
3. Chairman of the Board of the University of Pretoria
4. Chief Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister

Honours bestowed upon him were:

1. Senior Captain Scott Medal by the S.A. Bacteriological Society
2. Havenga Prize - S.A. Academy
3. M T Steyn Prize - S.A. Academy
4. DSc (Hons) University of Pretoria
5. DSc (Hons) University of Orange Free State

MONTGOMERY, GABRIEL ( - 1941)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 30/5/1892. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died in 1941.

MONTGOMERY, ROBERT EUSTACE (1880 - 11/6/1932)

Born in 1880, he graduated MRCVS from the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh on 20/5/1903. In 1904 he travelled to Muktesar as assistant Imperial Bacteriologist to the Government of India and in 1905 was in Canada on special duty. From 1907 to 1909 he and Kinghorn were sent by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to investigate sleeping sickness in central Africa. In 1909 he was appointed Pathologist to the East African Protectorate and on 12th of January of that year, attended the Pan African Veterinary Congress in Pretoria which was held to correspond with the official opening of the Research Institute at Onderstepoort. He remained in this post until 1917 when he started the laboratory at Kabete. On the retirement of Sir Arnold Theiler on 31/3/1918 he succeeded him as Director of the Veterinary Research Institute at Onderstepoort. From 1920 to 1926 he was appointed veterinary advisor to Governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. In 1930 he was appointed advisor on animal health to the Colonial Office. He remained in this post until he died in June 1932. He was the first President of the South African Veterinary Medical Association (1921). It would appear that Montgomery was brought in as an outsider to take over the Directorship of the Veterinary Research Institute, Onderstepoort over serving officers like D T Mitchell when Sir Arnold Theiler retired in 1918.

MOORE, FRANCIS ALEXANDER STILT (1874 - 16/10/1950)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 26/5/1900 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 28/12/1908. He died on 16/10/1950 aged 76 years.
MOORE, SIR JOHN KCMG, CB, FRCVS (24/5/1864 - 11/2/1940)

Born Longhurst, Morpeth, Northumberland on 24/5/1864 he qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 24/4/1885 (FRCVS 1890). His first visit to South Africa was a brief stay of 4 days when the ship (SS Denton Grange) on which he was transporting horses from Argentina stuck on the bar in Durban harbour. During the Boer War he returned to South Africa as a regular A.V.D. officer and served as Veterinary Officer in the Rhodesian Regiment with Plumer's force on the Transvaal/Rhodesian border from August 1899 to 30th October 1900 having been present at the Relief of Mafeking on 17/5/1900. On 14/10/1899 when he reached Fort Tuli he received the news that war had been declared between Britain and the Z.A.R. On the 21st October 1899 while moving south with his regiment, some men were lost in a skirmish with the Boers. His regiment finally reached Mafeking (17/5/1900) via Gaberones and Lobatsi. He then returned to Bulawayo which he finally left on 13/6/1900 arriving in Zeerust on 18/6/1900. Here he joined Baden Powell's Column marching to Pretoria. This column proceeded to Wonderboom and is recorded as having camped on the farm Onderstepoort. From Wonderboom they travelled to Pietersburg and were involved in a skirmish at Pienaar's river and Hebron. On the way back to Pretoria, the column passed Arnold Theiler's laboratory at Daspoort where Moore observed a "terrible stench" of dead horses and general filth. He left South Africa by sea on 30th October 1900.

In the RAVC journal of November 1936 (Vol. 8 No. 1) he records that in France during World War I he met a soldier from his South African days whom he had not seen since the latter lay wounded after the action at Ramutsa during the Boer War.

Prior to coming to South Africa he practiced in Manchester until December 1889 when he was commissioned. From 1889 to 1896 he served at Cawnpore and Calcutta in India and took part in the Suakin Expedition. After his departure from South Africa he was in charge of a remount purchase depot in the U.S.A. (Lathrop) until June 1902. From November 1905 he again served in India until 1912. In 1913 he returned to Aldershot and during World War I was veterinarian in charge of the B.E.F. In April 1919 he was appointed DVS India. In 1921 he retired. From 1932 (June) to May 1934 he was Col. Commandant of the RAVC. He married Miss Adelaide Murphy in 1903 and had 3 daughters. He was buried at Quinton, Buckinghamshire.

MOORE, ROBERT (8/12/1851 - 1913)

Born on 8/12/1851 he qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 15/4/1875 and with the King's Dragoon Guards saw service in Natal and the Transvaal from 1879 to 1880 (took part in the Zulu war of 1879). He returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty in 1896. He recorded his observations on Horsesickness during the Sekukuni Campaign in Fred Jeppe's "Transvaal Book Almanac" for 1881. He died in 1913.
MORFORD, LEONARD RIPPON (4/5/1906 - 26/6/1964)

Born on 4/5/1906 he qualified MRCVS in 1933. Thereafter he saw service in the RAVC for one year and private practice in the United Kingdom for 18 months. In 1936 he came to South Africa to serve in S T A Amos's practice in Durban. In 1947 he purchased the practice from his father-in-law. He passed away in Durban on 26/6/1964. His sons M D Morford (BVSc 1970) and R A Morford (BVSc 1972) both became veterinarians.

MORGAN, EDWARD ( - 1941)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/5/1890 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department. He died in 1941.

MORGAN, JOHN WILLIAM AKERMAN (20/10/1856 - 20/12/1910)

Born on 20/10/1856 he qualified MRCVS (London) in 1877 and with his regiment saw service in Natal during 1879 (in the Zulu War). He died on 20/12/1910.

MORGAN, WILLIAM JOHN (26/12/1866 -)

As a veterinary graduate of Ontario Veterinary College (1893) he served with the Canadian Royal Artillary (5th Brigade) from 2/5/1893. From 2/3/1901 to 26/12/1901 he was in South Africa serving with the South African Constabulary. He took part in military operations in the Cape Colony, Orange River Colony and the Transvaal between 30/11/1900 and May 1902 and returned to Canada on 5/11/1902.

MORICE, JOAN ALLISON ( - 24/11/1944)

She was born in Barberton, Transvaal and after a school education in England, she entered the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort and qualified BVSc in 1927. (Alleen Cust the first woman veterinarian in the U.K. qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1922.) She was the first woman to qualify at Onderstepoort and the only woman to qualify there for many years. After qualifying she was appointed (17/9/1928) as a Temporary Veterinary Officer and served at Allerton Laboratory from 8/10/1928 until her services were terminated on 31/12/1928. Thereafter she practiced in Johannesburg, first on her own and then in 1930 after her marriage to her classmate, M C Robinson, with her husband. In 1935 she discontinued her practice, but continued to do charitable work with the SPCA and various Bantu women's organisations in Johannesburg. She died in Johannesburg from lung cancer on 24/11/1944.
MORRIS, JAMES WILLIAM HOLGER (1932 - 16/1/1985)

Born in 1932 he qualified BVSc at the University of Pretoria in 1974. Thereafter he farmed in Zululand and took an active part in organised agriculture. In June 1984 he was appointed to the Stockowners Co-op Board of the Directors. While returning from a farmers day at Dundee on 16/1/1985 he was killed when his car collided with a Railway bus at about 6.30 pm on the N2 highway just north of Hluhluwe. He was buried at Eshowe on 19/1/1985.

MORTON, DOUGLAS DAVID (7/4/1895 - 12/10/1963)

Born at Rouxville in the O.F.S. on 7/4/1895 he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) in July 1921. On his return to South Africa he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed as G.V.O. at Sibasa (18 months), Greytown (6 months) and Eshowe (18 months). On 1/10/1925 he transferred to the South African Police as Veterinary Officer in succession to J M Tate and saw service at Kimberley where he established the Remount Depot at Grootdam. In 1949 he returned to the Division of Veterinary Services and served as State Veterinarian in Pretoria (1949) and Cape Town (1950 - 1954). In 1954 he resigned from the service in favour of farming in the Viljoenskroon district. He died at Kroonstad on 12/10/1963.

MORTON, JOHN LAROCHE STONEHILL ( - 1/6/1973)

As a MRCVS (Glasgow 1927) he was registered as a veterinarian in South Africa between 1956 and 1962. At the time he was living in Grahamstown (Post Restante). Nothing more is known about him.

MOSELY, HENRY SAMUEL D.S.O. ( - 10/4/1975)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in 1900 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 15/4/1902 to 1/4/1903. After service he returned to England. He died there on 10/4/1975.

MOWAT, IAN ( - 23/11/1958)

He graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1942. After qualifying he joined the Hygiene Section of the Union Defence Force. After World War II he was appointed Assistant Veterinarian to the Johannesburg Municipality in July 1946 and in 1948 was promoted to the post of Senior Veterinary Officer in the Johannesburg Municipal Service. He died on 23/11/1958.

MULVEY, W S

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 31/3/1897 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department.
MUNRO, ALEXANDER M (1874 - 24/3/1929)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 24/5/1897 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the A.V.D. After the war he returned to England. He died on 24/3/1929 aged 55 years.

MURDOCK, ALEXANDER

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 15/7/1884 and in 1921 was living in Johannesburg. Nothing more is known about him. He died in ± 1922.


Born in Kilmacthomas, Waterford County, Ireland on 20/5/1955 he qualified BVM at the Dublin University on 21/7/1979. In May 1981 he came to South Africa and worked in several practices throughout the country. He had however, in the meantime become a drug addict and committed suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning in Johannesburg on 13/4/1987.

MYHILL, BERNERS ADDY

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 15/7/1910 and served first as a Captain in the SAVC during World War I. Subsequently he proceeded to France where he served in the South African Heavy Artillery. In 1954 he was living in George, Cape and in 1955 in Pietermaritzburg as a retired Major from the British South Africa Police (BSAP). He died in ± 1976.

NADAL, FRANCOIS ISAAIL ( - 16/2/1923)

He was born in Mauritius and qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 25/7/1885. He is alleged to have come to South Africa soon after the Boer War where he settled in private practice in Durban. He died on 16/2/1923.

NEALE, CHARLES RAYMOND (31/5/1872 - December 1921)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 22/12/1893 and came to South Africa from New Zealand as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the A.V.D. with the first New Zealand Contingent during the Boer War from 21/10/1899 to 31/5/1902. He died in December 1921.

NEALE, WILLIAM WALTER RAYMOND ( - 19/3/1945)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 11/7/1899 and served in South Africa
for an unknown period of time with the A.V.D. during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 31/1/1908.

**NEIL, WILLIAM JOHN (15/1/1876 - )**

As a veterinary graduate of Ontario Veterinary College (1902) he came to South Africa on 8/5/1902 as a Vet. Lieutenant to the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles. He returned to Canada in July 1902.

**NEILL, A**

The only reference that can be found of this veterinarian's presence in Southern Africa is that in 1897 he, C E Gray and Colonel F G W Lee were employed by the Charter Company to combat Rinderpest in Rhodesia. In 1897 these three veterinarians proceeded from Robert Koch's Laboratory at Victoria Compound, Kimberley to Salisbury to tackle the Rinderpest invasion. The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons can find no record of him.

**NEILL, JOHN (1872 - 12/12/1907)**

Born at Kilmarnock, Scotland in 1872, he qualified MRCVS (Glagow) in May 1892 and came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the A.V.D. during the Boer War. In 1904 he joined the Cape Civil Veterinary Department and served as G.V.O. at Vryburg. On Wednesday 12/12/1907 he took ill on Mr Culinan's farm, England in the Vryburg district and died before medical aid could reach him. It is believed that a severe bout of Malaria which he contracted at Komatipoort a few years previously contributed to his death. At the time of his death he was aged 34 years.

**NEITZ, PROF. WILHELM OTTO DANIEL MARTIN (17/11/1906 - 18/8/1979)**

Born at Potgietersrus on 17/11/1906 he graduated BVSc at the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort in December 1929. From 1930 to 1971 his work as Research Officer at Onderstepoort is legendary, eg.

1. His work on the immunity of blue tongue led to the discovery of the multiplicity of strains of blue tongue virus.
2. Developed blood vaccine against heartwater.
3. Discovered the efficiency of certain sulphonamides against heartwater.
4. Discovered the schizonticidal effect of tetracyclines on T. parva.
5. Discovered corridor disease is caused by T. lawrencei.
6. Discovered that sweating sickness is caused by H. truncatum.

He served as Professor of Protozoology and Virology at the Veterinary Faculty from 1948 to 1957 and as Professor of Protozoology from 1957 to 1967. Between 1927 and 1971 he published 133 scientific papers. During his lifetime he was awarded the
following honours:-

1. The Senior Captain Scott Memorial Medal of the S.A. Biological Society (1954).
2. The Havenga Prize in 1957.
3. The degree of Dr Med Vet (Hons) by the Tierärzliche Hochschule, Hanover 1963.
4. The S.A. Medal of the S.A. Association for the Advancement of Science for 1970.
5. The first Gold Medal of the S.A. Veterinary Association.

After his retirement in 1971 he was appointed Professor of Protozoology at the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Rio de Janeiro and occupied this chair until his death on 18 August 1979.

NELSON, EDMUND CHARLES (8/9/1892 - 29/11/1976)

Born on 8/9/1892 he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 15/12/1916. After practicing in Cape Town he was appointed as the second director of the Cape Town (Maitland) Abattoir on 10/7/1937 in succession to J Forrest. He served in this capacity until he retired on 8/9/1952. He died on 29/11/1976. Municipal records reveal that he earned the following wages p.a.:-

1938 - £750; 1939 - £1025; 1940 - £1050; 1941 - £1100; 1942 - £1150
1943 - £1200; 1944 to 1946 - £1250; 1947 - £1800; 1948 to 1949 - £1860; 1950 to 1952 - £1920. These records also reveal that he was on sick leave for 66 days (30/3/1942 to 3/6/1942) for reasons of "Anthrax disease contracted in execution of duties". He was succeeded as Director of the Cape Town (Maitland) Abattoir by B Horwitz. At the time of his death he was living at "Tembani", Oakley Road, Rondebosch. He previously lived at "Dinton", Malcolm Road, Rondebosch, "Aylestone", Milner Road, Rondebosch and "Vredehof", Milner Road, Rondebosch.

NESER, PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN PETRUS (31/5/1889 - 17/6/1929)

Born on 31/5/1889 at Venterstad, he lost his father in 1897 and with his mother was imprisoned in the concentration camp at Norval's Pont during the Boer War. Thereafter he joined the Post Office at Wepener in 1903. In 1906 he returned to school to complete his education. In 1910 he graduated BA at the University of Cape Town. He received his MRCVS at Dublin on 12/7/1919, completing the four year course in 3 years. In 1920 he was appointed Research Officer at Onderstepoort and served for a short while at Allerton Laboratory (1922 - 1924) as officer in charge of the laboratory. In 1920 he was also appointed the first lecturer of medicine in the newly formed Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort and was succeeded by Professor P J J Fourie. In 1921 he was awarded the DSc degree by the University of South Africa for his thesis "The blood of Equines". Between obtaining his BA degree in 1910 and qualifying from Dublin in 1919 he worked at the Simmer and Jack Mine for a while and then took up teaching. Later he did survey work for the SAR in Natal and was involved with the survey
of the Swartkops deviation in Pietermaritzburg. He died on 17/6/1929. He is reported to have been a drug addict all his life and that in fact he died from an overdose of morphine. His death took place in the rear west bedroom of the house at Onderstepoort later occupied for 23 years by Professor J D W A Coles. As a student he won both the William's Memorial Prize and the Walley Memorial Prize in 1919.

NESER, MICHAEL MOZES (8/9/1896 - 20/4/1946)

Born Hanover (Cape) on 8/9/1896 he was in the Union Defence Force in 1914 when the rebellion broke out and was taken prisoner of war for a short time. During the period 1916 to 1919 he served as a clerk at Onderstepoort, but then proceeded to Ireland and obtained his MRCVS diploma at Dublin on 26 July 1923. On his return to South Africa he was appointed as Government Veterinary Officer at Umtata and later served at Louis Trichardt (from 12/11/1928), Piet Retief and Dundee. In 1934 he was appointed Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of South West Africa in place of A McNae. In 1938 due to poor health he took demotion to the post of Government Veterinary Officer, Worcester. However, he was later repromoted to Senior Veterinary Officer, Pretoria. He died on 29/4/1946 of Tuberculosis.

NEWCOMBE, H H

During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

NEWMAN, WILLIAM (1872 - 16/3/1939)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 21/12/1896 and first served as Veterinary Officer in the Cape Mounted Riflemen. For a short period during 1897/1898 being stationed at Umtata where he contributed an article "Biliary Fever at the Cape" to Vol. X p 672 of the Veterinary Record dated 21/5/1898. Although there is no doubt that he was a qualified veterinarian there is some doubt as to whether he was officially appointed as a Veterinary Officer. The reason for this statement is that in O.C. CMR's Report for 1897, Col. Dalgety refers to Anthrax Inoculations being "carried out by Private Newman who is a qualified Veterinary Surgeon"... he also saw service during the Boer War in Bethune's Mounted Infantry, but not as a Veterinary Officer. After the war he served as Veterinary Officer to the S.A. Constabulary. He died on 16/3/1939 at the age of 67 years.

NEWSOM, A C, C.M.G., C.B.E. ( - 20/1/1936)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 6/7/1887 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) from 1/10/1897 to 31/12/1903. Arriving in South
Africa from India, where he had taken part in the Chitral Campaign of 1895, he founded No. 6 Veterinary Field Hospital, Pietermaritzburg and served there under P.V.O. F F Crawford. In 1900 he was granted 6 months leave to England. He died in Pietermaritzburg on 20/1/1936.

NICHOLAS, J. O.B.E. ( - 29/9/1925)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/7/1901 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 10/3/1908. He died in India on 29/9/1925.

NICOL, JOHN (1886 - 24/11/1955)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 25/5/1910 and came to South Africa the same year to take up an appointment in the Government Service. He was first stationed at Cape Town under the tutorship of R W Dixon (S.V.O.). Thereafter he served at Umtata and from 1912 at King Williamstown. On 3/2/1928 he returned to Umtata. During World War I he served as a Major in the SAVC and was on active service in the East Africa Campaign. After the war he returned to the Eastern Cape and East Coast Fever control, being stationed at East London, where he was promoted to the rank of S.V.O. in charge of the Eastern Cape Division in 1933 in succession to G W Freer. He remained in that post until he retired in 1947. After retirement he was re-employed on a temporary basis in control of smear examination at the East London office. He died at East London on 24/11/1955 aged 69 years.

NICOL, WILLIAM HUTTON O.B.E. ( - 5/9/1949)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 30/3/1896 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 15/4/1902 to 13/10/1902. After service he returned to England. He died at Bournemouth on 5/9/1949. It is recorded in the Vet Record 28/4/1900 that he sailed for South Africa in the Ulstermore from Albert Dock on Tuesday 24/4/1900.


Born on 25/7/1905 he obtained his BVSc degree in June 1931 at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort after having written his matric at Kingswood College, Grahamstown in 1923. After qualifying as a veterinarian he farmed and practiced for a while before joining the Northern Rhodesia Veterinary Department where he served as Government Veterinary Officer at Fort Jameson. During this time he represented the Northern Rhodesian Government on the Rinderpest control team in Tanganyika. In 1937 he married Sheila Nilsen (a cousin). He subsequently transferred to the Swaziland Government
Veterinary Department, but resigned in favour of operating a hotel and farming. On 7/8/1963 he joined the Veterinary Division and served as State Veterinarian Eshowe until his retirement in 1971. He died in September 1980.

NORGATE, CHARLES EDWARD

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 21/5/1895 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinarian attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. His name was removed from the RCVS register at his own request on 28/5/1925.


Born at Hill Castle, Wesford on 10/5/1853, he qualified MRCVS (London) in January 1877. He joined the A.V.D. the same year and saw service in Afghanistan in 1878 and the Chin-Lushai expedition of 1889 to 1890 (awarded D.S.O.). From 1890 to 1896 he was principal of the Punjab Veterinary College. Following on heavy losses amongst army horses he was transferred to South Africa from his Army Veterinary Department post as Assistant Superintendent of horse breeding and inspector under the contagious diseases (animals) Act in the Punjab to undertake studies in Horsesickness. First, however, he underwent specialised training and even spent time at Pasteur's laboratory. He thereafter spent two tours of duty in South Africa, viz. from 10/12/1886 to 10/10/1888 and from 9/8/1905 to 20/6/1906. During these tours his studies were largely conducted in Natal and lead to the publication of three reports. The first report dated 14/9/1887 stated that he could not confirm the popular belief that Anthrax and Horsesickness were the same disease. In his second report dated 13/6/1888 he confirmed his belief that the two diseases were separate and distinct. By the time his third report was issued he had reverted to Rutherford's idea that the two diseases were one, but that there were four distinct manifestations thereof.

During his second tour of duty in South Africa he served as Principal Veterinary Officer A.V.D. (Vet'y Colonel) in Pretoria from 1905 to 1906 in succession to Sir Frederick Smith. After his departure for England in 1906 he was succeeded as P.V.O. by L J Blenkinsop. For his services in India (1890 - 1896) he was awarded the C.I.E. (Commander of the Indian Empire). After his retirement from the British Army he qualified as a Barrister and in addition translated from the French a standard work entitled "Disease of the Mammary Gland". He also became the author of the "Manual of Toxicology". He died at Oxford on 23/2/1908.

NUTHALL, CHARLES EDWIN C.B., C.M.G. (1862 - 6/4/1943)

He obtained his MRCVS (London) on 28/3/1883. During the period 19/9/1913 to 19/9/1914 he served as Assistant Director of Veterinary Services, Transvaal (previously as P.V.O.) of the A.V.D.
in succession to A F Appleton. As A.D.V.S. he held the rank of Vet'y Lieut Colonel and had his headquarters at the Artillery Barracks in Pretoria. He died on 6/4/1943 aged 81 years.

OBERHOLSTER, JAKOB JOHANNES (2/1/1926 - 16/1/1975)

Born on 2/1/1926 in the district of Outjo he graduated BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1949. He first served as State Veterinarian in South West Africa, but in 1951 established a practice at Bethlehem. He remained in this practice until he was killed in a car accident on 16/1/1975.

In 1974 he won Springbok colours for pistol shooting and represented South Africa at the World Championships in Switzerland that same year.

O'BRIEN, JOHN (1873 - 18/6/1949)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 21/12/1900 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 18/6/1949 aged 76 years.

O'DONEL, JAMES GEORGE (1862 - 17/12/1901)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) in July 1881 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 13/12/1899 to 28/1/1901. After service he returned to England. He died in Dublin on 17/12/1901 aged 39 years.

O'DONOGHUE, JOHN H G

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 22/5/1888 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the A.V.D. During 1891 - 1898 he served in the Cape Colony Veterinary Department, subsequently transferred to the A.V.D. After the Boer War he went to America and obtained his M.D. degree in Boston. A letter from the RCVS was returned on 12/8/1931 marked "deceased".

O'DOWD, LUKE ( - 31/7/1962)

As a MRCVS (Dublin) 1921, he was registered as a Veterinary Surgeon in South Africa between 1933 (inception of Act 16 of 1933) and 1960. During most of this time he was living at Rusheen, Rosmead Avenue, Wynberg, Cape. He came to South Africa after qualifying as a veterinarian and first served in the State Service which he left to establish his practice in Wynberg. He died on 31/7/1962.
OLDFIELD, THOMAS LAMBERT (1858 - 1921)

His only qualification was the successful passing of the Natal Veterinary Board examination which enabled him to register as a veterinarian in Natal under Act 21 of 1899. Born in England in 1858, he arrived in Natal in 1881 as Veterinary Corporal to the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons. After registration, he practiced as a veterinarian in Durban until his death in 1921. After his death his practice was taken over by J McIntyre.

It must be recorded that Oldfield's examination which took place at Allerton Laboratory in 1905 was the second veterinary examination written in South Africa. The previous year (1904) F C Simpson had also sat and passed the Natal Veterinary Board's examination. Oldfield's registration as a veterinarian in Natal under Act 21 of 1899 took place on 12/4/1905.

OLIVER, ERNEST S ( - 24/7/1953)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/7/1901 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 29/3/1908. He died on 24/7/1953.

OLIVER, HENRY OSWALD ( - 1918)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/7/1898 and it is recorded that for some unknown reason he did not register as a veterinarian until 26/10/1917. He came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War and from 24/3/1902 to 1/7/1906 served with the South African Constabulary. On 5/11/1906 he joined the Civil Veterinary Department of the Orange Free State, but on 2/3/1907 left to join the Natal Veterinary Department. From 7/7/1910 to 8/2/1911 he was in S. Rhodesia and it then appears that he went to Australia. He returned to England and took part in World War I. He died of wounds in Germany in 1918 whilst a prisoner of war.

He attended the inaugural meeting of the Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association held at Long's Hotel, Johannesburg on 16/2/1903.

OLIVER, SIR ARTHUR C.B., C.M.G. (1874 - 15/8/1961)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 15/7/1897 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 21/1/1901 to 1/4/1906. From 30/8/1913 to 9/9/1914 he undertook a second tour of duty. Thereafter he returned to England. He died at Chichester on 15/8/1961 aged 87 years.
OLVER, WILLIAM TEMPEST ( - 1/2/1958)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/7/1901 and saw service in South Africa with the AVS/AVD during the Boer War. After the war he returned to England and practiced at Tamworth. During World War I he was on active service with the RAVC in France. From 1929 to 1932 he was mayor of Tamworth as had been his father and grandfather before him. He died on 1/2/1958.

O'NEILL, ALBERT ( - December 1970)

He qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 14/12/1911 and served as a Veterinary Surgeon in South Africa in the early 20th century. He died in December 1970.

O'NEILL, HARRY JOSEPH ( - 11/4/1936)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1897 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He appears not to have returned to England after the Boer War because in 1904 he was District Veterinary Surgeon at Ladysmith (Natal) and between 1905 and 1910 he was in the Cape Colony. He died at Ilford on 11/4/1936.

O'NEILL OSBORNE ANTHONY

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 24/5/1893. He must have come to South Africa soon afterwards, because in 1895 he, together with E A Hollingham, James Richardson, F A Britten, G H Pickwell and Arnold Theiler applied for the advertised post of Veterinary Surgeon to control hygiene in Johannesburg. Arnold Theiler was appointed. From 1897 to 1901 he served with the Southern Rhodesia Civil Veterinary Department and from 1902 to 1906 he was employed by the Natal Government Veterinary Department. During this time he served as a part time Veterinary Officer with the Natal Veterinary Corps and in 1905 was promoted to the rank of Captain. He received his commission on 11/9/1906. In 1921 he is recorded as living in Madagascar. The RCVS records that his name was removed from the register in 1955 (probably as a result of his death).

ORTLEPP, ERROL JULES ( - 16/7/1982)

He qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1947. Thereafter, he practiced in various parts of South Africa until his death on 16/7/1982. Attempts to obtain more information on his life from members of his family have been unsuccessful.
ORTON, EDWARD CHARLES (8/5/1927)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 16/7/1898 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 2/11/1901 to 20/1/1904. After service he returned to England.

OSRIN, RAPHAEL BARNETT (23/11/1897 - 9/2/1985)

"Charlie" Osrin was born in Johannesburg on 23/11/1897 and obtained a BVSc degree in 1925 having undergone training at Onderstepoort with the second group of students to qualify there. He thereafter served as Government Veterinary Officer (G.V.O.) at the following places:

De Aar: 4/2/1926 - September 1928
Vryburg: September 1928 - 16/9/1928
Port St Johns: 17/9/1928 - 11/6/1931
Pietermaritzburg (Allerton): 12/6/1931 - 1936
Lydenburg: 1936 - 1944
Eshowe: 1944 - 1947
Grahamstown: 1947 - 1950
Johannesburg: 1951 (a few months)

Although he officially retired in 1958, his services were retained by the Department until 1968. Thereafter he continued to do official TB tests until 1983 by which time he had probably done more TB tests than anyone else in South Africa. In August 1962 he was appointed official veterinarian to St Andrews Turf Club in Port Elizabeth. He served in this capacity until February 1982. In August 1977 he shared the SAVA Boswell award with Prof. L W van den Heever. He died at the age of 87 in Port Elizabeth on 9/2/1985.

PAINE, RICHARD (2/1/1879 - 29/9/1968)

Born in England on 2/1/1879 he qualified MRCVS on 18/7/1901. On 4/10/1902 he joined the C.V.D. of the Cape Colony together with A Goodall, W H Chase and J H L Lyons and was stationed at East London, Beaufort West and Elsenburg (1908).

He obtained his FRVCS diploma in 1907 his thesis being "Clinical notes upon some poisonous plants in the Cape Colony". For his services he received two letters of appreciation from John X Marriman, Prime Minister of the Cape Colony. In 1922 he was stationed at Grahamstown Laboratory where he worked with G Martinaglia. In 1934 he took charge of Allerton Laboratory where he remained until he retired in 1939.

After his retirement he started practicing in Pietermaritzburg and maintained his practice until 1947. He died on 29/9/1968. His son B T Paine (BVSc) also became a veterinarian. In 1910/11 he was still at Elsenburg earning £350 per annum.
PAKEMAN, WILLIAM GEORGE (22/5/1869 - 20/1/1916)

Born in England on 22/5/1869 he qualified MRCVS (London) in 1892 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. On 11/12/1903 he joined the Cape Civil Veterinary Department and served as G.V.O. at many places including Grahamstown (1908), Queenstown (1910/11) and Aliwal North. He died while in the service at Aliwal North on 20/1/1916.

PALLIN, DANIAL CHAMBERS (22/5/1869 - 29/5/1912)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) in 1874 and with his regiment (14th Hussars) saw service in South Africa as a regular A.V.D. officer on two occasions viz. March to November 1881 and from 1899 to 1902. He died on 29/5/1912 at Gillingham.

PALLIN, S F G, D.S.O. (1879 - 18/2/1930)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/7/1901 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 27/1/1904. He died at Shaldon on 18/2/1930 aged 51 years.

PALLIN, WILLIAM A, C.B.E., D.S.O. (26/9/1843 - 8/6/1907)

Born on 26/9/1843 he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in 1863 and with his regiment saw service in South Africa in 1881. It is recorded that he served with the Royal Artillery in 1871 and the 20th Hussars in 1873. While in South Africa he resigned his commission and returned to England where in 1885 he became the Vice President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. On 14/5/1904 he was awarded his FRCVS. He died in London on 8/6/1907.

PALLIN, WILLIAM ALFRED, CBE, DSO, O du O.M.A.* (1873 - 28/9/1956)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 20/12/1894 and saw service in South Africa in the AVD/AVC from 6/5/1911 to 12/8/1913. He died 28/9/1956 at Hythe, Kent aged 83 years.

PARKER, CHARLES EDWARD (18/7/1868 -)

Born on 18/7/1868 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 20/12/1895 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

* Officer du Order Mérite Agricole
PARKER, JOHN M ( - 15/8/1902)

He qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon at McGill University in 1890 and came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. During this time he was Veterinary Officer to the 7th Dragoon Guards Regiment. He died while on military service on 15/8/1902 and was buried at Worcester (Cape). His remains were subsequently re-interred in the Garden of Rememberance at Maitland.

PARKER, THOMAS ( - 18/7/1940)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/12/1900 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary. After the war he returned to England. He died on 18/7/1945.

PARKER, THOMAS MAYOR M.B.E. ( - 18/1/1946)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 30/5/1889 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department. He died on 18/1/1946.

PARKIN, BATELY SCOTT (16/7/1892 - 16/7/1950)

Born Middelburg (Cape) on 16/7/1892 he graduated BA (Cape) in 1912 and MRCVS (Dublin) on 13/7/1918. During World War I he saw active service with the RAVC in India. In 1920 he was discharged from the army and became lecturer in Veterinary Research at Elsenburg College of Agriculture. On 15/10/1928 he was appointed Research Officer at Onderstepoort and later Professor of Medicine at the Veterinary Faculty at that institute. He died suddenly of a coronary thrombosis in Rhodesia on 16/7/1950 while he was on holiday there.

PATERSON, JOSEPH H G (1864 - 30/5/1938)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 22/12/1897 and during the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the A.V.D. After the war he returned to England. He died on 30/5/1938 aged 74 years.

PATON THOMAS ( - ± 1876)

He obtained his Diploma of the Highland Agriculture Society in Edinburgh in 1855 and after service in the Crimea during 1855 to 1856, was sent to South Africa where he remained from 1861 - 1870. In "The Veterinarian" of 1863 (XXXVI P 489) appears a copy of a
letter written by him to the editor of the Fort Beaufort Advocate on "The Horsesickness of the Cape of Good Hope". In 1867 while stationed in King Williamstown he addressed a letter to the editor of the Kaffrarian Watchman on "Horse breeding at the Cape and remounts for India". (The Veterinarian XL P 781). Later he published an observation on "The Hereditary Transmission of Glanders" (Vet Jl P 430), the case in question being a week-old foal dropped from an imported mare. He won not only the medal of the Royal Humane Society, but also a bar when he rescued a man from drowning in the Liffey. He died at sea in 1876 on his return home from military duty in India. Paton has the honour of appearing on the oldest known photograph of a veterinarian in South Africa. He appears on a group photograph of officers and NCO's of the Cape Mounted Riflemen taken between 1861 and 1870.

PATTISON, H A ( - 1897)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 7/5/1892 and came to South Africa on 10/12/1893 as one of the four Veterinary Surgeons appointed to the Cape Government Veterinary Department by Duncan Hutcheon (the others were Crowhurst, Dixon and Hutchence).

PAWLETT, FREDERICK WILLIAM (1874 - 27/9/1926)

Born at Theddingworth, Leicestershire, he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 21/12/1899 and saw service in South Africa throughout the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. During World War I he served in France. He died at York on 27/9/1926 aged 52 years.

PIDDIE, JOHN (1870 - 5/8/1932)

Born in 1870 he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 19/12/1893 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department (Henniker's Column). From 5/10/1901 to 15/1/1903 he was Veterinary Officer to the South African Constabulary. Thereafter he served as acting Governor Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Surgeon to the Municipality of Johannesburg. He was succeeded by P Conacher when he was appointed as the first Government Veterinary Officer in Johannesburg. During World War I he served as a Captain in the SAVC. He died in Doornfontein, Johannesburg on 5/8/1932. He was then living at 86 Siemert Street, Doornfontein. He was buried with full military honours at the Brixton Cemetery.

PEROSSI, E T

He was registered as a Veterinary Surgeon under Section 12 of Act 16 of 1933 at its implementation. He was then living at 70 Bedford Avenue, Benoni.
PHELAN, HYLAND W (  - 10/1/1916)
He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 16/7/1896 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 10/1/1916.

PHILLIPS, CHARLES (26/1/1851 - 4/6/1895)
Born on 26/1/1851 he qualified MRCVS in 1870 and with his regiment saw service in Natal from 1879 to 1880 when he took part in the Zulu War of 1879. He died on 4/6/1895 in Dublin.

PHILLIPS, J J (  - 24/11/1919)
He qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1871 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 3/11/1900 to 31/3/1905. After service he returned to England. He died at High Wycombe, Buxs on 24/11/1919.

PICKWELL, GEORGE HERBERT (  - 27/1/1924)
He qualified MRCVS (London) on 8/12/1885 and during the Boer War he saw service for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

Prior to the Boer War he applied for the advertised post of Veterinarian to the Municipality of Johannesburg in competition with Arnold Theiler, James Richardson, F A Britten, Osborne O’Neil and E A Hollingham. The post went to Theiler. He died on 27/1/1924 at Bingham, Notts.

PILKINGTON, JOHN KIRBY (1857 - 4/8/1941)
Born Liverpool in 1857 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 2/4/1881 and practiced there for the next 20 years. During the Boer War he came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the Boer War he practiced in Johannesburg. In 1914 he joined the SAVC and saw active service in South West Africa. In 1926 at the age of 69 years he represented South Africa as a bowler and was awarded Springbok colours. He died on 4/8/1941 and is buried in the Brixton Cemetary.

PLUNKETT, RICHARD A
He qualified MRCVS (London) on 12/7/1899 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the A.V.D. during the Boer War.
He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 15/4/1909.

POLLARD, JOHN ( - 9/3/1938)

He qualified MRCVS on 22/5/1897 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. From 7/12/1902 to 1906 he served as a Government Veterinary Officer with the Transvaal Civil Veterinary Department, being stationed at Wakkerstroom. He died on 9/3/1938.

PORTEOUS, RICHARD (1877 - 31/12/1930)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 22/12/1899 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 2/11/1901 to 20/10/1902. After the war he returned to England. He died in Southsea on 31/12/1930. He also saw service in India and West Africa (Jungarau). In August 1907 he was invalided home due to Malaria. In England he was stationed at Aldershot and Shorncliffe until 1912 when he returned to India. During World War I he served in France and Italy. He subsequently did duty in Mesopotamia (Bogra and Baghdad) until finally invalided home in 1921. From September of the year he practiced at Southsea until his death.

POTTIE, MICHAEL

All that is known of this man is that he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 22/12/1891 and in 1930 was living at Sannieshof in the district of Lichtenburg.

POWER, WILLIAM MICHAEL (29/12/1873 - 7/11/1951)

Born in Tramore in the County of Waterford, Ireland on 29/12/1873, he qualified MRCVS at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London on 16/12/1896. He then practiced for a short time in Dublin before joining the Natal Civil Veterinary Department in July 1899 as a Lieutenant in the V.V.C. (Volunteer Veterinary Corps) he was attached to the Border Mounted Rifles and together with A F Harber and H Watkins-Pitchford served through the siege of Ladysmith. During the siege he created a record by weighing 14 pounds heavier at the end of the siege than at the beginning. Everyone else lost weight.

His marriage was delayed by the Boer War.

After the Boer War he served as District Veterinary Surgeon at Ixopo and in 1905 was transferred to Pietermaritzburg to act as Principal Veterinary Officer in the absence of S B Woollatt. In 1906 he served in the Zulu Rebellion. On Woollatt's resignation on 31/10/1907, he was promoted to the post of Principal Veterinary
Officer of Natal. He served in this position until he retired at the age of 55 years on 28/12/1928. He was succeeded by G H Melck.

After his retirement from Government Service he opened a private practice in Pietermaritzburg and took an active interest in politics. His public appointments are recorded as follows:

1. President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Natal 1929 to 1935.
2. Elected member of the Natal Provincial Council 1931 to 1933.
3. Member of the Executive Council 1933 to 1946.
4. 1935 appointed Chairman of a commission to investigate the game reserves in Zululand.
5. 1 September 1939 to 1947 appointed Chairman of the "Zululand Game Reserves and Parks Board".
6. March 1947 to November 1950 First Chairman of the Natal Parks Board.
7. November 1951 until his death Deputy Chairman of the Natal Parks Board.
8. Member of the Asiatic Land Tenure Board 20/9/1947 to 30/6/1951.
10. Chairman 1820 Settlers Memorial Association (Midlands Branch).
11. Member, Historical Monuments Commission.
12. Etc. etc.

He died in Pietermaritzburg on 7/11/1951. The Power-Potter-Charter Memorial Gate to the Hluhluwe Game Reserve which commemorates his memory was unveiled on 24/4/1971. He is buried in Plot E1637 Mountain Rise Cemetery, Pietermaritzburg. His signature (W M Power Capt) appears on a desk, presently in the Talana Museum, which was presented in August 1902 by the officers of the Natal Volunteer Composite Regiment to Mrs Evans wife of L-Colonel R W Evans N.M.R. who was killed in action near Vryheid on 20/2/1902. On 12/1/1909 he attended the Pan African Congress held at Pretoria to correspond with the official opening of the Research Institute at Onderstepoort.

PRIME, THOMAS FLETCHER (1872 - 21/1/1942)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/5/1892 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 21/1/1942 aged 70 years.

PRIME, WILLIAM HARRISON ( - January 1966)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 30/5/1894 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died in January 1966.
PRINGLE, JOHN NOBLE ( - 8/7/1935)
He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 30/5/1892 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 8/7/1935.

PRINGLE, SIR ROBERT K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. (1855 - 30/6/1926)
He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 15/4/1874 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 7/6/1900 to 31/10/1901. He joined the British Army in 1878 at the age of 23 years and saw active service in the Afghan War, taking part in the Wazeree expedition of 1881 (mentioned in despatches) and the Zhob Valley expedition of 1884. After service in South Africa he was appointed P.V.O. of the 3rd Army Corps in 1902 and inspecting V.O. for India from 1903 to 1907. In turn he became P.V.O. at Aldershot from 1908 to 1910 and Director General of the RAVC on 15/10/1910. For his services in South Africa he was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O. In 1909 he was awarded the C.B. For services in World War I he was made a K.C.M.G. He should officially have retired in October 1915, but stayed on in the service in spite of old age and poor health. He was finally forced to retire on 11/10/1917. He died at Farnham, Surrey on 30/6/1926.

PROBYN, FREDERICK STEWART ( - 13/7/1956)
He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1899 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 15/4/1902 to 29/12/1907. After service he returned to England. He died at Sidmouth, Devon on 13/7/1956.

PRUDAMES ERNEST A (1871 - 17/5/1928)
It is recorded that he qualified MRCVS (London) on 18 May 1892. He died on 17/5/1928 aged 57 years. According to A M Diesel he served as a Veterinary Surgeon in the Cape Colony after 1896.

PULLINGER, EDWARD JAMES ( - 10/11/1959)
He graduated BVSc at the Onderstepoort Faculty of Veterinary Science in December 1929 and then proceeded to England to register with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as well as to take the post graduate diploma of Bacteriology (Dip Bac). On his return to South Africa he worked at Onderstepoort for a while and then joined the Johannesburg Municipal Service in 1939. In World War II he saw active service as a major in the SAVC. After the war he served as Deputy Director of the Johannesburg Municipal Abattoir. He died on 10/11/1959.
PURCHASE, HARVEY SPURGEON (1906 - 5/6/1968)

Born in 1906 at Fort Jameson in Northern Rhodesia, he qualified MRCVS and BSc (London) on 13/7/1928. In 1931 he was awarded the FRCVS for his thesis "Some Diseases of Domestication and their prevention". In 1938 he was awarded the Ph.D degree by London University for his thesis on "Bovine Pleuropneumonia" based on results obtained in the field. After qualifying as a Veterinary Surgeon he spent a year at Weybridge Laboratory and then after the award of a Colonial Fellowship, a year at Molteno Institute at Cambridge where he studied tropical diseases.

In 1931 he joined the Veterinary Department of the Northern Rhodesia Government, the first Rhodesian born person to hold such a post. In 1938 he transferred to Kenya, first as Veterinary Research Officer and later as Chief of the laboratory at Kabete. In 1952 he was awarded the O.B.E. for his service to the colonies. In 1952 he retired from the Colonial Service and joined Cooper and Nephews (SA) as Technical Manager. This post he held until he died on 5/6/1968. Both his sons, Graham and Iain qualified as veterinarians.

PYE, WILLIAM M ( - 1/2/1905)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 23 June 1891 and came to South Africa in June 1893 where he served as assistant to Alexander Edington, the Colonial Bacteriologist at Grahamstown for two years. In 1896 he joined E A Hollingham MRCVS in practice in Johannesburg.

Like Hollingham he fled Johannesburg during the Boer War and saw military service in the ranks of the I.L.H. regiment. Towards the end of the war he was taken into the Army Veterinary Department. After the Boer War he returned to Johannesburg and resumed his practice. He is recorded to have died "tragically" in Pretoria on 1/2/1905. Amongst his duties in Johannesburg he was consulting veterinarian to the Sanitary Board of Johannesburg, which function he took over from Sir Arnold Theiler.

QUIN, JOHN ISAAC (15/2/1900 - 19/3/1950)

Born at Klerksdorp on 15 February 1900, he graduated BVSc with the first group of 7 students to qualify at the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort in 1924. He immediately joined the Government Service and was appointed Research Officer in Bacteriology at Onderstepoort, but later became a lecturer in Physiology at the Veterinary Faculty. Thereafter he was appointed Professor of Physiology in 1934 and served in this capacity until his promotion to Director of Veterinary Services on 1/12/1949. He died on the train returning to Pretoria from Nelspruit on 19/3/1950 while travelling with Norris Dodd the Director General of F.A.O.

He was an expert on Rumenal and sex hormone physiology. In 1928 he was awarded the DVSc degree by the University of South Africa.
QUINLAN, D J (23/6/1909)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in July 1899 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 12/11/1899 to 16/10/1902. From 1900 he served at the Mooi River Remount Depot with F J Carless, G M Williams and H M Durrant. After service he returned to England.

QUINLAN, JOHN BAGOT (12/7/1887 - 12/8/1970)

Born on 12/7/1887 at Fethard, County Tipperary, Eire, "JB" qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 22/7/1912 and the same year was awarded the Fitzwygram 1st Prize as the top veterinary student in the British Isles. After qualifying he came to South Africa as lecturer in Veterinary Science at the Potchefstroom College of Agriculture. During World War I he served as a Captain in the SAVC. In 1920 he was stationed at Allerton Laboratory.

On the establishment of the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort he was appointed the first professor of surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics in 1922. In this post he served until retirement in July 1947. Thereafter he practiced first in Cape Town and then in Mooi River and finally in Durban where he died on 12/8/1970 while dosing a horse.

He was probably the greatest equine veterinary surgeon of his time. In 1922 he was awarded the Dr Med Vet (Hanover) degree followed by the FRCVS in 1928 and DVSc (SA) in 1929.

RAINEY, J WAKEFIELD C.B.E. (1967)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 20/12/1904 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 14/12/1910 to 5/8/1913. He subsequently returned to South Africa in 1938 and served as Secretary, Handicapper and Measurer to the Bloemfontein Turf C. He is recorded as the first veterinarian to have served in this capacity in South Africa. During his absence from South Africa he served as Assistant Director General of the Army Veterinary Services 1915 - 1919; Chief Veterinary Officer of the Fiji Islands (1919 - 1921) and editor of the official History of the Great War (Veterinary Services). On 5/9/1967 the RCVS was informed that he had died some time previously.

RANGELEY, HERBERT (1889)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1870 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) in 1884 as a trooper and accompanied the Warren expedition together with Duck, Brown, Gentle, Cox and Rutherford. The reason for him being a Trooper being that he retired from the Army Veterinary Department on 22/1/1878. After service he returned to England and died in 1889.
RAYMENT, GEORGE JOSEPH ROBERT (2/5/1851 - 7/7/1903)

Born on 2/5/1851 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/4/1871 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service in South Africa with the Army Veterinary Department on two occasions viz. in 1879 and from 1899 to 1902. He took part in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882 and Waziristan Campaign of 1895. Due to I Matthews, the Principal Veterinary Officer of the A.V.D., being besieged at Ladysmith, the A.V.D. in South Africa was without a Commander until he arrived with the rank of Lieut Colonel in Cape Town on 19/11/1899. After a delay he was appointed acting P.V.O. At the end of his services he returned to England. He died in Nigeria on 7/7/1903 at the aged of 52 years.

RAYMOND, FRANCIS C.I.E. ( - 17/5/1945)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 5/1/1877 and with his regiment saw service in Natal in 1879 in the Zulu War of that year.

RAYMOND, RICHARD WELLINGTON (20/9/1859 - 1946)

Born on 20/9/1859 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 13/1/1883 and saw service in South Africa as a regular A.V.D. officer on two occasions viz. from 1/12/1887 to 16/8/1893 and again from 10/6/1898 to 10/11/1904. From 1888 to 1893 he was stationed at Eshowe whereas during his second tour of duty he was stationed at Pietermaritzburg and was besieged at Ladysmith. He returned to England on 10/11/1904. In May 1946 the RCVS Registry was informed that he was "deceased".

REECE, R S

During the Boer War he saw active service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

REES, WILLIAM DAVID (1877 - 23/2/1952)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 29/3/1897 and saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time during the Boer War. After the war he returned to England. He died at Craigside, Penygraig, Glamorgan on 23/2/1952 aged 75 years.
REID, JAMES (1922 - 1951)

He graduated BSc (Agric) in 1922 and BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort in 1926. On 2/4/1927 he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and saw service as a State Veterinarian at Louis Trichardt (30/3/1927 to 2/7/1927), Nylstroom, Pietersburg (November 1927), Cape Town, Estcourt and Allerton Laboratory. In 1930 he left the service and purchased C H Wadlow's practice in Port Elizabeth when the latter moved to Cape Town.

In 1933 he is reported to have farmed and practiced in the Standerton district. His death took place in 1951 on his father's farm Elmtree, in the Standerton district from an overdose of nembutal injection.

REICHERT, MIECZYSŁAW STANISŁAW (21/7/1904 - 7/5/1985)

Born in Bobrka, Poland on 21/7/1904 he qualified as a veterinarian at the University of Lwow in 1931. In 1938 he obtained the Dr Med Vet degree from that University. After qualifying he served in the Polish Army at Tranopol in eastern Poland. When his country was invaded by the German army in 1939, his regiment crossed into Yugoslavia and from there via Italy to France. With the collapse of France in 1940 his unit was evacuated to Scotland. He spent the remainder of World War II serving in the Free Polish army in Scotland. On 11/7/1946 he obtained his MRCVS (Edinburgh) and in March 1947 took up an appointment as Veterinary Officer (Francistown) with the Bechuanaland Protectorate Government. In September 1957 he was promoted to the post of Deputy Director in that service and was stationed at Mafeking. He was awarded the M.B.E. in the 1959 New Year Honours List. He retired from the Bechuanaland service in December 1960 and practiced in Bulawayo until January 1974 when he contracted to serve the S.P.C.A. Cape Town for a period of three years. He finally retired in 1977 and settled permanently in Cape Town. He died there suddenly of a burst Aorta on 7/5/1985.

REILLY, JAMES (1/6/1847 - 3/3/1922)

Born on 1/6/1847 he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 17/4/1867 with his regiment saw service in South Africa from 1881 to 1889. He died on 3/3/1922. On 17/5/1897 he was presented by HRH the Prince of Wales at a levee on the occasion of his promotion to Lieut Colonel. (See Harris page 82).

RENNIE, THOMAS

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 18/12/1897 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for the duration of the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he joined the Veterinary Department of Burma where he served for 25 years. During World War I he commanded a fort defending the Rangoon river while the "Emden" was
raiding in the gulf of Martaban. At the conclusion of World War I he returned to England where he died at Haywards Heath Hospital at the age of 55 on 15/6/1932.

REVILL, WILLIAM C.B. ( - 2/3/1926)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 26/3/1886 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the A.V.D. He died on 2/3/1926.

REVINGTON, THOMAS LE BLANC (13/6/1887 - 1928)

Born on 13/6/1887 he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 24/7/1911. He is reported to have served in World War I in the South African Mounted Rifles as a Rifleman (No. 2348) in the South West Africa Campaign, but in December 1915 was commissioned in the SAVC and took part in the East Africa Campaign. On 1/4/1920 he was appointed as Government Veterinary Officer in South West Africa (Otjivarango). On 29/12/1924 he was posted back to South Africa and was succeeded by J Bone. On 1/2/1926 he resigned from the service and went to live in Australia. He died there in 1928 in Perth. Professor P J J Fourie informed the author that he was a brilliant Biochemist and was responsible for the identification of the Porphyrins as the cause of discolouration in Pink Tooth in cattle.

RICHARDSON, ALEXANDER E ( - 25/1/1905)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in March 1885 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 3/11/1899 to 24/1/1905 with the 6th Dragoon Guards at Rensburg and "R" Battery of the R.H.A. etc.. He died at Bloemfontein on 25/1/1905.

RICHARDSON, JAMES

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 18/7/1886 and it is not known when he came to South Africa. In January 1893 he commenced practice from the Masonic Hotel in Johannesburg. It is also recorded that in July of that year he was fined for smashing the stalls of the Standard Theatre while intoxicated. However, it is recorded that he, together with Arnold Theiler, E A Hollingham and F A Britten were appointed Honorary Veterinary Surgeons to the first Johannesburg Agricultural (Rand) Show held in March 1895. He also sent his good wishes to the inaugural meeting of the Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association held at Long's Hotel, Johannesburg on 16/2/1903.
RICHARDSON, ULCICK FORSTER (1887 - 31/3/1962)

He qualified BSc and MRCVS (London) on 22/12/1910 and in 1954 was living at 34 Howick Road, Pietermaritzburg. He paid membership fees to the Natal Branch of the SAVA from 1950 to 1960. During his lifetime he had been V.O. and D.DVS in the Veterinary Department of Uganda. He died on the island of Malta on 31/3/1962 aged "over 80". In actual fact he was 75 years old.

RICHMOND, FREDERICK JAMES (1877 - 21/10/1927)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 14/4/1880 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Oldham, Lancs on 21/10/1927.

RIDDLE, ROBERT (12/9/1859 - 12/9/1859)

As a veterinary graduate of Ontario Veterinary College (1880) he served with the North West Mounted Police (North-West Rebellion Medal with clasp) until the end of 1899 when he came to South Africa with the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles. He returned to Canada on 16/7/1902. In South Africa he took part in operations in the Cape Colony (actions at Colesburg and Kheis) Orange River Colony (Vet Rivier and Zand Rivier) and Transvaal from May 1900 to May 1902.

ROBERTS, HERBERT KEELING (15/12/1962)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/12/1903 and on 15/11/1907 was appointed Veterinary Bacteriologist to the Orange Free State Government. In 1910 he was still in the employ of the Government. He died on 15/12/1962.

ROBERTS, NORCOTT d'E (1945)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 26/5/1900 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa during the Boer War. After the war he returned to England. He died in 1945.

ROBERTSON, WILLIAM (22/6/1872 - 22/12/1918)

Born in Scotland on 22/6/1872 he qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1893. After undergoing suitable training, including training at the Pasteur Institute, he was appointed on 23/5/1896 by the Cape of Good Hope Civil Veterinary Department as assistant to Dr Alexander Edington, Colonial Bacteriologist at Grahamstown. In
October 1896 he and Edington proceeded to Taungs on Rinderpest Research. His stay at Grahamstown was however, intermittent, because in July 1897 he accompanied the Diamond Field Horse Regiment as their Veterinary Officer to Mashonaland in order to suppress the rebellion there. In 1899 he proceeded to England under Edington's instruction to deliver blood specimens of Horsesickness to McFadyean's laboratory. Following on Edington's resignation on 30/6/1905 he took over control of the Grahamstown laboratory as Director of Research. On 30/9/1907 he visited Arnold Theiler's laboratory at Dapoort and at the same time attended the 3rd Annual Congress of the Inter-Colonial Agricultural Union held in Pretoria. On 12th January 1909 he once again visited Pretoria to attend the Pan African Veterinary Conference which was held in Pretoria to correspond with the official opening of the new Onderstepoort laboratory.

After the establishment of Union in 1910 he was appointed as Assistant Director of Veterinary Research based in Grahamstown together with H Watkins-Pitchford who was based in Pietermaritzburg. The same year he was transferred to Onderstepoort, but due to ill health was allowed to return to Grahamstown in 1914. As Veterinary Research Officer he continued to serve in Grahamstown until his death there on 22/12/1918.

In 1938 a silver plaque presented to him by the farmers of the Albany district in gratitude for services rendered to them, together with a signed photograph, was handed to the South African Veterinary Medical Association by his widow.

ROBINSON, ERIC MAXWELL (12/10/1891 - 28/6/1982)

Born on 12/10/1891 at Market Deeping, Lincoln, England, the son of John Andrew Robinson MRCVS (Edinburgh 1885) 4/3/1864 - 3/9/1915, he came to South Africa in 1901 to join his parents in Knysna. After passing his matric at Mossel Bay he proceeded to the Royal Veterinary College, London where he obtained his MRCVS in 1912. In so doing he became the first son of a veterinarian in South Africa to qualify as a veterinarian.

After qualifying as a veterinarian he practiced for a year in England and then returned to South Africa to work as an assistant to Sir Arnold Theiler at Onderstepoort. From 1913 to 1919 he worked on Tuberculosis, Contagious Abortion and Botulism.

In 1920 he proceeded to the Veterinary High School, Berne where he obtained the degree of Dr Med Vet for his thesis "The carrier in bovine contagious abortion". On returning to South Africa he was placed in charge of the Allerton Veterinary Laboratory, Pietermaritzburg where he remained until 1922. While at Allerton he commenced his studies on the serology of trypanasomias which was later continued at Onderstepoort.

In 1922 he was appointed Lecturer in Bacteriology at the newly established Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort which position he held until 1928 when he was appointed professor of infectious diseases. This position he held until his retirement at the end of 1951. In addition to his academic duties he himself earned the
degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) from the University of South Africa for his thesis "The Bacteria of the Clostridium Botulinum C and D types".

In 1929 he was also placed in charge of the Bacterial Vaccine Section at Onderstepoort and in 1931 was appointed as Sub-Director of Veterinary Services. In 1947 he rose to the rank of Assistant Director and in April 1951 to the rank of Deputy Director.

He formally retired on 12/10/1951, but was immediately re-employed by the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort to do research work into the typing Tuberculosi stain, Tuberculin Production and Bacteriological aspects of sterility in cattle.

On 31/12/1956 he retired from his duties with the faculty, but served as a temporary State Veterinarian at Onderstepoort until 31/3/1958 when he finally retired and joined the South African Bureau of Standards as a temporary Assistant Technical Officer. In this position he remained until his final retirement in January 1960. Thereafter he settled at Knysna.

That same year he established the first private veterinary practice in Knysna and in 1977 when a younger colleague also established himself there, he was pleased to step down from active practice and to concentrate on animal welfare duties. He had served as an animal welfare inspector from 1970 to 1977. During his lifetime Professor E M Robinson held the following important public offices:

- 1931 - President of the South African Biological Society
- 1932 - President of Section C of the South African Association for the advancement of Science
- 1935 - Member of the Council of the S.A.V.M.A.
- 1937 - Awarded the Senior Captain Scott Medal for Scientific Research by the South African Biological Society
- 1940 - 1945 and 1951 - 1958 - Served as Editor of the SAVMA Journal
- 1945 - President of the Pretoria Rotary Club
- 1978 - Awarded the Gold Medal of the S.A.V.M.A.
- 1981 - Awarded the Paul Harris award for his services to Rotary

On 18/6/1924 he married Miss Bergit Osmundsen and of the two children born of this marriage (John Eric 18/4/1925 and Britha Nora 30/3/1928), John graduated as a veterinarian at Onderstepoort in 1949 and Britha married D C L Wacher also a graduate of Onderstepoort (BVSc 1951). Mrs Robinson died in July 1949. On 15/12/1951 he remarried to Miss Dorothy Amy Proctor.

E M Robinson died in Knysna on the 28th of June 1982 having completed writing up his life history for this manuscript three days before. These were probably the last words he wrote at the end of an active and illustrious career. His students of 30 years will always remember him as a quiet, gentlemanly and respected teacher.

ROBINSON, JOHN ANDREW (4/3/1864 - 3/9/1915)

Born Peterborough on 4/3/1864 he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in May 1885. In 1896 he came to the Cape of Good Hope to take part in the
Rinderpest Campaign and was stationed at the Victoria Compound in Kimberley under Robert Koch. His appointment as Assistant Veterinary Surgeon to the Cape of Good Hope Government however, only dated from 11/4/1897. In 1908 he was stationed at Kingwilliamstown. In 1911 he was transferred to the Grootfontein School of Agriculture at Middelburg, Cape where he lectured Veterinary Science to the Agricultural students. He died at Grootfontein on 3/9/1915. His son E M Robinson also qualified as a veterinarian (MRCVS 1912) as well as his grandson J E Robinson (BVSc Onderstepoort 1949). In 1910/11 in East London he was earning £430 per annum.

ROBINSON, JOHN ERIC (18/4/1925 - 28/6/1988)

Born in Pretoria on 18/4/1925 the son of Prof. E M Robinson (MRCVS) and grandson of J A Robinson (MRCVS) he qualified as a veterinarian at Onderstepoort at the end of 1949. Immediately thereafter he joined the Rhodesian Veterinary Department and was stationed at Sinoia from 1950 to 1959, Chipinga from 1959 to 1964 and in Salisbury as assistant to the Director. He also served as Provincial Veterinary Officer, Fort Victoria. In 1966 he was appointed Director of Wildlife and Parks which position he held until 1967 when he returned to the Veterinary Department. In the early 1980's he returned to South Africa.

He was killed in a motor accident on the night of 28/6/1988 when returning to his home in Cape Town on the completion of a two month game cropping inspection operation in the Karoo for the Directorate of Veterinary Services. The accident occurred between Worcester and Cape Town.

ROBINSON, JOHN MARSHALL (1878 - 11/4/1937)

Very little is known about this man other than that he came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon (registered) attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He did not return to England after the war, but opened a private practice in Pretoria. On 16/2/1903 he attended the inaugural meeting of the Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association as the representative of the private veterinarians. He died in Pretoria on 11/4/1937 at the age of 59 years.

ROBINSON, MAURICE CONNELL (14/5/1903 - 26/3/1978)

Born on 14/5/1903 in Johannesburg, he attended King Edward School in that city and qualified as a veterinarian by obtaining the BVSc degree at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort in December 1928.

After qualifying he joined the State Service and saw service as a Government Veterinary Officer at Umtata and Nongoma. In 1930 he married his Onderstepoort classmate, Miss Joan Morice and joined her in private practice in Johannesburg. He and his wife continued
together in practice until 1935 when the practice closed and he joined the Municipal Service of Johannesburg as Veterinary Officer at the Newton Abattoir. His wife died on 24/11/1944.

"Mike" Robinson finally retired from the Johannesburg Municipal Service in 1960 and settled in Umkomaas, Natal where he died on 26/3/1978. After his death his body was cremated and his ashes strewn over the garden of 9 Edinburgh Street, Umkomaas.

During World War II he saw service in the S.A.V.C. as a Captain and it is of interest to record that he was due to sail on the Mule ship to India which was subsequently torpedoed on 3/9/1943 and in which Major A M Howie MRCVS lost his life. Only the night before he was due to sail was he replaced by Major Howie.

ROBINSON, PERCIVAL JAMES (1889 - 14/6/1949)

He was not a qualified veterinarian although he was subsequently registered under the Veterinary Surgeons Act of 1933. He started his practice in Newlands (Cape) in 1919 and eventually established the Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital there in 1933. He sold his practice to C H Basson in 1946 when he retired. He died in June 1949 aged 60 years. He was cremated and his ashes strewn in the back garden of the Blue Cross Hospital. It is related of Robinson that he thought little of qualified veterinarians because of one asking him why he placed fresh grass in a bottle of ticks he was collecting for a friend. His reply was "Don't they teach you young men anything - I give them the grass so that they won't die of starvation".


He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/12/1937. During World War II he trained officers for the King's African Rifles in Kenya, then after service in Abyssinia he joined the 2nd Nigeria Regiment. Subsequently he saw service as a Veterinary Officer, Senior Veterinary Officer and Deputy Director in Uganda until promoted to Director of Veterinary Services in the Bechuanaland Protectorate in 1949. As such he was resident in Mafeking until his transfer to Tanganyika as Director of Veterinary Services there in 1955. When this country became independent in 1962 he returned to England. He was employed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Sussex and Wales. During his stay in Bechuanaland he was instrumental in designing and erecting the major Foot and Mouth disease control fences (Debeeti, Central Ngwato, Makalamabedi and Kuki) and quarantine camps (Makalamabedi, Debeeti, Kuki, Makoba and Dukwe). He was succeeded as Director by K Unsworth. He died in England on 18/4/1981.


Born in Manzini, Swaziland on 5/4/1944, he qualified as a veterinarian (BVSc) at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the

ROSE, CHARLES (1868 - 11/9/1939)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 10/4/1888 and saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 15/11/1899 to 2/7/1903. After service he returned to England. He was commissioned in 1891 and retired in 1912. During 1914 he was recalled from the reserve of officers and saw service in France from August 1914 until April 1915. After a further period of service in the U.K. he was finally retired on grounds of ill health in 1916. He died on 11/9/1939.

ROSS, KENNETH ANDREW (4/1/1917 - 18/7/1982)

Born in Cockermouth, Cumberland on 4/1/1917 he qualified MRCVS at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh on 14/7/1938. After qualifying he undertook a junior lectureship in Bacteriology, Pathology and Meat Inspection. From 1940 to 1943 he saw service in the Royal Air Force. Thereafter he appears to have moved around a great deal and to have undertaken many and varied forms of employment. Some of these were:-

1943 - 1945 practiced in London and Kent.
1947 - 1950 Government Veterinary Officer Rhodesia and Basutoland.
1955 - 1957 Veterinary Surgeon to the Straite Racing Association Malaya.
1957 - 1958 Study tour U.S.A.
1958 - 1959 Pfizer Laboratories Kenya
1960 - 1967 Bulawayo
1978 Practiced Kayalami, Alberton and Johannesburg.

He died on 18/7/1982 at the Mill Park Hospital, Johannesburg and was cremated.

On 8/8/1985 the author telephoned Jock Hodkin who told him that K A Ross was a very small man with a peculiar mouth. Very English. He never paid his debts. Mr Kumm, a Senior Stock Inspector at Kokstad, confirmed that Ross at Kokstad in 1954 was also short and never paid his debts. He was always drunk and used to take the vaccine order money out of the office safe to buy liquor. He would then have to borrow to make up the deficiency. He also used to go on holiday to the Cape and to the Drakensberg for weekends in his G.G. vehicle. His simply disconnected the speedometer to avoid being caught.
Ross was dismissed from the service after a visit to Pretoria with C Flight. It appears he misbehaved in Pretoria and en route (probably drunk). According to Mr Schweppenhauzer, a smear examiner who served at Kokstad at the time, they used to find Ross dead drunk in his chair when the office opened in the morning.


Born on 18/11/1907 at Ermelo, he only took up veterinary studies two years after leaving school. He thereafter entered the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort in 1927 and graduated BVSc in June 1932. The reason for qualifying in June 1932 is that he, W S B Clapham and W G Barnard had to rewrite surgery which they failed at the final year exam in December 1931. In July 1932 he was appointed to the Division of Veterinary Services and stationed at Allerton Laboratory, Pietermaritzburg. Thereafter he served as Government Veterinary Officer at Ladysmith (Natal) and Nongoma (1937). From November 1939 to September 1940 he served on secondment in Tanganyika on Rinderpest control. During World War II he saw active service in the SAVC and was involved with transportation of mules to India for the British Army. He was also involved with the capture of Madagascar by the South African forces. He served on numerous Foot and Mouth disease campaigns at Bushbuck Ridge while stationed at Barberton and Ermelo where he lived for 10 years. He served 5 years as Government Veterinary Officer, Grahamstown. In 1965 he was promoted to Assistant Director in charge of the Natal Region, which post he held until he retired in 1972. After retirement he took up temporary appointment for 3 years with the Division of Veterinary Services as Veterinary Meat Inspector at Pietermaritzburg Abattoir. He died on 1/2/1981 aged 73 years at Pietermaritzburg. For his services during World War II he was awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division). He was a keen cricketer, rugby and bowls player and an excellent horseman as well as an active Rotarian and member of old soldiers' organisations.

ROWE, JAMES (1848 - 4/10/1930)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 20/4/1968 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a C.V.S. in the Army Veterinary Department. He died at Marylebone on 4/10/1930 aged 82 years.

ROWE, RICHARD (7/2/1844 - 21/3/1930)

Born on 7/2/1844 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 21/4/1869 and saw service in South Africa as a regular A.V.D. officer from 31/3/1886 to 13/3/1892. During this period he held the post of S.V.O. (later P.V.O.) of the A.V.D. with headquarters in Pietermaritzburg having succeeded J C Berne as S.V.O. On his return to England he in turn was succeeded as S.V.O. by F F Crawford. In 1888 he gave evidence before the Stock Commission which was formed to investigate the best means of improving of breeding of cattle and horses in Natal. In his evidence he appears to be the first person to draw attention
to the need to stable horses to avoid them contracting horsesickness. He died at Balham on 21/3/1930.

ROWSTON, W N

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 19/12/1900 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

Ruddock, H S

As a veterinary graduate of Melbourne Veterinary College in 1892 he saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the 2nd Mounted Rifles. He took part in the action at the siege of Elands River.

Rudolph, Brian Peter (26/4/1940 - 8/10/1971)

Born on 26/4/1940 at Pretoria he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1965. After qualifying he opened a private practice in Kempton Park, but after only six years in practice, was killed in a motor accident near Kempton Park on 8/10/1971.

Runciman, Ben ( - 27/11/1958)

The son of a veterinary surgeon and with two brothers who were also veterinary surgeons, he qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 28/5/1900. He came to South Africa as a C.V.S. attached to the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War and saw service as Veterinary Officer to the South African Constabulary from 21/1/1902 to 1/7/1906. After his discharge he set up an equine practice in Johannesburg, but for a time also practiced at Epsom in England. During World War I he served as a Captain in the S.A.V.C. He died in Tanganyika on 27/11/1958.

Russell, John A ( - 24/2/1908)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1899 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 2/11/1901 to 1/4/1903. He returned to England after his service and died at Rathmines on 24/2/1908.

Russell, William Edward (28/8/1869 - 22/6/1903)

Born on 28/8/1869, he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 23/5/1894 and
saw service as a regular A.V.D. officer with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 28/11/1901 to 6/1/1903. After service he returned to England. He died in Berbera, Aden on 22/6/1903 from Enteric Fever.

RUTHERFORD, CHARLES, C.B. C.M.G. (1858 - 2/4/1922)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 16/4/1879 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service in South Africa on two occasions viz. from 1881 to 1882 and from 1884 to 1885. On both occasions he was stationed in Natal. On 19 and 20/8/1885, an article written by him entitled "Horsesickness in South Africa" was published in the Cape Times. In this article he stated that he was of the opinion that Horsesickness and Anthrax are one disease, but that four forms thereof exist viz. the acute, dikkop, blue tongue and bilious forms. This theory was considered of such importance that the whole article was republished in Natal GN 44/1886 on 21/1/1886. At the time the article was written he was serving with the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons in Pietermaritzburg.

Together with Francis Duck, A H Gentle, Cox, Rangeley and Brown he took part in the Warren Expedition to Bechuanaland in 1884 - 1885. He died on 2/4/1922. In a talk given to the Norfolk and Easte:~ Counties Association and published in the Veterinary Journal, he states that he was in South Africa for 5½ years.

RYAN, HUGH THOMAS D.S.O. (1876 - 12/8/1936)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 15/7/1898 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Veterinary Surgeon in the A.V.D having arrived in Cape Town aboard the "Nile" from Buenos Airies with a shipload of horses. He was also stationed in America during the Boer War purchasing horses. From 1905 to 1909 he saw service in India (Quetta and Karachi). From 1909 to 1914 he was stationed at Curragh, Fermoy and Ballincollig in Ireland. During World War I he was stationed at the Veterinary hospital at Dieppe where he was awarded the D.S.. After the war he went into private practice, but retired due to ill health in 1934. He died in 1936 at the Bon Secour Home, Cork, Ireland.

SANDERSON, CHARLES JESSE (1868 - 29/3/1956)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1898 and saw service in South Africa with the New Zealand Mounted Rifles during the Boer War from 21/6/1900. Curson records that on 23/10/1900 he joined the Transvaal Constabulary (which later became the South African Constabulary) as Principal Veterinary Officer and served in this capacity until 5/7/1907. He thereafter proceeded to Australia. This information may not be correct, because Col. Sanderson appears on a photograph taken in front of the main building at Onderstepoort (which was erected in 1908). Also in the photograph is W H Andrews who only obtained his MRCVS in 1910. Sanderson must therefore have left South Africa much later than claimed by Curson.
It is recorded that he became Veterinary Officer in charge of tick eradication in Australia and contacted Sir Arnold Theiler when the latter visited Australia in 1928. He died in Sydney NSW Australia on 29/3/1956 aged 88 years.

**SANDROCK, THEODOR HEINRICH** (9/10/1908 - 27/9/1940)

Born on 9/10/1908 at Padang in Sumatra he went to school in Holland and subsequently studied medicine there. However, in 1933 he relinquished these studies in favour of the veterinary course at Ondersteypoort. He graduated from the Veterinary Faculty, Ondersteypoort in 1937 and immediately took up an appointment as GVO Dundee. Later he served at Vryburg. In 1938 he married. In 1939 he underwent an operation for appendicitis, but due to a delay in the operation he suffered complications which lead to his death on 27/9/1940.

**SARTIN, WILLIAM DAWSON** (1848 - 4/4/1882)

Born 1848 he qualified MRCVS (London) in April 1869 and with his regiment saw service in South Africa from 1881 - 1882. He died at sea on 4/4/1882.

**SAWYER, HENRY THOMAS** ( - 15/3/1955)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 10/5/1893 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the A.V.D. in South Africa from 22/10/1899 to 30/6/1902 with the 12th Lancers in Lord Methven's force at Modder River. After the war he returned to England. He subsequently rose to the rank of Major General and was for a time Director General of the A.V.S. He died at Liss, Hants on 15/3/1955.

**SCARLETT, HERBERT** (1865 - 14/1/1933)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 20/12/1888 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Hastings, Sussex on 14/1/1933 at the age of 68 years.

**SCHATZ, WALTER HEINZ GERHARD** (4/3/1914 - 16/9/1962)

Born Usakos on 4/3/1914 he graduated BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty Ondersteypoort in 1939. He joined the Division of Veterinary Services in 1940 and was stationed at Allerton Laboratory from March 1940 to September 1943. He was then transferred to South West Africa where he was stationed at Windhoek until August 1947 and Omaruru until 1956. After 1956 he returned to Windhoek, but due to poor health was sent to Cape Town where he died on 16/9/1962.
SCHUEBER, JOSEF REMEGIUS (1892 - 8/12/1975)

Born in Stands, Switzerland in 1892 he passed his Staatsexamen (Zurich) in 1918 and obtained his Dr Med Vet at the same university in 1920. After qualifying, he was appointed to the Department of Agriculture by Sir Arnold Theiler and together with E M Robinson he served at Allerton Laboratory from 1921 to 1923. Thereafter he and Robinson both proceeded to Onderstepoort where they worked together in the Department of Bacteriology until his retirement in 1952. For many years he lectured in bacteriology to the veterinary students at Onderstepoort. During his lifetime he could read and write seven languages viz. English, Afrikaans, German, French, Italian, Portuguese and Latin. He died after many years of retirement in Pretoria on 8/12/1975. His funeral service was conducted by his son, Father R A Scheuber O.M.I.

SCHMID, KARL GERHARD (25/7/1883 - 24/4/1959)

Born in Leidringen (Germany) on 25/7/1883 he was educated at Herrenberg, Blaubeuren and Rottweil. It has not been confirmed as to when and where he qualified as a veterinarian, but in all probability he received the Dr Med Vet degree from the University of Stuttgart in 1908. In July 1910 he was appointed District Veterinary Surgeon by the German Administration in South West Africa and placed in charge of the districts of Grootfontein, Otjiwarongo and Otjo. During World War I he was attached to the first Field Company of the Schutztruppe and took part in the action at Sandfontein, Kakamas, Trekoppje and Otavi. With the surrender of the German Forces in S.W.A. in July 1917, he, together with all other reservists, was released and allowed to return to his farm. Officers were allowed to take their arms, ammunition and horses with them. Schmid always considered this a very chivalrous treatment by General Botha. In 1918 all German Government Officials were repatriated to Germany. Only a few days before Schmid was due to leave for Germany, permission was obtained for him, as well as veterinarians Maag and Sigwart, to remain in South West Africa. At that time there were no Civil Veterinarians in the country. When a Civil Administration was introduced in 1922, Major Goodall the P.V.O. for S.W.A. appointed Schmid, Maag and Sigwart to the service. These men had to use their own transport and only in 1926 was official transport provided. He subsequently served as Government Veterinary Officer at Omaruru (1922 - 1936) and at Ohahandja from 1936 until he retired in 1954. He died there on 24/4/1959. His grandson R E Schmid qualified as a veterinarian at the University of Pretoria in 1980.

SCHOEMAN, JOHANNES HENDRICK (19/6/1907 - 9/3/1967)

Born Schoemanshoek, Oudtshoorn on 19/6/1907 he obtained his BSc degree at Stellenbosch University in 1927 and his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1932. After qualifying he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and served as Government Veterinary Officer at Umtata, Armoedsvlakte and Vryheid. He then resigned from the service and practiced in Johannesburg, Springs (18 years), Potgietersrust (3 years) and Letsitele (7 years) where
he also farmed with citrus. He took a great interest in flying and boating. He died of a heart attack while travelling by car between Gravelotte and Letsitele on 9/3/1967.

SCHOFIELD, WILLIAM ERNEST O.B.E. (1878 - 18/7/1943)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 19/7/1901 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 22/1/1908. He died on 18/7/1943 aged 65 years.

SCHROEDER, J ( - 1858)

After obtaining his MRCVS (London) in May 1812 he joined the 21st Light Dragoons and with his regiment served at the Cape from 1813 to 1817 having succeeded W Levett as veterinarian in 1813. After 1817 there was no veterinarian at the Cape until the appointment of W J Kingsley in 1840 (a void of 23 years). He died in 1858.

SCHULTZ, PROF. KUNIBERT CARL AUGUST (9/1/1900 - 4/8/1984)

Born on 9/1/1900 at Bethanien in the district of Edenburg (O.F.S.) of missionary (Berlin Mission Society) parents he attended junior school at Bethanien from 1906 to 1911 and thereafter received his senior school training at Grey College, Bloemfontein where he matriculated in 1918. Subsequently he obtained a BSc degree at Grey University (University of the O.F.S.) in 1921. In 1925 he qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort. Immediately after qualifying he joined the State service as Government Veterinary Officer and saw service at the following places:-

1926 - March 1930 : Otjiwarango
1931 : Unknown
31/1/1932 - February 1932 : Onderstepoort
March 1932 - 1935 : Kimberley
1935 : Cape Town
1936 - 1963 : Onderstepoort

On 13th June 1934 when visiting a Mr Loots on a farm outside Danielskuil in the Barkley West district he was severely wounded in the jaw by a rifle shot. The circumstances of the shooting were as follows:-

During early June Mr Loots had been fined for not destroying a Dourine infected horse on his property. At the same time the court ordered Dr Schulz to destroy the animal as soon as possible. On arriving on the property concerned, he and his police escort found the Loots family waiting for them. Mrs Loots in particular, was most excited. The woman (Mr Loots' daughter) to whom the horse
belonged was not on the farm, having walked to Danielskuil that day.

When the reason for the visit was explained, Mr Loots left the room and returned with a Martini Henry rifle. When the situation was again explained to him he put the rifle away. The owner of the horse had by then returned and she was handed a note stating that she had handed the horse over against her will and that should a court subsequently rule on her behalf, she would be paid compensation. The situation was suddenly upset by her sister running into the room shouting "Remember Slagtersnek", whereupon the note was thrown at the official party's feet.

Reluctantly Dr Schulz and the party moved towards the stable. As they crept through a fence en route, a shot rang out. A police constable dropped to the ground and lay quiet. The sergeant tried to extract his revolver when a second shot rang out and the revolver dropped. By now Mr Loots was seen to be armed with a shotgun and a .22 rifle. The sergeant and Schulz ran for cover behind a low dam wall. However, the cover was not sufficient and Mr Loots continued to fire at them. In the act of moving to a safer place, Schulz was shot through the jaw. Thereafter no more shots were fired. He was then taken to Danielskuil to receive medical attention. The police constable who had dropped to the ground was unharmed. Schulz had difficulty in breathing and requested a Tracheotomy. This was not done until a doctor from Postmasburg (35 miles away) arrived. He was then transferred to a small hospital in Postmasburg where he was expected to die. The same evening the horse was shot without further resistance. A week later, Dr Schulz with his shattered lower jaw was airlifted to Cape Town in the "Andromeda". He remained in the Volks Hospital for six weeks for the bone splinters to fester out of the wound.

Subsequently he travelled to London where his jaw was rebuilt from a section of his pelvis by Sir Harold Gilles. On 8/2/1936 he boarded the steamship "Adolf Woermann" to return to South Africa. He recommenced duties in the Department of Pathology at Onderstepoort on 31/3/1936. Mr and Mrs Loots were subsequently sentenced by the High Court in Kimberley to two years imprisonment as conspirators. The daughter was sentenced to 3½ years imprisonment for not handling over her horse. The son who had done the shooting was never brought to trial. His decomposed and headless body was found in a cave nearby in February 1939. Mr and Mrs Loots snr. died in prison. The elder sister ("Rememb-Slagtersnek") died before the trial. It was only four years later that Dr Schulz's medical expenses were paid for by the Department and then only after a long struggle on his behalf by the SAVMA and members of Parliament. For the remainder of his service, Dr Schulz lectured in Pathology at the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort and subsequently became head of that department. He died at his home in Pretoria on the 4th August 1984 aged 84 years.

SCHURMANN, JOHAN GUSTAV ( 21/11/1978)

He qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1962. The author was unsuccessful in his attempts to attain details on the life of Schurmann from his relatives. He is
Scott, James Francis ( - 13/11/1925)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 23/5/1895. In 1898 he came to Johannesburg and went into partnership with T A Britton (formerly of Port Elizabeth). At times he did work for Sir Arnold Theiler in Johannesburg. Amongst other things he attended the horses of the Staatsartillerie and kept an eye over Daspoort when Theiler proceeded overseas for four months (May to September 1899). By the time Theiler returned he had been dismissed by the Artillerie. He died on 13/11/1925. After the formation of the Transvaal Volunteer Corps in 1902 he was the first veterinarian appointed to it. He served as Veterinary Officer (Captain) to the right wing of the Imperial Light Horse Regiment.

Scott, William ( - 1917)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 27/7/1883 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died in 1917.

Sellers, Alfred Joseph ( - 4/6/1935)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 14/12/1895 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.


He qualified MRCVS (London) on 3/1/1881 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 30/10/1899 to 21/2/1903. After the war he returned to England. He died at Clyst Hyden, Devon on 24/3/1932.

Sharpe, Cecil Molesworth (27/3/1876 - 24/12/1945)

Born on 27/3/1876 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 13/7/1899 and came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department to take part in the Boer War. In 1900 he was invalided "home ill" for a while. He was however not commissioned. After his discharge from the army on 11/11/1902, he joined the Natal Civil Veterinary Department where he remained until 1907. (In 1904 he was stationed at Verulam as District Veterinarian). In 1907 he set up practice in Pietermaritzburg and remained there until he died on 24/12/1945. (He was buried on Christmas Day 1945)
During World War I he saw active service in the South West Africa Campaign as a Captain in the SAVC. It is recorded that he played rugby for the 1st Middelsex County team during 1896 and 1897.

SHARRER, H

He is recorded as having worked as a veterinarian in South Africa prior to 1921 when he returned to Switzerland.

SHAW, GEORGE KELSO (1/1/1891 - 14/1/1981)

He qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 10/7/1915 and in 1954 was living at Sundale, Hilton Road, Natal as a retired Major in the RAVC. He served as President of the Natal Branch of the SAVA during the periods 1953/54 and 1954/55. He died on 14/1/1981 aged 90 years.

SHEPHERD, JOSEPH HUTCHINSON ( - 31/1/1953)

Born in Hertford he qualified MRCVS (London) on 11/5/1893 and came to South Africa during 1900. He was involved with Rinderpest control in the Cape Colony. In 1901 he returned to Guildford where he practiced until 1933. He died on 31/1/1953.

SHEPPARD, MERVYN WELLESLEY ( - 22/12/1925)

Born in the Thabanchu district he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 19/7/1921 when he won the 2nd Fitzwygram prize for that year. In 1924 he was stationed at Allerton Laboratory where he served under D T Mitchell. The same year he was appointed lecturer in Pharmacology at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort, but prior to taking up his appointment he was sent to England to do a research course. However, he never returned from England, because a boat was washed up on the Cornish Coast with clothes bearing a laundry mark which could be traced to him. A subsequent inquest ruled that he had died either from accidental or suicidal drowning. In his will he left a sum of £500 to Miss I Jackson who was working at Allerton Laboratory. It is reported that with her legacy she purchased a Chrysler Tourer. His lectureship at Onderstepoort was subsequently taken up by Dr P J J Fourie. W H Andrews who knew well, never believed in his death. He claimed that he had seen Sheppard in London several years later, but that the person concerned had denied that he was Sheppard.

SHELSTON, ARTHUR WILFRED (1885 - 6/7/1919)

Born in 1885 he qualified MRCVS (London) in July 1908 and it is recorded that he served at Allerton Laboratory from 1909 to 1914. During 1912 to 1914 he was in charge of the laboratory, having taken over from Herbert Watkins-Pitchford after his resignation in
1912. He was succeeded as head of Allerton Laboratory by D T Mitchell in 1914 when he left South Africa to take up an appointment as Assistant to Col. Holmes at the Imperial Bacteriological Laboratory at Muktesar, India.

While investigating an outbreak of Glanders on 17/6/1919 he became infected and died from the disease on 6/7/1919.

SHORE, FREDERICK HERBERT (1874 - 12/11/1908)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) in May 1895 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) from 16/4/1897 to 23/2/1903. He was Veterinary Officer to the 18th Hussars and was captured by the Boer forces and confined at the Waterval prison camp near Pyramids, Pretoria. This camp has previously been the site of Sir Arnold Theiler's stables for his laboratory in 1897. After service he returned to England. He died on 12/11/1908 at the age of 34 years from chronic alcoholism.

SHORT, FREDERICK JOHN (1858 - 1/3/1937)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 3/7/1879 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 19/10/1901 to 9/6/1902. After the war he returned to England. He died in Torquay on 1/3/1937 aged 79 years.

SIGWART, HANS (1885 - 7/6/1949)

Born in 1885 in Germany he qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon at Stuttgart University in 1908 and obtained his Dr Med Vet in 1911. In 1912 he came to South West Africa and was appointed District veterinary Surgeon, Otjiwarango and Outjo by the German Administration. During World War I he served with the "Schutztruppe". After the war all the German officials in the territory were repatriated to Germany except for the three veterinarians, viz. H Sigwart, A Maag and G Schmid. On the appointment of A Goodall in succession to Col. G W Lee as Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of South West Africa in 1920 these three men were taken in the Veterinary Department in 1922. From 1922 to 1940 he served as District Veterinary Surgeon at Okahandja, Keetmanshoop, Grootfontein and Gobabis. During World War II he was interned for a period of five years. During this time his wife died. After World War II he was re-instated in the Veterinary Department and was posted to Windhoek where he served until shortly before his death at Swakopmund on 7/6/1949.

SIMPSON, FREDERICK CHARLES ( - 18/5/1950)

He was not a qualified veterinarian but obtained registration as a veterinarian in the Colony of Natal under Act 21 of 1899 by passing the Natal Veterinary Board Examination on 16/2/1904. During the
greater part of the Boer War he served as a Trooper in the Natal Police. As this force was without a Regimental V.O., Simpson acted as such and drew "extra duty pay" for the work. On 4/3/1904 he was issued with a "Certificate in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery" by the Board and his name was placed on the Veterinary Surgeon's Register of the Natal Colony. It must be recorded that his examination was the First Veterinary Examination to be written in South Africa and took place at Allerton Laboratory on 16/2/1904. His examination was set by H Watkins-Pitchford FRCVS and C H Cordy who also signed his Certificate of Competence on behalf of the Veterinary Board. With the implementation of the Veterinary Surgeons Act of 1933 (Act No. 16 of 1933) he registered under that Act and at the time was living at 275 Church Street, Pretoria. During World War I he proceeded to England and served with the RAVC.


After qualifying as a midshipman from the General Botha training ship he joined the Royal Navy and saw active wartime service with the Natal Convoys carrying supplies to Russia during World War II. During one such convoy he lost an eye and for the rest of his life wore a glass eye. After the war he proceeded to the Onderstepoort Veterinary Faculty where he obtained the BVSc degree in December 1950.

He subsequently established an equine practice on the Rand for some years, but gave it up later on to work for the Veterinary Division for a while. He then worked on many projects amongst them being veterinarian to the producers of the film Zulu Dawn. He died in Durban on 11/4/1980 as a result of a suicide pact with his wife. She survived the overdose of Barbiturates taken, but he did not.

SIMPSON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER (1879 - 7/4/1939)

Born at Kilkerran, Ayrshire, he qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/7/1903. On 6 October 1906 he joined the Cape Government Veterinary Department and saw service as Government Veterinary Officer at Vryburg (1908), Mafeking, Cradock and Queenstown. He remained in service at Queenstown until his death on 7/4/1939. 1912 he was awarded the FRCVS for his thesis entitled "E: Pleuropneumonia : Lung sickness". Still in Vryburg during 1916, he was earning £350 p.a. then he went to Cradock after the establishment of Union.

SKUES, FREDERIC MACKENZIE (9/7/1866 - 18/8/1921)

Born in upper Holloway, London on 9/7/1866 he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 16/7/1897 and came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the A.V.D. during the Boer War. On 26/9/1905 he joined the Civil Veterinary Department of the Orange Free State Colony as District Veterinary Officer in charge of Bethlehem (H.Q.) Lindley and Harrismith. In World War I he saw
active service in the South West Africa Campaign as a Captain in the SAVC when for a time he was stationed at Fort Napier in Pietermaritzburg. He died while serving as Government Veterinary Officer at Bloemfontein on 18/8/1921.

SMALL, JOHN P (1878 - 3/5/1955)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 26/5/1900 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa or an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 3/5/1955 aged 77 years.

SMART, ALFRED C

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 31/3/1896 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. On 22/5/1939 the RCVS was informed that he was "deceased".

SMITH, CHARL DU TOIT (10/12/1951 - 25/11/1985)

He qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1977 and served as State Veterinarian at Otavi until 1984 when he transferred to Windhoek. He died from a heart attack while asleep on the night of 25/11/1985.

SMITH, CHARLES EDWARD ( - 29/6/1916)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in April 1877 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Ramsgate on 29/6/1916.

SMITH, MAJOR GENERAL SIR FREDERICK K.C.M.G. (1857 - 27/7/1929)

Born in 1857 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 3/4/1876 (FRCVS on 26/1/1893). After qualifying he joined the British Army (R.A.) in 1876 and from 1878 to 1885 saw service in India (from 1880 with 12th Lancers). From 1886 he was attached to the Army Veterinary School, Aldershot and became a professor in 1887. In 1892 he transferred to the remount Department. He served in the Nile expedition of 1898. He came to South Africa as a regular A.V.D. officer on 10/11/1899 and remained until 2/10/1905.

For the period 1903 to 1905 he served as Principal Veterinary Officer (P.V.O.) with headquarters in the Artillary Barracks
Pretoria in succession to I Matthews. He in turn was succeeded as P.V.O. by J A Nunn. After his return to England he was, in 1907, appointed Director General of the Army Veterinary Service. He retired in 1910. After retirement he dedicated himself to writing and from that date until 1925 wrote 150 papers and books. Amongst these was the history of the RAVC and the "Veterinary History of the War in South Africa 1899 - 1902". He died at St Leonard, Sussex on 27/7/1929.

SMITH, WILLIAM DUNLOP C.M.G., D.S.O. (14/8/1865 - 10/2/1940)

Born at Armagh on 14/8/1865 he qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 24/5/1888 and saw service as a regular officer in the A.V.D. in South Africa from 15/7/1899 to 29/1/1903. For most of his service he was attached to the Protectorate Regiment as Veterinary Officer with headquarters at Mafeking. It is recorded that on 12/5/1900 he and two fellow officers were captured when the Fort at Mafeking was overrun by General Eloff's forces, during a daring daylight raid. While a prisoner of the Boers he attended to the Boer wounded on Eloff's request for assistance. He was released when the Boers retreated from Mafeking. He was besieged for 6½ months in Mafeking with Baden Powell's forces.

After he returned to England he rose to the rank of Director General of the A.V.S. (in succession to Sir Layton Blenkinsop) in 1921 and retired from the British Army in 1925 after a distinguished career. He died on 10/2/1940.

Prior to coming to South Africa he took part in the expedition to Dongola (1896) and the Battle of Khartoum (1898). During World War I he saw active service in France as a Lieut. Col. from 1914 to 1917. For his services he was awarded the D.S.O. and C.M.G. (August 1918).


Born in Ficksburg on 11/4/1899 he graduated D.V.M. from Cornell University in June 1923. After qualifying he entered the Division of Veterinary Services and served as Government Veterinary Officer at Richmond (Natal), Vryheid, Pretoria (17/1/1927 - 2/10/1934) and Allerton Laboratory (1934 - 1944). In 1944 he resigned from the service and practiced in Durban until he died in 1962. His son P R B Smith Jnr. qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1950.

During his young days he played soccer for the Orange Free State first provincial under 19 team. He also played first team for Stellenbosch University, but broke his back. In 1922 he was the first South African to play in an all American soccer team, and in 1923 he captained the team.
Snyman, Jan Hendrik Dykman (21/8/1978)

He qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1948. The author has been unsuccessful in attaining details of his life from relatives.

Snyman, Philippus Stefanus (22/9/1898 - 21/6/1971)

Born on 22/9/1898 in Heidelberg, Transvaal he qualified BVSc with the first group of students at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1924. In 1940 he obtained the DVSc degree for his thesis on Rabies.

In 1925 he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and served as Government Veterinary Officer at Nongoma, Durban (Meat Inspection) and Greytown (20/6/1927). From 1929 to 1934 he was attached to the Research Institute at Onderstepoort where he also served as a lecturer. Thereafter he returned to field duties and served as Sub-Director in charge of the Orange Free State from 1934 to 1946 and Assistant Director for the Transvaal region from 1946 until his promotion to Director of Field Services. He retired in 1959. After his retirement, he farmed in the Greytown district of Natal, but due to ill health he gave up farming and moved to Pietermaritzburg where he died a few months later on 21/6/1971.

Soga, Jotello Festire (1865 - 6/12/1906)

Born in the Cape Colony, the 4th son of the Reverend Tiyo Soga, a Xhosa and a Scots mother (Janet Burnside), he was the first South African born man to qualify as a veterinarian. It is recorded that he entered the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh in 1881 and obtained his MRCVS in April 1886. After qualifying he returned to South Africa and on 1/11/1889 he was appointed as Duncan Hutcheon's (P.V.O. Cape Colony) second assistant (J D Borthwick was the first) and served as a District Veterinarian in many places in the Cape Colony. The hard and dangerous work he undertook in combating Rinderpest by the "stamping out" process caused a deterioration in his health and he was forced to resign from the service in 1899. He died on 6/12/1906 on Mr A P Fitchett's farm, Amalinda was buried at Amalinda.

Somers, Henry L (1862 - 14/5/1938)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 2/4/1885 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Middlehouse, Dorking on 14/5/1938 aged 76 years.
SOUTER, EDWARD STRACHAN

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 20/12/1900 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

SOUTHEY, JAMES BRENCHLEY (1873 - 6/9/1909)

Born in 1873 he qualified MRCVS (London) in May 1895 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 25/9/1899 to 12/9/1901. He returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 24/1/1902 to 1/4/1903. He died at Khartoum on 6/9/1909.

SOWERBY, MAURICE HERBERT ( - 25/2/1964)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 23/5/1901 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Farnham, Surrey on 25/2/1964.

SPANTON, J P

As a Canadian qualified veterinarian he served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He saw service with the Imperial Yeomanry.

SPIERS, S

All that is known of this man is that he qualified MRCVS in 1906. (The RCVS have no record of him.) He was a member of the Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association.


This man served as a Trooper in the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry regiment in South Africa during the Boer War. At the time he was a veterinary student. He subsequently returned to England and completed his training (MRCVS) at the RVC London on 18/7/1902. He saw active service again during World War I. During his lifetime he practiced in Dundee for 50 years. He died on 31/12/1953 aged 75 years shortly after he retired from active practice.
SPREULL, JAMES S H (12/3/1874 - 4/6/1948)

Born in Dundee, Scotland on 12/3/1874 the son of a veterinary surgeon (Andrew Spreull FRCVS) he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 24/5/1895. In his final year he was awarded the Fitzwygram 3rd prize as the 3rd best veterinary student in the British Isles. On 26/12/1896 he joined the Civil Veterinary Department of the Cape Colony Government on a six month temporary appointment to assist Duncan Hutcheon with the control of Rinderpest. This campaign took him to Barkley West where he destroyed infected herds and then subsequently to Aliwal North and Herschel. It is recorded that on the farm Ponteintjie in the latter district he made the first use of the defibrinated immune blood method of immunisation as invented by Professor Bordel. This method he proved was unsuccessful due to the piroplasm infection of the donor vaccine blood. He also spent a great deal of time at Malmesbury and Eersterivier junction at the anti-Rinderpest serum camp. In May 1898 he was transferred to Kluklu (Fort Beaufort) where he assisted R W Dixon in his work on the life history of the blue tick. During 1899 - 1900 he was stationed in Cape Town. In 1908 he was awarded the FRCVS for his thesis "Blue Tongue in South Africa". Having worked at Somerset East on Blue Tongue, he was the first person to produce a vaccine against the disease.

After a study period in England in 1908 he returned to South Africa and was stationed at Umzimkulu to work on East Coast Fever control. In 1912 he was appointed Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of the Transkei. Thereafter he served as Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of the Transvaal from 1916 to 1921 when he transferred to Cape Town as Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of the Cape Western Division until his retirement in March 1934. After his retirement he set up practice in East London and remained there until he died on 4/6/1948, aged 74 years following a hernia operation.

He served as G.V.O. Umzimkulu in 1910/11 and earned £430 p.a.

STABLEFORD, JOHN PORTER (1876 - 2/5/1936)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 23/5/1901 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 2/5/1936 aged 60 years.

STAPLEY, WALTER ( - 22/5/1926)

As a M.D., he also qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1892 and on 21/10/1896 was appointed by the Natal Civil Veterinary Department on the recommendation of the Stock Commission. (The others were Verney, Baxter and J L Webb).

For most of his service in Natal he was stationed at Newcastle where he was in charge of the Newcastle, Klip River, Dundee, upper Tugela and Msinga districts. It is recorded that he made the first
diagnosis of Rinderpest in Natal, when this disease broke out on the 15th of July 1897, just outside Dundee. During 1898 he published three articles in the Natal Agricultural and Mining Record viz.

1. Mealie poisoning
2. Swallowing foreign bodies by cattle; and

He resigned his official appointment in December 1898 and returned to England. He was succeeded as Assistant Veterinary Surgeon at Newcastle by F H Hutchinson. He died on 22/5/1926.

STARKE, PROF. NEVILLE CHARLES (17/2/1899 - 17/6/1988)

Born on the farm Mulders Vlei in the district of Stellenbosch on 17/2/1899, he attended school at Stellenbosch until August 1916 when he enlisted for active military service in World War I. He received his basic training at Potchefstroom and was then drafted to the 5th South African Infantry regiment for service in East Africa. After his discharge from the army in 1918, he attended S.A.C.S. in Cape Town where he matriculated in 1920. In 1921 he attended Wits University to do his BVSc entrance exams and in 1923 transferred to Ondersteppoor where he obtained his BVSc degree at the end of 1926. During the Fordsburg Riots of 1921, he served with the Transvaal Scottish Regiment and saw a great deal of action.

After qualifying as a veterinarian he was appointed as a GVO to Bloemfontein on 1/4/1927. Thereafter he received transfer as follows:

Bloemfontein to Bethlehem 30/6/1927; Bethlehem to Pietersburg 21/10/1927; Pietersburg to Duiwelskloof 23/1/1928 (took over from McNae); Duiwelskloof to Ladysmith 19/6/1928.

In July 1929 he married Miss Muriel C Wilson, a teacher in Pretoria. Thereafter he was stationed at Potchefstroom (5 years) and while there saw Foot and Mouth disease duties at Ramathlabo during the 1932/33 outbreak in Bechuanaland. He subsequently transferred to Dundee where in September 1937, the district assistant at Nadantshane reported that the plowing oxen in his district had gone lame. Although it was a Sunday afternoon when he received the report, he immediately left to examine the cattle and diagnose Foot and Mouth disease. It was subsequently proved that the infection had been introduced by cattle illegally moved from Bechuanaland where a severe outbreak of the disease had been diagnosed by E C S Dawe at Palapye Station amongst cattle moved from Rakops to the railhead. The outbreak was subsequently controlled by slaughter out with compensation and many hundreds of cattle were shot.

In July 1939 he transferred to Durban in succession to Matthews. There he remained for 18 months before being transferred to Ondersteepoor (January 1941) as lecturer in Animal Management and General Hygiene. This post he occupied until 1948 when he transferred to the department of Surgery as Lecturer in General
Surgery under Prof. S.W.J van Rensburg. When the latter resigned his appointment Starke took over as Professor of Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics. He retired from his official duties in 1959 and thereafter farmed for 23 years on his smallholding near Stellenbosch. He moved back to Pretoria in full retirement in 1982. He died there on the 17th of June 1988 aged 89 years.

STECK, WERNER DR. MED. VET.

As a Swiss veterinarian he was employed at Onderstepoort until 1928 where he also served as lecturer in Pathology to the Veterinary Faculty. He returned to Switzerland.

STEEL, CHARLES EDWARD

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 28/5/1900 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 2/11/1901 to 30/11/1902. After his service he returned to England.

STEEL, LIONEL GEORGE (6/12/1925 - 30/6/1970)

Born in Pietermaritzburg on 6/12/1925 he was educated at Hilton College. After matriculating, he attended the University of Natal for one year prior to joining the UDF during the last year of World War II. He thereafter continued his veterinary studies and qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1950. For a while after qualifying he assisted Dr. James Doré in practice in Durban before proceeding to Ingogo where he opened his own practice which covered the Ingogo and Volksrust areas. He subsequently converted to Catholicism and attended the Catholic Seminary in Pretoria, but failed to qualify as a priest. He continued to assist the church by supervising their farming operations at Pomeroy in Natal. Subsequently he joined the Lesotho Government Veterinary Department but was deported for political reasons. On his way to England he died of a heart attack at Jan Smuts Airport on 30/6/1970.

STEEL, W G

He is recorded as being an A.C.F. Veterinary Officer with the rank of Captain in the South African Light Horse Regiment after 1903 when the Volunteer (ACF) Corps was founded in the Transvaal. A collection of his photographs including ones of the S.A.L.H. Regimenal pet baboons Jaco and Krige, is in the possession of the S.A.D.F. archives. These pets served with the S.A.L.H. throughout the Anglo Boer War. He was an unqualified veterinarian.
STEEVENSON, GORDON FRANK

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 16/12/1889 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. In 1939 he was still in the RAVC (Major OBE) having been stationed at Lucknow in 1936. The Vet Record of April 28, 1900 records as follows:- "G F Steevenson, Gent., to be Veterinary Officer with the rank of Vet.-Lieutenant" to Lord Strathcona's Corps.

STEEVENSON, JOHN ROBERT D.S.O. (1881 - 24/12/1962)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 1/5/1902 and served in South Africa for an unknown period of time with the Army Veterinary Department during the Boer War. He subsequently returned to South Africa for a second tour of duty from 16/5/1903 to 21/1/1904. He died at Formby, Lanes on 24/12/1962 aged 81 years.

STEPHENS, SYDNEY LURIEL (1872 - 28/7/1907)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1893 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 28/7/1907 aged 35 years.

STEPHENSON, ROBERT HENRY (1873 - 19/3/1930)

I can find no record of this man other than the fact that he was an MRCVS (Edinburgh 20/12/1894) and was employed by the Cape of Good Hope Government as an Assistant Veterinary Surgeon from 23/3/1895. He then earned £350 a year. It is not known when he left employment. He died on 19/3/1930 aged 57 years.

STEVENS, WILLIAM SQUIRE (1878 - 25/12/1945)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 19/12/1901 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 25/12/1945 aged 67 years.

STEVENSON, GEORGE THOMAS

As an 1897 veterinary graduate of McGill University he served with Strachcona's Horse during the Boer War from 7/3/1900 to 20/1/1901. He took part in engagements at Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, Driefontein, Karee Siding, the Defence of Wepener, Vet Rivier, Zandrivier and also served in the Transvaal.
STEVenson, William ( 6/2/1932)
He qualified MRCVS (London) on 23/6/1886 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department.

Stewart, Charles D ( 27/9/1919)
He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/7/1897 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 27/9/1919.

Stewart, H A ( 8/7/1946)
He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 24/5/1905 and saw service in South Africa in the AVD/AVC from 1/2/1908 to 28/2/1913. He died on 8/7/1946.

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 20/7/1923 and became the second Director of Veterinary Services to the Gold Coast (Ghana) from 1929 to 1949. (W P Beal 1909 to 1929 was the first). He is remembered for the Veterinary Research Station which he built at Pong Tamale and for his pioneer work on selective vegetation clearing for Tsetse fly control. After he retired he lived at Magoeba's Kloof until his death there on 6/8/1971.

Steyn, Douw Gerbrand (7/3/1898 - 25/7/1988)
Born at Colesberg on 7/3/1898 he obtained a BSc degree at Stellenbosch (1919). Thereafter he qualified as a veterinarian in Vienna (Staatseksamen) 1924 and Dr. Med. Vet. (Pharma) 1925. In 1933 he was awarded the DvSc degree (Pretoria). He then joined the research staff at Onderstepoort. In 1934 he was appointed Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology in which capacity he remained until 1946 when he became head of the Department of Pharmacology at the Medical Faculty of the University of Pretoria. He retired from this post in 1963.

During his professional life he published in excess of 200 articles and wrote two books viz. The Toxicology of Plants South Africa and Vergiftiging van Mens en Dier. He was awarded the following:

1. The Senior Captain Scott Medal by the S.A. Biological Society in 1941.
2. The Havenga prize for medicine by the S.A. Academy for Arts and Science in 1954.
4. Honorary Doctorate by the University of Vienna in 1977.

He died in Pretoria on 25/7/1988 aged 90 years.
STOCKMAN, SIR STEWART (1869 - 2/6/1926)

Born in 1869 in Edinburgh he qualified MRCVS at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College on 23/12/1890 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. During the war he was Veterinary Officer with the Rhodesian Field Force together with E B Kellett, J Peddie and Frank Gregory. After the Boer War he saw service in India, but returned to South Africa in 1903 to take up the post of Principal Veterinary Officer to the newly formed Transvaal Civil Veterinary Department. This post he held until the end of 1904 when he returned to England and was succeeded as P.V.O. Transvaal by C E Gray. In England he became Chief Veterinary Officer to the Board of Agriculture in London. He died in Glasgow on 2/6/1926.

Honours bestowed upon him were:

1. K.C.M.G.
2. President RCVS 1923 - 1924
3. Vice-President RCVS 1909, 1920 - 1921, 1924
4. Member RCVS Council 1905 - 1925
5. John Henry Steel Memorial Medal 1905

STOKES, ERNEST VERNON (8/4/1867 - 27/11/1925)

Born on 8/4/1867 in Southwark, London he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in June 1899 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. In May 1902 he was in Potchefstroom where he remained until 1905 at the experimental station. At the end of 1905 he commenced practice in Port Elizabeth. On 2/11/1914 he joined the SAVC and saw active service in the South West Africa Campaign. He died in Port Elizabeth on 27/11/1925 at Fairview House, Princess Street.

STOKOE, RICHARD

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/12/1901 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He remained in South Africa while after the Boer War because he is recorded as a member of the Volunteer Corps (A.C.F.) as Veterinary Officer during the left wing of the Imperial Light Horse Regiment from 1902 to 19/6/1903. On 20/2/1941 he became a voluntary patient in Cambridgeshire Mental Hospital.


Born in Cape Town on 6/4/1901 he was a teacher before studying veterinary science at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort. After obtaining his BVSc degree in 1927 he was appointed Government Veterinary Officer on 4/7/1928 at Vryburg (27/8/1928), Allerton
Laboratory (1933 - 1935) and Kimberley where he remained until he retired in 1964 and for a year thereafter on a temporary basis. After leaving the Government Service he was employed by the Kimberley City Council on meat hygiene control. He is recorded as being one of the first veterinarians to contract Rift Valley Disease in South Africa. The after effects of which impaired his vision as a result of retinal detachment. He died of a coronary thrombosis a week before his 69th Birthday.

STRACHAN, CHARLES HULLEY (8/10/1883 - 7/10/1947)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 21/12/1906. For a short while after qualifying, he served as a Government Veterinary Officer in South Africa but soon relinquished his post to go farming in the Mt. Currie district. During World War I he served as a Captain in the SAVC. He died on his farm Hlani (Mt. Currie) on 7/10/1947 at the age of 65 years. He is buried at St Johns Church, Swartberg.

STRANAGHAN, DAVID (22/12/1931)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 29/5/1890 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He did not return to England after the war, but practiced at Potchefstroom and later in Johannesburg. He died in Johannesburg on 22/12/1931.

STRONG, C D

As a veterinary graduate of Melbourne Veterinary College in 1898 he saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the 5th Mounted Rifles. He took part in the action at the siege of Elands Rivers. Private practice Amanzimtoti (Garnell, Pullinger, ?, Max Taylor).

STRYDOM, DANIEL HONEY ( - July ’81)

He obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1965. In July 1981 he committed suicide in South West Africa.

STURGE, HERBERT (1853 - 10/7/1932)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1894 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He did not return to England after the war and appears to have served as a Government Veterinary Officer in the Transvaal from 1902 to 1905. He died on 10/7/1932 at the age of 79 at Potchefstroom where he had been in private practice. He is buried in the Church of England part of the cemetery in Potchefstroom in grave number 329 which has no gravestone over it.
SUGDEN, ALBERT HUGH (1863 - 10/7/1907)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1889 and during the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 10/7/1907 aged 44 years at Southsea from Cirrhosis of the liver.

SULLIVAN, H A (24/8/1940)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/12/1891 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw services with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 4/11/1899 to 14/11/1901. After service he returned to England. He died on 24/8/1940.

SWANSTON, ARTHUR NELSON MATCHAM (27/1/1952)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 21/5/1898 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 2/11/1901 to 27/11/1902. After the war he returned to England. He died on 27/1/1952 at Ledbury, Hereford.

SYKES, GEORGE (14/3/1902)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in July 1900 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He died of Enteric Fever in Natal on 14/3/1902 and was buried at Charlestown. In 1964 his remains, together with the remains of all British Soldiers buried at Charlestown, were disinterred and reburied in a common grave at Newcastle.

SYMES, T J (1873 - 8/7/1929)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 13/12/1898 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. It is recorded that he sailed to South Africa aboard the SS Englishman on 26 April 1900. After the war he returned to England. He died on 8/7/1928 aged 56 years.

SYMonds, S L

As a Veterinary graduate of Melbourne Veterinary College in 1900 he saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the 3rd New South Wales Mounted Rifles. He took part in the action at the siege of Elands River.
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Tamblyn, David Sobej O.B.E., D.S.O. (28/1/1881 - 2/1/1943)

Born at Callington, Cornwall on 28/1/1881 he qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon at McGill University, Montreal in 1901 and came to South Africa with 800 remounts from Canada during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. As Veterinary Officer to the Imperial Light Horse Regiment he was present at the battle of Tweebosch on 7/1/1902 when he twice had horses shot dead under him. He appears to have remained in South Africa because on 19/6/1903 he joined the Transvaal Volunteer Corps (A.C.F.) and served as Veterinary Officer to the Imperial Light Horse Regiment in succession to R Stokoe. He resigned from the Volunteer Corps on 1/1/1905 and returned direct to Canada where he served as District Veterinary Inspector, Saskatchewan until 1915 when he joined the Canadian Army. From 1919 to 1920 he served the Health of Animals Branch of the Canadian Department of Agriculture until 1920 when he joined the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps as Senior Veterinary Officer MD 13 Calgary with the rank of Lt. Col. In 1925 he was transferred to MD 3 Kingston as district veterinary officer. From 1930 to 1937 he served as Officer administering the RACVC. He was Honorary Colonel to the RACVC from 1937 to 1940 after his retirement. In 1932 he wrote a short account of the part played by the horse in World War I (The Horse in War). He was then Colonel D S Tamblyn, D.S.O., O.B.E., officer administering the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps. He died on 2/1/1943.

Tanner, Graham Douglass (23/1/1960 - 8/7/1988)

Born in Salisbury on 23/1/1960 he obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the end of 1983. Thereafter he was seconded to Kangwane for his two years National Service. When this was completed he went into a practice in Nelspruit. On the 1st of July 1987 he became ill and died of Pneumonia on the 8th of July. Only after his death it was established that the cause of death was Psittacosis, which had possibly been transmitted to him via an Amazon Green parrot which he had treated and when it died overnight had conducted a post mortem examination on it.

Tapley, James John Bonifant C.B., D.S.O. (1878 - 17/7/1958)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 13/7/1899 and came to South Africa as a regular A.V.D. officer during the Boer War. On 16/5/1903 he returned to South Africa and was in charge of No. 9 section of the Army Veterinary Service at Pretoria. He finally returned to England on 1/5/1908 and died on 17/7/1958 aged 80. From 1935 he was Director General of the Army Veterinary Services. He retired as a Major General C.B. and D.S.O. from the RAVC.
TARR, ASHTON FORRESTER (1/7/1911 - 11/9/1981)

Born in Senekal (O.F.S.) on 1 July 1911, he was educated at Dale College, King Williamstown and graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1935. After graduating he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed as Government Veterinary Officer at Allerton Laboratory (one year), Umtata and Port Shepstone. He married Miss Ingrid Radloff in Pretoria. In 1939 he was posted to Ixopo. He did not see active service during World War II, but was of great help on farms where the owners were serving in the forces.

In 1944 he resigned his official post and proceeded into private practice, first in Johannesburg and then in Pietermaritzburg. For three years he was president of the South African Veterinary Medical Association. Other offices which he held were:

- Member of the Natal University Council
- Member of the Natal Museum Council
- Member of the Natal Society
- Member of the Hospital Board
- Member of the Veld Trust
- Member of the Wild Life Society
- Vice President of the St Johns Ambulance Society
- Chairman of the Midlands Branch of the Simon van der Stel Foundation
- Trustee of the National Botanic Society
- Member of the Victoria Club
- Life member and past Chairman of the Wanderer's Club
- Past Vice Chairman of the Pietermaritzburg Turf Club
- Life Member and Steward, Pietermaritzburg Turf Club
- Deputy Mayor Pietermaritzburg 1875 - 1976
- Mayor Pietermaritzburg 1977 - 1979

He died in Pietermaritzburg on 11/9/1981 after a long illness.

TASKER, H KARSLAKE TALBOT ( - 22/1/1909)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in July 1897 and came to South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. In 1904 he was appointed to the Civil Veterinary Department of the Orange Free State as Government Veterinary Officer, Boshof. On 22/1/1909 he drowned while crossing a flooded stream in the execution of his duty. He was succeeded by Captain J F Joyce on 25/2/1909 when he was appointed Government Veterinary Officer, Vrede.

TATAM, W J, C.M.G., C.B.E. ( - 15/1/1949)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 23/5/1888 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) from 16/7/1898 to 11/1/1899. After service he returned to England. It is possible that he came back to South Africa to take part in the Boer War from 1900 to 1902 and was returned to England. It is possible that he came back to South Africa to take part in the Boer War from 1900 to 1902 and was besieged at Ladysmith. He was drafted for service in Natal from India. He died on 15/1/1949.
TATE, JOHN MILLER (7/6/1862 - 26/12/1933)

Born 7/6/1862 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 13 July 1899 and after practice in Ireland he joined the British Army on 6/12/1899 and came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department on the SS Manchester Corporation. He served as Veterinary Officer to the Royal Dragoons to 28/6/1901 and the South African Constabulary to 30/6/1908. He then joined the Transvaal Civil Veterinary Department serving as Government Veterinary Officer at Standerton and Heidelberg until 13/11/1914 when he became the first full time Veterinary Officer to be appointed to the South African Police. In 1919 he was promoted to the rank of Major. He retired on 31/10/1925 and went to live in Plumstead (Cape) where he died on 26/12/1933. He was succeeded by D D Morton. He attended the inaugural meeting of the Transvaal V.M.A. held at Long's Hotel, Johannesburg on 16/2/1903.

TAYLOR, EDWARD C.B. (- 7/10/1931)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 2/4/1884 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 7/2/1909 to 5/3/1914. He died at Kensington W.8 on 7/10/1931. He also served in the RAVC in Burma and on the North West Frontier of India. For his services with the Mediterranean Forces in 1915 - 1916 he was made a C.B. (Commander of the Bath).

TAYLOR, HAROLD CLINTON (- 20/7/1945)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/5/1892 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a C.V.S. in the Army Veterinary Department. He died on 20/7/1945.

TAYLOR, WALTER D.V.H., I.V.S. (- 30/12/1957)

He qualified MRCVS (Liverpool) on 19/12/1910 and was registered as a veterinarian in South Africa between 1956 and 1962. At the time he was living in Cape Town. Nothing more is known about him. He died on 30/12/1957 in Cape Town.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM EDWIN (1852 - 14/1/1911)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in 1875 and saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time during the Boer War. After the war he returned to England. He died on 14/1/1911 having committed suicide with Prussic acid. He was aged 59 years at the time of his death.

TAYLOR, W H (- 12/2/1919)

He qualified MRCVS (London) in 1905 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 27/11/1907 to 7/2/1913. He died on active service on 12/2/1919.
TERBLANCHE, HENDRIK, JOSEFUS JACOBUS

He obtained his BVSc in 1948 and worked for Bayer Agrochem before retirement.

THACKER, JAMES ( - 25/6/1876)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 31/1/1844 and during the period 1851 to 1853 saw service with the British Army in South Africa (12th, 15th and 10th Lancers). He was veterinarian to the Cape Mounted Rifles in 1853 during the handing over of horses by the 12th Lancers when they departed for service in India. He is also recorded as the first veterinarian in South Africa to contribute an article to veterinary literature.

When stationed at King Williamstown in 1853 he described (Thacker 1854) four cases of disease in horses. Two were certainly Glanders although he himself was doubtful of this diagnosis, because of the "absence of ulceration and corded lymphatic vessels not being discoverable in the vicinity of the parts Tumefied". The third case was "Mad Staggers" (Phrenitis) and the fourth case "Enteritis, with rupture of Colon". He again visited the Cape in 1875 as a remount officer. He was a very good rider and is reported to have broken every bone in his body. As a result of these injuries he rode with a cane which in turn caused him accidentally to lose the sight of one eye.

He retired from the army in 1875 and was appointed Remount Agent in Bengal. He died in Melbourne, Australia on 25/6/1876 while on a visit to Australia to purchase remounts.

THEILER, SIR ARNOLD K.C.M.G. (26/3/1867 - 24/7/1936)

For a full record of his biography as published (Howard Timmins 1979).

THEILER, HANS (1894 - 6/8/1947)

The son of Sir Arnold Theiler he qualified MRCVS (London) in 1918 after having served with the South African Army in East Africa during World War I. During this campaign he contracted a very severe form of Malaria and probably owed his recovery to Dr Alexander Edington. (See Page 56). However, for the rest of his life he suffered from the after effects of this attack. In 1925 he emigrated to America, but after a stay of 10 years he returned to South Africa in 1935, because of his wife's ill health (chronic Asthma). She died in 1945 and he died on 6/8/1947 at the age of 53 years.
THOMAS, ALEXIS DANIEL (12/7/1899 - 14/9/1991)

Born at Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland on 12/7/1899, he came to South Africa as a small boy with his parents. They settled in the Northern Transvaal and after completing his schooling he worked for them on their farm. In 1918 he joined the S.A.D.F. just before the end of the first world war. After his discharge from the army he joined the Department of Agriculture as a Temporary Stockman and was stationed at Armoedsvlakte shortly after its inauguration as a research centre. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to the Division of Veterinary Services as a laboratory assistant for Sir Arnold Theiler. After 3 years in this capacity he had seen service not only at Armoedsvlakte, but also at Allerton and Onderstepoort.

After studying privately he obtained his matriculation certificate in 1922 and thereafter enrolled as a first year veterinary student at the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort. In 1927 he obtained his BVSc degree and was appointed to the research staff at Onderstepoort as a lecturer in and later professor of Pathology. He obtained his DVSc degree in Pathology 2 years later (his thesis being on Skin Cancer in Angora Goats). He remained professor of Pathology until 1946 when he resigned his appointment and started practicing in Pretoria. In 1929 he married Dulcie Jaffray. One son and two daughters were born of this marriage.

He was an excellent Pathologist and lecturer and his students tell of his ability to pith an ox while lecturing and without anyone seeing any movement of the knife in his hand. This he said proved the belief that the hand is quicker than the eye (especially those of a veterinary student). For some years he acted as editor of the SAVMA journal.

During his lifetime he published some 30 articles and for many years was an external examiner in Pathology at the Veterinary Faculty. In 1955 he sold his private practice and rejoined the Division of Veterinary Services specifically to initiate the establishment of a veterinary investigation centre at Louis Trichardt. In 1965 he retired from his post and settled on a farm (Cleaveshay) in the Louis Trichardt district and when this was incorporated into the Venda, he moved to George (1980) where for a while he practiced. Up to the time of his death at the age of 92 he took an active interest in veterinary matters. He died at George on 14/9/1991 following on the amputation of both his legs as a result of gangrene caused by poor circulation.

THOMAS, ROBERT PHILIPS (17/7/1873 - 24/2/1913)

Born on 17/7/1873 at Brecktlock, he qualified MRCVS (London) on 23/7/1896 and came to South Africa to practice in Cape Town before the Boer War. With the outbreak of hostilities he joined Brabant's Horse as a veterinarian. He did not return to England after the war, but remained in South Africa for a time. He died in Mombasa on 24/2/1913.
THOMPSON, GRAEME EDWARD (10/9/1933 - 25/11/1981)

Born in Johannesburg on 10/9/1933 he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1956. After working as a veterinarian to the SPCA in Johannesburg, he joined the Swaziland Veterinary Department. Thereafter he joined Cooper & Nephews on 12/6/1963 as Research Veterinarian at Kwanyanga, East London. In 1964 he was promoted to the post of Manager, Research and Development in that organisation and remained at Kwanyanga until 1968 when he transferred to Johannesburg as Manager of the Technical Department. In 1972 he was further promoted to Manager, Scientific Services. He was a keen cricketer and represented Swaziland as well as being captain of the North Eastern Transvaal team. He was also a good rugby player and came close to becoming a Springbok. He died on 25/11/1981.

THOMPSON, JOSEPH (1865 - 8/12/1951)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 27/5/1890 and during the Boer War saw service for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. It is not known for certain that he returned to England after the war, because during World War I he saw service with the SAVC. He died at Rathfriland on 8/12/1951 aged 86 years.

THOMSON, JAMES KILPATRIC (21/3/1980)

Born in Kirk and Brightshire, he qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 21/7/1934 and for some years served in the Colonial Service as a Veterinary Officer in the Sudan. During World War II he served with the RAVC in Abassynia and Egypt. Early in 1955 he was appointed G.V.O. Cape Town, where he was placed in charge of the Quarantine Station as well as the laboratory in the Gardens.

After his retirement from the Veterinary Division he joined the Department of Nature Conservation in Cape Town where he died on 21/3/1980. At the time he was living at 11 New Way, Pinelands.

THORBURN, JOHN ALBERT (28/3/1903 - 1971)

Born on 28/3/1903 he graduated BVSc at the Veterinary, Onderstepoort in 1928. From 2/1/1929 to 1945 he served as a C.O. in the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed at Onderstepoort and in the Northern Cape, Zululand, Transkei, (Peddie), Grahamstown and East London (2/3/1942 - 1945). In 1945 he resigned his official post and joined Cooper & Nephews. On the death of H Purchase he was appointed Technical Advisor. He retired in September 1968 and died in 1971.

THURSTON, JAMES FRANCIS (17/8/1875 - 23/2/1968)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 15/7/1897 and is recorded as the first veterinary surgeon appointed to the Natal Police. He served in this capacity from February 1898 to May 1899 (15 months) and was succeeded by J B Collyer on 29/7/1901. He died on 23/2/1968 aged 93 years.
TILLYARD, G E, O.B.E. (8/5/1942)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 20/12/1907 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 14/12/1910 to 19/9/1914. In 1935 he took up an appointment as Lt. Col. RAVC Northern Command, India, having been ADVS Western Command. He died on 8/5/1942.

TINDLE, ROBERT (1883 - 30/5/1961)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/7/1904 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 1/2/1908 to 29/12/1912. He died on 30/5/1961 aged 78 years.

TODD, ARTHUR GEORGE C.B.E., D.S.O. (17/10/1954)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 31/5/1892 and as a regular A.V.D. officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 25/9/1899 to 31/12/1904. After service he returned to England. In 1936 he was a Colonel (C.B.E. D.S.O.) in the RAVC. He died at Amulree, Hants on 17/10/1954.

TOMLINSON, GEORGE N

He qualified MRCVS (London) in May 1895 and as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Cape C.V.D., he took part in the campaign against Galishwe (Langeberg Rebellion) from 25/3/1897 to 25/8/1897 as veterinary officer to the Cape Mounted Rifles (C.M.R.). The following year he again accompanied the C.M.R. to Rhodesia when it took part in the suppression of the Mashonaland Rebellion.

TOWERS, JOHN ALEXANDER R (1869 - 9/2/1916)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 22/12/1890. It is not known when he came to South Africa to take part in the Boer War, but it is recorded that during the early part of the war he served as a travelling Veterinary Inspector with Gen. Buller’s Field force. From 14/4/1902 to 31/5/1902 he served with the 10th New Zealand Contingent. He died on 9/2/1916 aged 47 years.

TOWNSEND, JOHN GEOFFREY

He qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty at Ondersteoort in November 1944. Thereafter he served in the SAVC and when the war ended, worked at the Sandown Veterinary Hospital until 1950. Thereafter he practiced on his own in Johannesburg. In 1960 he was very badly injured when his car hit a cow North of Newcastle, on the old main Johannesburg to Durban road. He subsequently emigrated to Australia.
TRANTER, THOMAS H (1877 - 9/5/1929)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 19/12/1898 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 9/5/1929 aged 52 years.

TREVOR, SALISBURY LLOYD ( - 2/3/1979)

As a South African, "Bim" qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 11/12/1934. During World War II he served as a Colonel in the RAVC in India. After the war he worked as a G.V.O. in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) until he transferred to the Bechuanaland Protectorate Service on 15/7/1964. After his retirement from this service in 1970, he settled in Rondebosch where he died on 2/3/1979.


Born on 2/11/1920 at Beaufort West, he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1942. The following year he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed as G.V.O. at Estcourt, Vryheid, Nongoma, Armoedsvlakte, Onderstepoort, Rustenburg and Cape Town. In 1960 he was promoted to Senior Veterinary Officer, Heidelberg (Transvaal) and in 1963 to Principal State Veterinarian, Pretoria. In 1964 he was appointed Assistant Director in charge of the O.F.S. region, but was transferred to the Transvaal region in 1965. He died while in the service in Pretoria on 11/4/1970.

TRYDELL, FREDERICK WILLIAM

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 15/12/1897 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He may have died in 1928.

TUCKER, GEORGE ( - 1918)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/7/1900 and saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the Queensland Imperial Bushmen. He died in 1918.

TUFTS, SAMUEL ROBERT (1871 - 31/8/1955)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 25/5/1893 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at Morristown NY USA on 31/8/1955 aged 84 years.
TURNBULL, HUGH XENOPON (13/3/1880 - 17/8/1910)

Born in London on 13/3/1880 he qualified MRCVS in 1902. He joined the Transvaal Civil Veterinary Department on 5/2/1903 and was posted to Barberton as District Veterinarian where he died on 17/8/1910.

TURNER, SIDNEY GEORGE (29/12/1911 - 12/11/1969)

Born on 29/12/1911 in Port St Johns, he was educated at Dale College and qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the end of 1939. At the time he was 28 years old having spent two years studying agriculture at Pretoria University and one year working in the Standard Bank at Port Shepstone. After qualifying, he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed at Dundee and subsequently Port Shepstone. In December 1944 he joined Dr Jack Boswell in practice in Johannesburg where he practiced with Messrs A F Tarr and B T Paine. He remained in this practice until 1953 when he opened his own practice in Port Shepstone. He died while in this practice on 12/11/1969. His son G V S Turner qualified as a veterinarian at Onderstepoort at the end of 1971.

TUSTIN

All that is known of this veterinarian is that he served as a C.V.S. with Bethune's Mounted Infantry at Greytown during the Boer War.

TWIST, CHARLES ROBERT (4/3/1873 - 1903)

Born on 4/3/1873, he qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) in May 1900 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died in 1903.

TYLER, CHARLES (6/7/1877 - 9/2/1940)

Born on 6/7/1877 in Burstem, Staffordshire, he graduated MRCVS (London) on 16/7/1900. He joined the Natal Civil Veterinary Department on 23/5/1902 and was stationed at Vryheid as District Veterinarian. He also served in the Natal Veterinary Corps and in the 1906 Bambata rebellion was attached to Roysten's Horse. He subsequently served as District Veterinarian at Mooi River, Ladysmith and Port Shepstone (1913 - ?). In 1930 he was transferred to the Cape where he retired from the service on 6/7/1932 and settled in Bournemouth, England. In 1937 he returned to Natal and died there on 9/2/1940. Dr G Pfaff informed the author that an anonymous letter reporting Tyler as being lazy was sent to the Minister of Agriculture. When this letter was referred to Tyler for his comments he recognised the handwriting and sued the author of the letter for defamation. He was awarded £500 in damages.
UNSWORTH, KENNETH (13/5/1919 - 6/10/1962)

As a MRCVS and DVSc he came to South Africa in 1955 as Deputy Director of Veterinary Services in the Bechuanaland Protectorate with headquarters at Mafeking. Previously he has been employed at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and at the Nigerian research institute at Vom where he did research on Trypanosomiasis. In 1956 he succeeded J E R Roe as Director of Veterinary Services in Bechuanaland in which capacity he served until his death by suicide (Sodium Phenobarbital Per Os) on 6/10/1962. In 1960 he was awarded the O.B.E. He is buried in Mafeking. His wife Esther, committed suicide in Antigua on the anniversary of his death on 6/10/1978. In her will she instructed that her late husband’s car, which had remained in Mafeking, be burned and buried. He was succeeded as Director of Veterinary Services by J Falconer MRCVS. In February 1965 the Bechuanaland Protectorate Government headquarters moved from Mafeking to Gaberones. His suicide occurred on the first Saturday that Bechuanaland Protectorate officials did not work following on the conversion to a five day week. Being at a loose end he had joined his research staff in a bar and had too much to drink. On driving home, his car collided with a telegraph pole close to the police station. Being a senior official, the police asked him to go home and sleep it off. This he did, but not before drinking the contents of a 100 ml bottle of Sagatal (Sodium Phenobarbital). Later when his wife went to wake him, he was found to be dead. The empty bottle of Sagatal was only discovered when his body was removed by the undertaker.


Born on 4/3/1919 in the Pretoria district, he graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1942. On 10/4/1943 he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and served as State Veterinarian Dundee from his appointment until 1946 when he entered private practice in Potchefstroom. In 1949 he rejoined the State service and was stationed at Potgietersrus where he was responsible for establishing that Pavetta harborii was responsible for a number of cattle deaths. In 1954 he joined the Pretoria service and was amongst the first veterinarians to obtain the graduate D.V.P.H. in 1963. He died on 27/4/1975.

VALKANYI, L

He qualified as a veterinarian (Dr. Med. Vet.) in Hungary and for a while worked in South Africa until his death.

VAN ASWEGEN, WILLEM GERHARDUS (1909 - 27/2/1952)

Born in Germiston in 1909 he obtained his BSc degree from the University of Pretoria in 1930 and his BVSc degree from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1936. After qualifying he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and served as Government Veterinary Officer at Umtata, Nocitgedacht and Ermelo.
In 1941 he resigned from the service and joined the Municipality of Pretoria as Veterinary Officer. He died in this post of 27/2/1952.

VANDER LINDE, NICOLAS THEART (1909 - 29/4/1961)

Born in Griquatown in 1909, he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1931. After qualifying he worked for the State Service for 28 years. On 3/7/1932 he was transferred from Pietermaritzburg to Armoodsvlakte. In 1954 he was Government Veterinary Officer, Bloemfontein. In 1960 he resigned from the service and started practicing. He died in practice at Bloemfontein on 29/4/1961.

VANDER MERWE, GEORGE FREDERIK (14/4/1909 - 16/1/1968)

Born on 14/4/1909 in South West Africa, he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1935. He was appointed as a Government Veterinary Officer on 6/1/1936 and saw service at Windhoek, Gobabis (1947) Walvis Bay and Grahamstown (1956). In 1959 he was appointed Sub Director of the Northern Cape Region (Vryburg). After also serving in this position in Pretoria, he was appointed Deputy Director in 1967. He died while in service on 16/1/1968.

VANDERPLANK, FRANCIS BARTHOLOMEW (14/1/1868 - 22/10/1897)

Although his exact place of birth is not known, his grandchildren believe that he was born at his home farm (the farmhouse is now the Camperdown Hotel) on 14/1/1868. On 16/5/1889 he qualified MRCVS at the Royal Veterinary College, London. In 1894 he returned to South Africa to take up the post of veterinarian to the Natal Government as the first assistant to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, Samuel Wiltshire. It would appear that shortly after Vanderplank's arrival in Natal, Wiltshire proceeded to America to study Texas Fever and Vanderplank was left in charge to act as Colonial Veterinary Surgeon in his absence and to write the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's annual report for 1892/93. In the very excellent annual report which he compiled, he expounded some very revolutionary thoughts (for that time) on the transmission of certain diseases eg. in the case of Red Water he stated that he believed that the disease is caused by a blood parasite which destroys the red blood corpuscles and is transmitted from animal to animal by the blue tick. He also stated that he was of the opinion that Horsesickness was not caused by dew, but was also spread by the blue tick.

When Wiltshire returned from America he wrote in his annual report for 1893/94 that these theories were nonsense and that Red Water was spread by soil becoming infected by the secretions of infected animals. In spite of the fact that in his experiments he had failed to transmit Red Water by the feeding of such secretions, he felt that he had probably not allowed sufficient time for the infective organisms to first undergo the "changes" which rendered
them infective. This statement was based on Alexander Edington’s theory that Horsesickness organisms had first to undergo sporulation in the dew drops before the pasture became infective. He further argued against Vanderplank's theories with the statement that blue ticks had always been prevalent in Natal, whereas Red Water had only appeared in 1870, so therefore the ticks could not be blamed for causing the disease. History proves that Vanderplank was nearer the truth with his theories than was Wiltshire. History also records that Wiltshire was "retired" from the service by the Natal Government authorities in 1895 and Vanderplank was left to run the Veterinary Department.

In the same year he judged horses at the first Johannesburg (Rand) show when Arnold Theiler, James Richardson, E A Hollingham and F A Britten were honorary veterinarians to the Johannesburg Agricultural Society.

With the southward spread of Rinderpest into Bechuanaland, he and C B Lloyd a Natal Colonial Official, journeyed to Mafeking to attend the Rinderpest conference held there on the 17th April 1896 which had been organised to work out a common strategy for the control of this disease by the four Colonies/Republics.

On his return to Pietermaritzburg he discovered that the disease had already reached Harrismith and he therefore hastened to urge the Government of Natal to fence off the Colony and to blow up the mountain passes to prevent its spread into Natal by the movement of cattle.

It is Southern Africa's loss that this man died after only three years of being a veterinarian. His death took place painfully on the 22nd of October 1897. It is believed that his end was caused by the after effects of a puffadder bite which he received when he was 14 years old. His parents were away at the time and first aid was administered to him by his brother and sister. He lies buried in the Commerical Road Cemetery in Pietermaritzburg.

During his lifetime he married Miss Georgina Tatham and had two children viz. a girl Dorothea born in 1894 and a son Allan. The son died in 1962 and the daughter in 1980.

VAN DER VYVER, BAREND JACOBUS (2/3/1892 - 24/7/1944)

Born on 2/3/1892 he qualified MRCVS at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh on 11 July 1914. After qualifying he joined the Division of Veterinary Services as a Government Veterinary Officer. From May 1916 to February 1918 he saw active service with the SAVC in the East Africa Campaign. As Government Veterinary Officer he was stationed at Umtata, Piet Retief and Vryheid. From April to October 1930 he acted as Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of the Cape Western Division. During the last fourteen years of his life he was State Veterinarian, Pretoria (from 13/1/1927). He died on 24/7/1944.

His was the first obituary to be published in the SAVMA Journal (Vol. XV P 122) in Afrikaans.
VAN DER WALT, KEYSER (26/6/1923 - 23/6/1984)

Born on 26/6/1923 in Benoni, he matriculated at Harrismith (O.F.S.) and qualified as a Veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the end of 1943. In 1944 he joined Prof. Hofmeyr in practice in Pretoria for several months. Thereafter he practiced in Port Elizabeth until January 1958 when he was appointed professor of Medicine to the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort. In 1982 he was awarded the M. Med. Vet. diploma in medicine. He died at his home on 23/6/1984 from a severe attack of Asthma.

VAN DER WALT, SAREL JACOBUS (24/1/1914 - 12/3/1949)

Born in Pretoria on 24/1/1914 he qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1936. On 9/10/1943 he was awarded the DVSc degree by the University of Pretoria. After qualifying he worked in the Toxicology section at Onderstepoort until 1945 when he transferred to Lydenburg as State Veterinarian. The following year he transferred as State Veterinarian to Pretoria where he died on 12/3/1949.

VAN DER WATH, JAN GEORGE (15/5/1968)

He qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1934 and immediately took up an appointment at Allerton Laboratory. In 1936 he transferred to the Department of Physiology at Onderstepoort. In 1942 he received his DVSc for his "Studies on the Alimentary Tract of the Merino Sheep with special reference to the Role of the Micro Fauna and Flora". Shortly afterwards he resigned his post and went farming. Subsequently he was appointed to the Board of the University of Pretoria and Chairman of the S.A. Wool Board as well as Chairman of the International Wool Secretariat. In 1962 he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Control of the South African Wool Textile Research Institute. In 1965 he was appointed Chairman of the Wool Commission. He died in an aircraft disaster at Windhoek airport on 15/5/1968 while on his way to England. At the time of his death he owned the Tati Ranch in Botswana on which are the remains of the earliest gold mines in Southern Africa.

VAN DER WATT, JOHANNES JACOBUS (9/12/1936 - 22/4/1989)

Born in Germiston on 9/12/1936 he obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the end of 1962. Thereafter he rapidly obtained specialist qualifications in pathology as follows:-

(a) DVPH (Pretoria) 1965
(b) M. Med. Vet. (Pretoria) 1972
(c) MRC (Path) (London) 1973.
VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, JACOBUS JOHANNES

He qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1935. Nothing more is known about him.

VAN HEERDEN, CAREL JACOBUS (17/12/1896 - 16/12/1973)

Born on 17/12/1896 at Victoria West, he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) in July 1923. From 1923 to 1930 he served as Government Veterinary Officer and from 1930 to 1933 as Senior Government Veterinary Officer. In 1933 he was appointed Sub Director, in 1937 to Assistant Director and in 1944 to under Secretary fpr Agriculture and Forestry. In 1946 he was appointed to the Public Service Commission, which post he held until he retired in August 1951.

After his retirement he started his career all over again in Swaziland. In 1951 he was appointed Veterinary Officer, in 1953, Principal Veterinary Officer and in 1955, Director of Land Utilization. In 1960 he retired for the second time, but again took up service as Manager of Swaziland Settlement Co. Ill health finally forced him to retire in 1972. He died in Pietermaritzburg on 16/12/1973 the day before his 77th birthday. He was awarded the OBE in 1958. During World War II he served as the Officer Commanding of the SAVC.

VAN HEERDEN, JOHANN ( - 23/5/1981)

He obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1973. Thereafter he practiced in Pietersburg until his death in a motor accident on 23/5/1981.

VAN HEERDEN, KAREL MALHERBE (7/3/1925 - 23/9/1968)

Born on 7/3/1925 at Bloemfontein he obtained a BSc degree at Stellenbosch University in 1945 and a BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1949. After qualifying he practiced with K van der Walt at Port Elizabeth until June 1950 when he opened his own practice at Alexandria. In January 1953 he moved to Graaff Reinet where he remained in private practice until 1956 when he appointed Senior Research Officer from funds made available by Animal Disease Research Fund. In 1961 he was awarded a DVSc degree by the University of Pretoria. In 1967 he was placed in charge of the newly erected veterinary investigation centre at Grootfontein Agricultural College, Middelburg, Cape. He died at Grootfontein on 23/9/1968.


Born on 4th June 1896 at Cradock, he was at the time of his death the oldest and longest serving SAVA member, which record he acquired only 4 months before on the death of William Hay MRCVS on 21/4/1989. (The latter was then 96 years old).
After obtaining a BA degree at Stellenbosch he travelled to London where on 20/12/1921 he qualified MRCVS at the Royal Veterinary College (Camden Town). In 1922 he returned to South Africa to serve as Government Veterinary Officer (GVO) at various Karoo towns, then Middelburg (succeeded P J J Fourie), as well as Ermelo and Vryheid (transferred there 6/7/1932). He subsequently transferred to Onderstepoort where he first lectured in Medicine and later served as Head of Department (1947) of Surgery and Gynaecology in succession to J B Quinlan. In this capacity he did a great deal of research work on infertility and artificial insemination and became known as the father of A.I. in South Africa. In 1953 he resigned from the Department of Agriculture and undertook research work as Senior Research Officer for Dairy, Meat and Wool Boards.

After retiring he opened a very fine Veterinary/Agric. book shop called Libagric. At the age of 85 he wrote a book entitled "From the Horses Mouth". One of his sons, Schalk Junior, also qualified as a veterinarian in 1957 and both his daughters married veterinarians (R Every BVSc 1949 and J M M Brown BVSc 1951). He died at Pretoria on 5/8/1989 aged 93 years.

VANS-AGNEW, E

During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.


Born on 26/9/1938 on the farm Platrug in the Mafeking district, he obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the end of 1961. He immediately joined the State Service and was State Veterinarian at De Aar until 1967 when he was transferred to Middelburg Regional Laboratory. In 1968 on the death of Dr K M van Heerden he became Veterinarian-in-Charge of this laboratory. In 1977 he obtained a DVSc degree for his work on Actinobacillus seminis in sheep. In 1985 he was awarded the SAVA Silver Medal for his services to the advancement of the Veterinary profession.

During his lifetime he published 40 scientific articles and 100 semi-scientific articles. Unfortunately due to a drinking problem he was dismissed from his official post on 31 May 1988. When he had sufficiently overcome this problem he was re-appointed to the Free State Region to work in the Bloemfontein Laboratory and while preparing himself to travel to Bloemfontein to resume duties, he suffered a heart attack at his Middelburg home on 6/8/1989 and died at the Middelburg hospital the following day (7/8/1989).

VAN ZYL, JAN KASPER GERHARDUS (15/1/1940 - July 1967)

Born at Nylstroom on 15/1/1940 he attended school at Naboomspruit and qualified as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Faculty,
Onderstepoort at the end of 1964. He subsequently joined the State Service and was station at Bethlehem and Potchefstroom as State Veterinarian. While at Potchefstroom he committed suicide in July 1967.

VEENSTRA, THOMAS (18/5/1923 - 20/12/1974)

Born on 18/5/1923 he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1947. After qualifying he joined the Department of Agriculture and was stationed at Dundee as State Veterinarian.

In 1952 he resigned from the service and joined the Municipality of Pretoria as Veterinarian in charge of milk hygiene. He served in this position until 1955 when he returned to the Division of Veterinary Services and after seeing service as State Veterinarian at various places in Natal, Stellenbosch, Louis Trichardt and Pretoria, he was promoted to the post of Assistant Director of Veterinary Services in charge of the Western Cape and stationed at Stellenbosch. In 1972 he was promoted further to the post of Deputy Director, South West Africa. While serving in this post he died on 20/12/1974.

VEGLIA, FRANCESCO (5/9/1881 -

Born on 5/9/1881 in Fossano in Italy, he qualified as a veterinarian at Turin in 1904. He came to South Africa in 1911 and served as Helminthologist at Onderstepoort. In World War I he served in the Italian Army. After the war he returned to Onderstepoort where he served until he retired on 31/5/1927. He subsequently returned to Italy where he purchases the Burdizzo Instrument Company in Turin. He produced the first effective remedy against wire worms viz. the "Onderstepoort wire worm remedy" which was in use for many years.

VERNEY, FRANK ARTHUR C.B.E. (3/3/1874 - 16/3/1952)

Born in Blockley, Worcestershire on 3/3/1874, he qualified MRCVS on 25/7/1896 in the same year that he won the Fitzwygram 1st prize. FRCVS 1905, his thesis being "The Etiology of South Afr. Horsesickness". He was appointed to the Natal Civil Veter. Department on 21/10/1896 as one of the four veterinarians appointed on the recommendation of the Stock Commission (the others were Stapley, Baxter and J L Webb) and served at Estcourt being in charge of the Estcourt and Weenen districts. In April 1899, he was transferred to Eshowe in succession to C H Cordy when the latter was transferred to Greytown. During the Boer War he saw active service as a Lieutenant and it is recorded that he served with Buller's Forces in the relief of Ladysmith. He was the first man to shake hands with H Watkins-Pitchford when the latter in common with the Ladysmith Garrison rose out to welcome the relief column to Ladysmith. In the words of Watkins-Pitchford, Verney "was belted and accoutered like a buccaneer, carrying a long repeating-rifle in a carbine bucket ... he was thin and very vociferous ...".
In 1909 he became Principal Veterinary Officer in Basutoland and was successful in eradicating Sheep Scab from that country. On 12/1/1909 he attended the Pan African Congress in Pretoria which was held to correspond with the official opening of the Research Institute at Onderstepoort. In 1935 he settled in the Mt Currie district and farmed with Jersey cattle. He died on 16/3/1952 at Kokstad.

In 1924 he served as the first examiner in surgery at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort and it is recorded that he failed six of the eight final year students in their practical and oral surgery examination. However, he was persuaded to re-examine them the next day on strictly surgical and not on non-surgical matters. The six students all passed this re-examination.

VERNEY, EDWARD MORRIS D.S.O. ( - 3/6/1951)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/7/1900 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department. He died at Woodchester, Glos on 3/6/1951.

VILJOEN, JOHANN HEINRICH BUXMANN (7/12/1911 - 1981)

"Ike" was born on 7/12/1911 in the SAR Dining Saloon, Shire (No. 151), while travelling between Brakpoort and Wellington. He subsequently obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1935. Thereafter he joined the Division of Veterinary Services on 2/1/1936 and served as G.V.O. at the following places:-

1936 : Dundee
1937 - 1940 : Ladysmith
1940 - 1944 : Vryheid
1944 - 1947 : Ixopo
1947 - 1948 : Durban
1948 : Johannesburg, Cape Town
1950 - 1953 : Estcourt
1953 - 1956 : Vryburg

On 1/9/1949 he was promoted from the rank of State Veterinarian to Senior State Veterinarian. He subsequently served as Assistant Director in charge of South West Africa from 1956 to 1968. On 1/8/1968 he was appointed Deputy Director and transferred from S.W.A. to Head Office in Pretoria. He retired as Deputy Director on 31/12/1975, but remained in the service for a further year to rewrite the Meat Hygiene Regulations. He died in Pretoria in 1981.

VILJOEN, JOHANNES HUGO (13/6/1933 - 5/6/1991)

Born in Victoria West on 13/6/1933 he was awarded an Agricultural Diploma at Grootfontein in 1953, BSc Agric. degree University of Pretoria 1956 and in 1962 also obtained his BVSc degree at the same university. Thereafter he served as State Veterinarian in Middelburg and Beaufort West until 1974 when he transferred to the Department of Entomology at Onderstepoort for a period of 6 years.
Since 1980 he served continuously as State Veterinarian at Swellendam until his death there from lung cancer on 5/6/1991. He was awarded a DVSc by the University of Pretoria in 1983.

VILJOEN, NOEL FRANCIS (25/12/1898 - 9/1/1963)

Born on Christmas Day 1898 in Stellenbosch, he enlisted in the army in World War I at the age of 17 and saw active service in East Africa where he was wounded. He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 15/7/1925. After qualifying he saw service as a Government Veterinary Officer at Mafeking and also saw service in the Bechuanaland Protectorate at Palapye. He then joined the Bloemfontein Municipality as Director of the Bloemfontein abattoir for 15 years. In 1937 he obtained his DSc degree for his work on Cysticercosis. Later he set up practice in Barkley East and Queenstown. In 1955 he was employed by the P.D.S.A. in Johannesburg. He died on 9/1/1963.

VILJOEN, PHILIP RUDOLF M.C. (1889 - 3/6/1964)

He went on commando during the Boer War at the age of 12. He subsequently obtained his MRCVS (London) in 1912 and in World War I saw service in the South West Africa Campaign where he was wounded. For his services during World War I he was awarded the Military Cross. After World War I he served as Government Veterinary Officer at Armoedsvlakte and Onderstepoort. He then became Professor of Veterinary Science at Pretoria University and played an active role in the foundation of the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort.

Subsequently he was appointed Secretary of Agriculture. He retired as Secretary for Agriculture in 1945 at the age of 55 and was appointed Union High Commissioner for Canada. At the age of 60 (in 1949) he was transferred to the post of High Commissioner in Australia. Ill health forced him to retire and he died in Pretoria on the 3rd of June 1964.

VON BACKSTRÖM, URBANUS (15/1/1920 - 6/2/1983)

Born in Heidelberg, Transvaal on 15/1/1920 he qualified as a veterinarian at Onderstepoort in March 1943. Immediately after qualifying he was appointed Veterinary Officer to the Bechuanaland Protectorate Government being stationed at Maun as Veterinary Officer in charge of Ngamiland (North West District). In 1943 he was called by Livestock Officer Mr G A Scholtz to investigate a disease outbreak on the shores on Lake Ngami and this investigation led to the first diagnosis of Lumpy Skin disease being made in Southern Africa. (He first called it Ngami cattle disease). In 1947 he returned to South Africa and set up practice in Krugersdorp, first of all on his own and subsequently in partnership with R K Reinecke and then in turn with J L Kruger,
W L Jenkins and P W Carey. For ± 20 years he served as external examiner in Medicine to the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Pretoria. He semi retired to Plettenberg Bay in 1975 where he died on 6/2/1983 at the age of 63 years.

VON MALTITZ, LUDWIG JOHANN FREDERICK (18/12/1913 - 7/12/1987)

Born Ficksburg on 18/12/1913 he was educated at Grey College Bloemfontein. At the end of 1937 he obtained his BVSc degree at the University of Pretoria and thereafter saw service as a State Veterinarian at Windhoek, Keetmanshoop, Otjiwarango, Okahandja and Mariental. He retired in 1976 from the S.W.A. Administration as Assistant Director, Windhoek. Thereafter he joined the South African Veterinary Directorate as Regional Meat Hygiene Officer in the Western Cape. He was Chairman of the S.W.A. branch of the SAVA for a number of years. During his lifetime he farmed with cattle on the farm Schlettwein (Otjiwarango). He died on 7/12/1987.

VORSTER, JAN SMUTS (23/10/1950 - 10/10/1977)

Born on 23/10/1950 he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in June 1974. On 1/7/1974 he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and was stationed as State Veterinarian at Hluhluwe. While travelling to his parents home in Durban from Hluhluwe on 10/10/1977 his car collided with a trailer which swung into the road as he was passing it. He died at Addington Hospital, Durban the same day from extensive head injuries. He was unmarried.


WADLOW, CLEMENT HAMLIN M.C. (7/3/1877 - 20/7/1949)

Born on 7/3/1877 in Shifnal, Shropshire, he qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 21/5/1903. The same year he emigrated to South Africa and joined the Orange Free State Veterinary Department being District Veterinary Officer Ladybrand in 1904. On 19/4/1926 he was transferred from Port Elizabeth to Pietermaritzburg. He was boarded as medically unfit on 30/6/1927 and thereafter set up practice at 4 Phoenix Chambers, Port Elizabeth. In 1930 he moved to Cape Town (Church Street, Wynberg) where he died on 20/7/1949. His practice was taken over by J Reid. During World War I he saw service in the South West Africa Campaign as a Captain in the SAVC and was awarded the Military Cross.

On 4/1/1915 he married Miss Beatrice Hawkesley. During the period 1910 - 1915 he lived in Jesmond Road, Pietermaritzburg. His son Peter was born and died there.
WADSWORTH, WILLIAM  (12/1/1870 - 1915)

Born on 12/1/1870 at South Port, he qualified MRCVS (London) in 1891 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died in 1915.

WALKER, JAMES O.B.E.  (28/8/1868 - 5/10/1952)

Born near Melbourne, Australia on 28/8/1868, he obtained his MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 31/3/1896. In 1897 he emigrated to South Africa from New Zealand and joined the Cape Mounted Riflemen (CMR) as a private, there being no longer commissioned appointments for Veterinary Surgeons. Although he only received promotion to the rank of Corporal he performed the duties of Veterinary Officer until the outbreak of the Anglo Boer War when he enlisted with the South African Light Horse Regiment and accompanied the relief force to Ladysmith. After his discharge from the army he joined the Transvaal Civil Veterinary Department on 5/1/1903 and saw service as Government Veterinary Officer at Ermelo doing investigations into Gousiekte.

In 1907 he was appointed Assistant Government Bacteriologist at Daspoopt Laboratory. He transferred with the laboratory to Onderstepoort and remained there until 1918. From 1/6/1918 to 1922 he served at Kabete and in 1922 became the Chief Veterinary Research Officer in Kenya. In 1932 he acted as Deputy Director. He was awarded the O.B.E. In 1933 he returned to South Africa and did foot and mouth disease research in the Bechuanaland Protectorate when he undertook a series of trials at Smith's Well at Makoro on the behaviour of the disease in calves. After his retirement he practiced actively in Johannesburg up to his death in 1952.

His first marriage to a Miss Buwalda of Pretoria took place in 1922 when he was 54 years of age. This marriage produced a daughter Florence. Unfortunately his wife died shortly afterwards and Florence was cared for by a younger sister of his wife. He subsequently married this younger sister and although she was much younger than he was, they are reported to have had a very happy life together.

In 1932 he obtained the Dr. Med. Vet. degree from the University of Zurich for his thesis "East African Swine Fever". He practiced in Johannesburg until his death in Durban on 5/10/1952.

WALL, FREDERICK AUGUSTUS  (1845 - 18/4/1921)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 25/4/1865. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 18/4/1921 aged 76 years as a result of a collision with a cyclist while out walking in New York.
WALL, REGINALD FRANCIS  (  - 13/8/1960)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in 1896. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 13/8/1960.

WALLIS, W B

As a Canadian qualified veterinarian, he served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He saw service with the Imperial Yeomanry.

WALTERS, DENNIS MERCER (19/1/1921 - 13/10/1968)

Born at Worcester, Cape on 19/1/1921, he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1943 and until May 1946 served as G.V.O. in the Bechuanaland Protectorate service at Lobatsi and Francistown where amongst other things he was responsible for crossing the Ngamiland export cattle over the Zambezi River to Northern Rhodesia. During this time he also got lost in the bush and was rescued by his Damara messenger Set Nangoro. The latter became his great friend and until his death received a Christmas present from Walters every year. While at Francistown he married Miss Hope Hill a nursing sister at the Francistown hospital.

Walters subsequently practiced at Swellendam for a short while and then at Worcester where he died of a heart attack while calving a cow on 13/10/1968.

WALTERS, WILLIAM BARKER  (  - 21/9/1929)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 4/5/1860 and with his regiment saw service in Natal in the Zulu War of 1879 after having joined the Army (Royal Artillery) in 1861. He subsequently saw service in Canada against the Fenians in 1866. From 1871 to 1876 he served with the Inniskilling Dragoons. In 1877 he joined the Royal Engineers. After service against the Zulus in Natal in 1879 he returned to England and succeeded J D Lambert as instructor at the Army Veterinary School at Aldershot in 1883. In 1885 he took part in the operation at Suakim in Egypt. He was awarded the C.B. and in 1883 obtained his FRCVS. In 1894 he officially retired but as a volunteer, but again served in the British Army during the Boer War and World War I. He died on 21/9/1929 at Blackheath at the age of "over 90 years".

WARDROPE, JOHN RUSSEL  (1874 - 1/1/1909)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) in May 1897. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a
Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. The Vet Record of April 28, 1900 records that he sailed for South Africa from Newcastle-on-Tyne on the SS Sussex for Fiume to load horses and then to proceed to Cape Town. He died on 1/1/1909 aged 35 years from T.B.

WATKINS-PITCHFORD, LT. COL. HERBERT (3/6/1865 - 25/6/1951)

Born Tatten Hall, Cheshire on 3/6/1865, H.W.P. qualified MRCVS at the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town on 16/5/1889. After qualifying he practiced near Sandhurst and in 1896 was offered the post of Principal Veterinary Surgeon to the Colony of Natal vacated by S Wiltshire. He assumed duties in June 1896 and was immediately faced with the following situation:-

1. The Politicians of Natal had always prevented the promulgation of regulations to control animal diseases.

2. Rinderpest was rapidly spreading southwards.

3. Only a skeleton staff of veterinary personnel existed in the Colony.

Together with Sir Arnold Theiler he immediately proceeded to the farm Witfontein in the Marico district and under primitive camp conditions, research was undertaken into the immunisation of cattle against Rinderpest. When the supply of susceptible cattle in the Marico district ran out in January 1897, the Field Laboratory moved to Rustenburg, but for the same reason this site had to be abandoned in March 1897. On 12 December 1896 he reported to his Government that "we have discovered a process (serum system) by which undoubted immunity can be conferred and I see no reason why the progress of the disease in South Africa should not be arrested by its means".

In the same month Robert Koch reported on the discovery of the injection method of immunisation.

In 1897 when Rinderpest entered Natal H.W.P. had returned to Pietermaritzburg to organise an immunisation campaign in conjunction with similar campaigns in the Orange Free State and the Cape Colony and successfully halted the disease at the end of 1898. The reoccurrence of the disease in Natal in 1899 from Basutoland rapidly brought under control in spite of the Boer War being in progress. Just prior to the Boer War he established the Natal Veterinary Corps of Civil Veterinary Staff which throughout the Boer War did yeoman service in assisting the sorely tried Army Veterinary Department.

At Allerton Laboratory, which he had built in 1897, H.W.P. was faced with severe outbreaks of Glanders, Anthrax and Quarter Evil in Natal. In the case of the latter disease a much improved single dose vaccine was produced.

During the Boer War, H.W.P.'s participation in the military field caused activities at Allerton Laboratory to come to a standstill. Very ill after the siege of Ladysmith, H.W.P. returned to England.
for six months sick leave. On his return to Allerton, his disillusionment with and lack of support from the Government of Natal caused him to relinquish his post of Principal Veterinary Surgeon and to take up the post of Government Bacteriologist. His P.V.S. post was taken over by S B Woollatt.

At Allerton as Government Bacteriologist he concentrated on his research programmes away from the bigotted approach of the politicians. In 1903 he concentrated his research into horsesickness, quarter evil, bubonic plague, blue tongue and the production of snake antivenin. His laboratory also produced large quantities of quarter evil vaccine, mallein, tuberculin and antivenin serum. Many valuable and varied reports also flowed from his pen viz. "Horsesickness", "The characters of the Mark VI service bullet", "The Bacteriology of the Plague Bacillus, a review of the efficacy of modern disinfectants", "A report on the use of copper salts in the treatment of water supplies", A comparison of snake venoms of Natal".

In 1904 East Coast Fever entered Natal from Swaziland. Using the dip tank built in 1902 at Nels Rust by Joseph Baynes, H.W.P. investigated the effectivity of various tick destroying preparations in general use and illustrated the effectivity of arsenic.

He retired from Allerton Laboratory in 1912 and in World War I he saw service at Swathling, Aldershot. He died on 25/6/1951 at Illovo, Natal and was cremated in Durban on 26/6/1951.

List of awards:-

1. FRCVS 1894
2. Commander of St Michael and St George
3. Queen's South African Badge with Bars
4. Natal Rebellion with bar
5. Union of South Africa Medal

Here was a man who was a veterinarian, soldier, artist and writer whose road in history was a thorny one. His treatment by the Natal Government which he so ably served was to say the least, shoddy.

WATSON, HUGH CAMERON ( - 25/9/1960)

As a MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 15/7/1925, he was registered as a Veterinary Surgeon in South Africa between 1956 and 1962. At the time he was living at 10 Caledon Street, George. Nothing more is known about him other than that he died on 25/9/1960.

WATSON, JOHN MITCHELL ( - 1/11/1911)

He qualified MRCVS at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College on 12/3/1896, but only come to South Africa in 1910 when he joined the Civil Veterinary Department on 13/10/1910, being one of the first appointments after the formation of the Union. He died of Brain Haemorrhage on 1/11/1911 at Harrismith and is buried at Smithfield
in the Orange Free State. He was a member of the Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association founded on 16/2/1903.

WATSON, R F (1873 - 15/12/1927)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 31/3/1896. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died at St Helens, Lancs on 15/12/1927 aged 54 years.

WATT, GEORGE ( - 19/2/1959)

He graduated MRCVS (Glasgow) in 1928 and in 1929 set up practice in Florida, Transvaal where he remained until he died on 19/2/1959. His brother and nephew (J S and I S Watt) also became veterinarians.

WAUGH, GEORGE NOEL ( - 20/5/1917)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 25/5/1897. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died of wounds in France on 20/5/1917 during World War I.

WEBB, ADAM CUPPAGE ( - 29/5/1912)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 31/3/1874 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department. He died on 29/5/1912.

WEBB, EDWARD CLIVE O.B.E. (1881 - 26/5/1934)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 8/3/1902 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. for one year and 134 days during the Boer War. He died at Winnipeg on 26/5/1934.

His military services was as follows:-

6/11/1913 - 11/9/1915 : Attached to Egyptian Army
27/9/1915 - 29/8/1918 : ADVS Home Forces and France
17/5/1919 - 25/6/1919 : D ADVS India
24/3/1925 - 2/6/1926 : D ADVS India
3/6/1926 - 25/11/1928 : ADVS India
26/11/1928 - Death : D DVS India
WEBB, HUBERT MONTGOMERIE (14/3/1877 - 10/2/1956)

Born on 14/3/1877 at Ballyrnahon, County Longford, Ireland, he qualified MRCVS at the New Edinburgh Veterinary College on 18/5/1898.

During the Boer War he came to South Africa as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department and after the cessation of hostilities joined the Transvaal Civil-Veterinary Department on 1/1/1902. As a District Veterinarian in this department he served first at Barberton and subsequently at Lydenburg, Carolina, Zeerust, Rustenburg, Potchefstroom and Potgietersrus (from 1915).

His sister Joan who came out to South Africa to keep house for him married Harry Wolhuter the first Ranger in the Kruger National Park. During World War I (which was declared on 4/8/1914 when he was visiting C E Gray in Pretoria) he saw active service in the East Africa Campaign. Because of the misappropriation of official funds he prematurely left the South African Service in 1923 and was appointed by W H Chase (an old College classmate) as Government Veterinary Officer, Kazungula to perform the following duties:-

1. To supervise the export of Bechuanaland cattle through the Zambezi River into Northern Rhodesia.

2. To control Lungsickness in the Chobe district of Bechuanaland.

3. To inspect all the cattle in the Chobe and Okavango districts as well as the Caprivi Strip cattle. The inspection route he followed in this latter operation was by ox wagon from Kazungula to Maun and thence via Sehitwa and Tsau to Mohembo. At Mohembo his wagon would return to Kazungula, but he would proceed on horseback (with bearers) to Andara eastwards along the length of the Caprivi Strip to Ngoma and thence back to Kazungula. In 1929 he formed part of the official Bechuanaland Government party - which handed over the administration of the Caprivi Strip to the South African authorities. (The other Bechuanaland officials were Captain Ferny A.D.C. to the Earl of Athlone, Captain J W Potts, District Commission, Maun and Sergeant W Lovejoy, B.P. Police, Mohembo).

In 1932 he was transferred to Palapye to control an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. In 1935 he retired from the Bechuanaland Service and settled at Honiton, Devon where he practiced for a few years. He subsequently moved to Glengarry, Dublin where he died on 10/2/1956.

WEBB, JAMES LORENZO (20/9/1873 - 17/10/1950)

Born in Bishop Stortford (Hertfordshire) on 20/9/1873 the son of James Webb FRCVS, he qualified MRCVS (London) on the 28th of March 1896. He was thereafter offered a five year contract in Natal by a Mr Penberthy of the Camden Town Veterinary School at a salary of £350 a year plus horse allowance. His appointment in Natal dated from 21/10/1896. He was one of the four veterinarians appointed on the recommendation of the Stock Commission. The others were
Verney, Stapley and Baxter. His first station was at Ixopo. From 26/11/1899 to 20/1/1900 he served as a Civil Veterinarian in the Army Veterinary Department and was attached to the Imperial Light Horse Regiment which at that time was plagued with an outbreak of Glanders amongst its Mounts. Thereafter he served with the Natal Volunteer Veterinary Corps. At the end of his five year contract he returned to England and was awarded the FRCVS for his thesis entitled "The Treatment of Rinderpest". He subsequently returned to South Africa and served as District Veterinary Surgeon (D.V.S.) at Ixopo, Mooi River, Bulwer, Ladysmith, Howick and Port Shepstone. He officially retired on 19/9/1928 and settled in Pietermaritzburg (Heathwylde Road, Wembly). He died on 17/10/1950 and is buried with his second wife in the Anglican Church Cemetery at Camperdown. A photograph of him together with Veterinarian S B Woollatt (P.V.O. Natal) and Dr (later Sir) Arnold Theiler was taken on Spioenkop Circa 1904.

WEBSTER, GEORGE CHARLES (15/5/1885 - 26/8/1948)

Born Gourock, Scotland on 15/5/1885 he qualified MRCVS at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh on 15/12/1908. From the time he qualified he practiced in Yorkshire, but was attracted by the stories about Africa to join the Veterinary Division of the Union of South Africa. This he did on 13/10/1910. He served as Government Veterinary Officer, Barberton from the time of his appointment until 1916 when he saw active service in the East Africa Campaign. After World War I he saw service as Government Veterinary Officer at Ladysmith (1919 - 1920). In 1921 he took the DVSM Diploma at the Royal (Dick) College. He was stationed at Vryheid, Richmond and Durban (6/6/1927 - 1931). While in Durban he applied for the post of Director of the Municipal Abattoir due to be vacated by Major W G Barnes. However, Barnes was re-appointed for a further year and out of disappointment for not having been successful in obtaining a post for which he was very suitably qualified, he resigned and returned to England on 11/4/1931. In England he settled in Lancaster (Lancashire) where he opened a private practice.

He, however, returned to South Africa in 1945 suffering badly from Tuberculosis. He died in Pietermaritzburg on 26/8/1948. I am indebted to his widow for these details of his life and wish to record that when I interviewed her on 19/2/1982 he was 87 years old and very fit mentally and physically. She informed me that she was a Miss Hall and came from Mataffin. G C Webster appears in photographs of a group of District Veterinary Surgeons who visited Onderstepoort in 1910.

WEGE, ROELOFF (20/1/1931 - 14/7/1985)

Bornat Claremont (Cape) on 20/1/1931 he qualified BVSc at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1954. Thereafter he practiced at Worcester where he died of a stroke on 14/7/1985 aged 54 years. His brother D F Wege also qualified as a veterinarian in 1956.
WEIR, MAJOR FREDERICK JOSEPH (1892 - 28/1/1956)

All that is known of this man is that he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 14/12/1910. During World War I he served in France and was present at the retreat from Mons. In World War II he served on the North West frontier of India. He returned in 1945 when he settled in Somerset West. He died on 28/1/1956 aged 64 years.

WELCH, H CECIL (1870 - 1930)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 28/5/1894 and as a regular saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 13/4/1901 to 14/8/1902. After the war he returned to England. He died at Bath in 1930.

In the Veterinary Record of 25/8/1900 he reported from Kroonstad that his duties were to personally examine every horse before it left the Cavalry depot with special emphasis on its health and its shoes (2 spares). At the time he had a staff of 20 farriers and they were kept going all day long. During June and July 1900 he examined 6 000 horses. All sick horses were returned to his depot by train. On one day he detained 127 and had to shoot 7 at the station. Detained horses were divided into 3 groups: (1) Those needing rest were turned out to graze; (2) those needing surgery were operated on; and (3) useless cases were shot. During one week he shot 600 horses.

WELLS, CHARLES E (1878 - 9/6/1917)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 25/7/1896. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He was killed by a horse on June 9, 1917.

WESTGATE, HARRY GEORGE (1873 - 3/2/1933)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 14/12/1893 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department (Imperial Yeomanry 8th Battalion). He died at Leicester on 3/2/1933 aged 60 years. He worked for some time in Australia. During his later life he became part owner of a theatre.

WHEELER, WILLIAM JAMES (13/6/1909 - 12/5/1987)

Born in Middelburg, Transvaal on 13/6/1909 he obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1934. After qualifying as a veterinarian he joined the State Service where he was stationed at Umtata (from 5/1/1935), Louis Trichardt (1936) and Piet Retief (1940) before joining the Municipality of
Pretoria in 1949 and became Director of the Municipal Abattoir in 1953. He continued in this capacity until 1974 when he retired. Before his retirement he suffered brain damage when he fell badly while trying to recover a golf ball which had fallen down a storm water drain. This damage caused a partial personality change which may have led to his wife divorcing him. He died in Somerset West on 12/5/1987. He was cremated and his ashes buried in his mother’s grave in Middelburg, Transvaal.

WHIPP, HARRY (1875 - 2/4/1922)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 16/7/1898. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 2/4/1922 aged 47 years.

WHITE, FRANCIS F G

All that is known of this man is that he qualified MRCVS on 13/12/1894 and FRCVS in 1905. He was also a member of the Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association founded on 16/2/1903. During the Boer War he saw service as a C.V.S. attached to the A.V.D. After the war he practiced in Pretoria and was still there in 1921. He may have died in ± 1923.

WHITE, W T

During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England.

WHITFIELD, GEORGE D ( - 16/3/1925)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 14/4/1871 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 2/5/1896 to 23/6/1897. After service he returned to England. He died 16/3/1925 in Guernsey.

WIGNALL, T G

He served as a Veterinary Lieutenant in the Rhodesia Horse Volunteers during the Matabele rebellion in 1896. A subsequent search of the RCVS register failed to reveal his name.
WILKIE, HENRY CHARLES ( - 1941)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 5/7/1884. In 1899 he joined the New Zealand Department of Agriculture and came to South Africa during the Boer War with the 3rd New Zealand Contingent. He died in 1941.

WILKINSON, HARVEY ( - 7/10/1895)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) in April 1885 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 6/4/1895 to 7/10/1895. He died on 7/10/1895 in Pietermaritzburg and is buried in the Fort Napier Military Cemetery. No trace can however be found of his grave.

WILKS, PERCY ALBERT ( - 26/4/1916)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 18/5/1892. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 26/4/1916 from an overdose of Chloral self administered.

WILLIAMS, AUGUSTUS JOHN D.S.O. ( - 19/1/1945)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 23/5/1898 and as a regular saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa from 9/11/1899 to 24/10/1902. After the war he returned to England. He served with Thorneycrofts Mounted Infantry and in the Veterinary Record of 11/1/1902 published an article on Poisonous plants in South Africa. In this article he mentions such plants as Tulp, Sterkos or Pepper bush, Inkbush (not Inkberry) and Euphorbia.

In the RAVC Journal of November 1938 (Vol. 10 No. 1) Sir L J Blenkinsop recorded that during the Boer War he picked up A J Williams from under a wagon where he had enteric fever. He then took him to a nearby convent for nursing. He subsequently recovered and with L J Blenkinsop attended the RAVC Old Comrades Association dinner on 28/10/1938. He died on 19/1/1945.

WILLIAMS, GEORGE MOSTYN C.M.G. (1868 - 15/8/1943)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 31/5/1892 and as a regular saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) from 15/7/1899 to 24/2/1903. After the war he returned to England. It is recorded that from August 1899 to November 1900 he was in Natal with the Remount Office. He served with F J Carless, H M Durrant and D Quinlan at Mooi River remount depot. He died on 15/8/1943 aged 75 years.
WILLIAMS, JOHANNES GERHARDUS (26/10/1899 - January 1989)

Born Middelburg, Transvaal on 26/10/1899, "Hardy" qualified as a veterinarian at Onderstepoort at the end of 1924 as a member of the first class of 8 graduates at the newly established faculty. He was destined to outlive all his classmates by several years.

Immediately after qualifying he joined the State Service and was posted to Barberton with specific instructions to keep Foot and Mouth disease out of the Eastern Transvaal. In 1927 he was transferred to Ermelo as officer in charge of the Nooitgedacht Research Station. Two years later (1929) he moved to Bethlehem and in 1934 transferred to Bloemfontein. In 1938 he proceeded to Windhoek on promotion as Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of South West Africa where he remained until the latter half of 1946. In that year he returned to Pretoria as Sub Director of Veterinary Services (Transvaal). On the retirement of A M Diesel he succeeded to the post of Deputy Head of Veterinary Field Services for the Union of South Africa and Dr P S Snyman succeeded to the post of Head of Veterinary Field Services. When Dr Snyman retired, he in turn was succeeded by Dr Williams who served until the end of October 1960 when he retired from the service and settled on his farm in the Middelburg district of the Transvaal. He died on his farm in January 1989 at the age of nearly 90 years.

WILLIAMS, RALPH PAYNTER (15/12/1879 - 24/8/1900)

Although not a qualified veterinarian he volunteered for military service while still a veterinary student. He came to South Africa during the Boer War as Farrier-Sergeant (No. 4123) with the Pembrockshire (9th Batallion Imperial Yeomanry) Regiment and was one of the first of his regiment to be killed in action. His death took place near Ventersburg O.F.S. on 24/8/1900. He appears to have been born at Steynton, Pembrockshire on 15/12/1879.

WILSHAW, EDWARD ALBERT (1875 - 5/12/1948)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 19/12/1900. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 5/12/1948 aged 73 years.

WILSON, A C

As a veterinary graduate of Melbourne Veterinary College in 1902, he saw service in South Africa during the Boer War with the 6th Commonwealth Horse. He took part in the action at the siege of Elands River.
WILSON, CHARLES WATERHOUSE

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 19/12/1900. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. His date of death is not known.

WILSON, EDWARD (1882 - 6/6/1932)

Born in Ireland he qualified MRCVS (Dublin) on 14/12/1910. In 1882 he came to South Africa at the age of 17 and saw active service with the C.M.R. for a period of 3 years. After qualifying as a veterinarian he returned to South Africa and purchased Ben Runciman's practice at Turffontein. He was appointed veterinarian to the Johannesburg Turf Club and on his death on 6/6/1932 was succeeded by Major F C Gavin.

WILSON, FRANK WALTER C.B., C.M.G. (1869 - 18/12/1953)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 23/5/1891 and as a regular army officer saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) from 28/3/1895 to 3/4/1903. During the Boer War he was besieged at Ladysmith. After service he returned to England. He was drafted for service in Natal from India. He died at Seaview, Isle of Wight on 18/12/1953 aged 84.

WILSON-BARKER, J ( - April 1941)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 17/5/1889. During the Boer War he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died in April 1941.

WILTSHIRE, SAMUEL (24/5/1844 - 1/3/1923)

Born in Gloucester on 24/5/1844 he did not qualify as a veterinarian until 17/4/1872 when he obtained his MRCVS in London. (He is reported to have been in America during the Civil War). In 1874 he was appointed to the "office of Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and Inspector of cattle at the Port of Natal". His was the first official appointment of a veterinarian in Natal. He assumed duties in his new post on 28/10/1874 and in February 1880 also took over the control of all sheep inspectors. In 1896 he retired as he had been unsuccessful in convincing the Politicians in the Government that in addition to veterinary know how he also required the necessary legislation to control diseases such as lungsickness. The Politicians refused to be party to disease control measures which would make them unpopular with the farmers and consequently no legislation was passed. He was awarded a £200 a year pension by the Natal Government and used this to return to England and
resettle in Gloucester where he died on 1/3/1923. During his service in Natal he has offices on the site of the present Colonial building in Church Street, Pietermaritzburg and lived in a house "The Rhydd" which he built in Mountain Rise. After the death of his wife he went to live in a house in Church Street, Pietermaritzburg (called Wingantherpe). It is felt that the manner of Wiltshire's retirement should be recorded as follows:-

In 1894 a Commission called the Stock Commission was instituted to investigate the heavy mortality amongst imported cattle. The members of the Commission were:-

Francis Augustus Robert Johnstone MLA
Theunis Jacobus Nel MLA
Edward Ryley MLA
John Henry Wallace MLA
Henry Nicholson MLA

The recommendations of the Commission were:-

1. Re-organisation of the Veterinary Department.
2. Retirement of S Wiltshire
3. Appointment of a new Principal Veterinary Surgeon to manage the Department.

The effect of the forced retirement on Wiltshire must have been overwhelming.

He had reached a stage where he had already selected a piece of land to build a laboratory and on hearing the news he scrapped the idea (incidentally the site that he selected was the same one eventually chosen for the erection of Allerton Laboratory). He also felt that great injustice has been done to him. In his own words "a commission composed of men utterly incompetent to deal with matters affecting the Department, conducting enquiries behind closed doors, only examining such persons as they deemed likely to give evidence which supported their pre-conceived ideas and conclusions, giving the officer of the Department no opportunity of explaining or refuting any charges, thus conducting the enquiry in an underhand and dishonourable manner".

He is reported to have advised the Prince Imperial against the horse named Percy which he selected from the Natal Mounted Police stables as being too "skittish". The Prince obviously considered this a reflection on his horsemanship and insisted on taking the horse.

History records that it was the "skittishness" of Percy which led to the Prince Imperial's death when it refused to allow him to mount when being attacked by a Zulu scouting party.

WINTER, JAMES WILLIAM (24/11/1815 - 27/2/1886)

Born on 24/11/1815 he qualified MRCVS (London) in December 1836 and in 1846 published a book entitled "The Horse in Health and Disease". He appears to have been the first veterinarian to have settled in Natal, having arrived in the colony (Pietermaritzburg)
in 1850. As he was not Government or Military employed he is therefore probably the first veterinarian to have earned his living privately in South Africa. How this living was earned is rather interesting, because besides running a veterinary practice he also owned a bottle store and a sailing vessel the "Sea Nymph" with which he transported sugar to Madagascar and Australia.

In 1873 he was appointed by the Government of Natal to serve on the Red Water Commission. This Commission submitted it's report on 23/1/1874 and one of it's major recommendations was that the Government should appoint official veterinarians to control animal diseases in the Colony. In the 1870's he also served as a Journalist on the newspaper "The Natal Witness". "Winter's condition powders" were well known in Natal in the 1880's.

He died on the 27th February 1886 aged 70 years and is buried in the Commerical Road cemetery in Pietermaritzburg quite close to the Lynchgate. His gravestone does not record the fact that he was a veterinarian. Prior to coming to Natal he served as veterinarian to the Sultan of Egypt. Winter's Kloof in Natal was named after him whereas Winterton was named after the German settler Winter.

WINTERBACH, PETER BENJAMIN (7/10/1924 - 1/6/1981)

Born at Prince Albert on 7/10/1924 he obtained the degree of BSc at the University of Stellenbosch in 1947 and qualified as a veterinarian (BVSc) at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in December 1952. After qualifying as a veterinarian he practiced in Lyttleton and Pretoria until 1960, when he joined and established the artificial insemination co-operative in the Western Cape. He was still employed by this organisation when he died at the Karl Bremer Hospital on 1/6/1981 after a long illness.

WOODS, JAMES AUGUSTUS (1850 - 17/11/1931)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 19/4/1870 and saw service with the Army Veterinary Department in South Africa (Natal) from 20/11/1884 to 3/11/1885 when he took part in the 1884/85 Bechuanaland Campaign (Warren Expedition). He subsequently returned to England. He died at Reading on 17/11/1931 aged 81 years. It is recorded that he was a member of Lord Roberts force which marched on Kandahar.

WOLMERANS, DIRK JACOBUS ( - December 1981)

He obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1960. After qualifying as a veterinarian he practiced at Ottosdal until his death in December 1981.
WOOLLATT, SAMUEL BANCROFT (4/3/1876 - 26/12/1951)

Born Astonbury, Ware, Herefordshire on 4/3/1876 he qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/7/1897. In 1898 he came to South Africa and joined the Natal Veterinary Department having been recruited together with Cordy, Byrne, Harber, Hutchinson, Ashe and Amos. He was stationed in Pietermaritzburg up to November 1898 when he was transferred to Durban in succession to J W Baxter.

In 1902 he was appointed Principal Veterinary Officer for Natal in succession to H Watkins-Pitchford who had taken up the post of Government Bacteriologist. At the time of his appointment to this senior post he was 25 years old. In 1908 he resigned his appointment in favour of farming at Stanger's Hoek and Connington at Rosetta in Natal. He subsequently became Managing Director of Federated Meat Industries in Durban. This Directorship he held until 1932. He also served on a commission appointed by Gen. J C Smuts to investigate conditions in South West Africa. He played active polo until the age of 64. He died on the 26th of December 1951. He was a member of the Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope and Natal Veterinary Medical Associations. During the Boer War he served in the Natal (no RCVS trace) Veterinary Volunteer Corps and attained the rank of Major. From 1914 to 1919 he served as President of the Natal Agricultural Union - the first veterinarian to do so. For several years he was also Veterinary Advisor to the Farmers Weekly magazine. He is buried in the St Andrews Church Cemetery outside Mooi River.

WORSLEY, JAMES ARTHUR (10/10/1866 - 21/8/1914)

Born on 10/10/1866 in England, he qualified MRCVS (London) in 1887. In April 1897 he came to South Africa and joined the Cape Civil Veterinary Department. On 1/3/1903 he transferred to the Cape Mounted Riflemen (CMR) in which he remained until 1/9/1907. He then rejoined the Cape Civil Veterinary Department and in 1908 was District Veterinary Surgeon, Butterworth. He died at Prieska on active service on 21/8/1914 while serving as a Captain in SAVC (World War I). During his lifetime he was a member of the Cape of Good Hope Veterinary Medical Association.

WRIGHT, WILLIAM NEVILLE (1867 - 7/8/1933)

He qualified MRCVS (London) on 16/12/1890 and saw service in South Africa in the A.V.D./A.V.C. from 29/5/1908 to 26/11/1912. He died at Torquay on 7/8/1933 aged 66 years. It is recorded that he also saw active service in India and in China during the Boxer rebellion.

YOUNG, ALEXANDER REID ( - 27/6/1938)

He qualified MRCVS (Edinburgh) on 23/4/1886. In 1889 he joined the New Zealand Department of Agriculture and in 1900 he accompanied the 4th New Zealand Contingent to South Africa to take part in the
Boer War. He subsequently served with the 8th New Zealand Contingent until 12/9/1902. After the war he returned to New Zealand. He died on 27/6/1938.

YOUNG, BASIL ( - 17/4/1938)

"Bigham" was born in London and came to South Africa during the Boer War. He never qualified as a veterinarian but served his apprenticeship with Harry Jarvis MRCVS. After the Boer War he worked for the Veterinary Department in Zululand for a while. Later he practiced in Germiston and Johannesburg. He died suddenly of heart failure on 17/4/1938. At the time of registration under Act 16 of 1933 he was resident at 25 Siemens Street, Braamfontein.

YOUNG, EDWIN (16/6/1940 - 8/8/1990)

Born in the Rustenburg district on 16/6/1940, Eddie obtained his BVSc degree at the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort at the end of 1963 and for several years thereafter worked as State Veterinarian in the Kruger National Park. He subsequently established his own game farms and became a leader in the field of wildlife conservation, having obtained a BSc Hons (1967) and DSc (1970) degree in nature conservation. He died on 8/8/1990 when his microlite aircraft crashed while he was trying to trace poachers on his farm.

YOUNG, JOHN CLACHER ( - 26/3/1947)

He qualified MRCVS (Glasgow) on 19/4/1887 and during the Boer War saw service in South Africa for an unknown period of time as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. After the war he returned to England. He died on 26/3/1947.

YOUNG, J McLAUCHLAN (1867 - 23/10/1912)

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 24/12/1891 and served in South Africa during the Boer War as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon in the Army Veterinary Department. He died on 23/10/1912 from Cirrhosis of the liver aged 45 years.

ZIEHN, THEODOR ( - 9/11/1946)

He was registered as a Veterinary Surgeon under Section 12 of Act 16 of 1933 at its implementation. He was then living at 138 Andries Street, Pretoria. It appears that he was a registered Veterinary Surgeon.
ZSCHOKKE, MARKUS (1893 - 1972)

Born in 1893 in Basle, Switzerland, he came to South Africa in 1919 after qualifying as a Veterinary Surgeon in Zürich. He was appointed Bacteriologist at Onderstepoort. In 1929 he transferred to the Field Services in South West Africa where he served for 38 years. In 1942 he went to Grootfontein where he retired in 1965 aged 72 years. He died in 1972 and is buried on his farm Hisuma Hill near Grootfontein.

ZWARENSTEIN, JOHAN JACOBUS (20/1/1905 - 2/2/1974)

He was born in Lydenburg on 20/1/1905 and graduated BVSc from the Veterinary Faculty, Onderstepoort in 1929.

After qualifying he entered the State Service and served as Government Veterinary Officer at Allerton (from 5/4/1932), Onderstepoort, Nongoma and Eshowe. In 1965 he retired with the rank of Sub Director, but was immediately re-appointed as Poultry Pathologist at Allerton Laboratory. He retired for a second time in June 1972 and was then invited to join the Rainbow Chicken Organisation with which he was associated at the time of his death.

During World War II he was an officer in the S.A. Veterinary Corps. He died in Johannesburg after a short illness on 2/2/1974.
VETERINARIANS FROM SOUTH AFRICA WHO DID MILITARY SERVICE DURING
WORLD WAR I (1914 - 1918) IN THE SAVC

Amos S T A
Andrews W H
Brogan C H
Bush J G, D.S.O.
Cannon G T
Clemow E T
Collyer J B
Cordy C H (RAVC)
Crowhurst J W
Cunningham M
Donaldson J
Dunning F J
Dykins W A
Elley S
Elphick C S
Forrest J
Gavin S C, D.S.O. (RAVC)
Goodall A
Goodliffe G
Gray C E
Harber A F, D.S.O.
Hill F M
Hodder A
Hornby H E, O.B.E.
Howie A M, O.B.E.
Hutchinson F H
Irving-Smith J, C.B.E.
Jarvis E M, M.C.
Johnston S I
Jowett W
Joyce J F
Kellett E B
Keppel J J G, O.B.E. (RAVC)
Lee G W
Lyons J H L
McCall D B J
McCall G R
McGregor J G
McKie W
McNae A
McNeil J
Melck G H (RAVC)
Myhill B A
Nicol J
Parkin B S (RAVC)
Peddie J
Pilkinson J K
Quinlan J B
Revington T le B
Runciman B
Sharpe C M
Simpson F C (RAVC)
Skues F M
Stokes E E
Strachan C H
Thompson J
Van der Vyver B J
Viljoen P R, M.C.
Wadlow C H, M.C.
Walker J
Webb H M
Webster G C
Worsley J A

* Died on active service
+ Mentioned in Dispatches
CIVILIAN VETERINARIANS WHO SAW ACTIVE SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA
DURING THE ANGLO BOER WAR (1899 - 1902)

Aggio C
Aitchison D A D
Anderson R
Anderson R G
Anderson T A J
Anthony H L
Amos S T A (Natal Mounted Rifles)
Argyle E P
Arckoll W J
*Armstrong R
*Ashe J W H (Border Mounted Rifles)
Ashworth E
Aulton W T
Balfour G W
Bambetta E
Barber K
Barnes A W
Barnes W G (Rough Riders)
*Barningham D C (Imperial Yeomanry)
Barrass G
Bate A
Batt A E G
Beattie R S
Beech J R D (Scottish Horse)
Belby R E
Bell J H
Bell J P
Boase J T
Borthwick J D
Brand J
Brandt F R
Bickford W J
Bray C T (SA Light Horse)
Brownless J W (Royal Scots Greys)
Buck J
Burns J L
Bush J G (Imperial Yeomanry)
Butcher G H
Byrne J P (Natal Carbineers)
Cameron G T
Campbell C
Cannon G T
Carless F J
Carpenter J
Carrick C J
Chalmers J
Chellow S G
Cherry C C
Christy J M C N
Clarke J S
Clayton J G

Clode E E
Cockburn W L
Cockcroft J E
Collings R J
Conacher P
Conisbee A
Cordy C H
Cowx J B
Crawford J
Crole D
Crone J R
Crossley F
Cunningham J A
Dale T H
*Davies H E H
Dixon W G
Donaldson J
Dotchin W
Douglas J
Douthwaite F
Doyle T G
Drabble J S
Duff J A
Dunning F J
Dupphy J P
Dyno C
Edgar J
Edgar P M
Edwards E R
Edwards R A
Ellis G
*Ensor E T C
Evans W G
Evershed P M
Fairclough J
Farrar J R
Farrant A L
*Fenner E A L
Fern E
Fernandes H W
Planagan W G
Fletcher S
Flintoff T
Footner W E
Forrest J
Fountain F C
Fowler A B
Freer G W
Frood J L
Garden G

* Died in South Africa
Garraway R S
Gavin F C
Gillespie D S
Goule A
Goundry C
Green W G
Gregory F
Gresham F B
Gribben A P
Gridley W B
Grist A G
Hamilton J R R
Harber A F
Hart A
Harvey G J
Hadwen S
Hall W B
Harrington A D
Hawes A
Hayes M H
Hazell H A
Head A S
Hearn C G
Heley W J
Henderson G G
Henderson R
Hepburn W
Hewlett K
Hill W
Hines A J
Hingston L C
*Hirst W H
 Hodder A
Hogg T
Hoggan T R
Hollingham E A
Huband T A
Hulseburg J H
Hutcheon D
Hutchinson F H
Irvine-Smith J
Jackson A F S
Jagger H C
James A E
Jarvis E M
Johnston S I
Jones D T
Jowett W
Joyce J F
Kelland P J
Kellett E B
Kenny H B
*Kidd W
Killick T A
Kilpatrick T T
Knight L

Lalor A D
Lee G W
Leitch J B
Lilico T G
Lindsay F
Lockwood J H
Loel B B
Lowe W C
Lund J W
Magill J M
Main A
Malone W
Mann H T W
Mashester J W H
Mason H E T
Massie J
May G B
McDonald R
McEachran J F
McGarth J J
*McGregor C
McGregor J G
McKie W
McLeod J
McMillan A
McNae A
McVean H
Melhuish F W
Miller R
Mitchell A
Montgomery G
Morgan E
Morgan W J
Muney W S
Munro A M
Neale C R
Neill J
Neill W J
Newcombe N H
Newman W
Norgate C E
O'Brein J
O'Donaghue J H G
Oliver H O
O'Neill H J
Pakeman W G
Parker C E
*Parker J M
Parker T
Parker T M P
Paterson J H G
Pawlett F W
Peddie J
Phelan H W
Pickwell G H
Pilkington J K

* Died in South Africa
Pollard J
Power W M
Prime T F
Prime W H
Pringle J N
Pye W M
Reece R S
Rees W D
Rennie T
Revill W C B
Richmond F J
Riddell R
Roberton W
Robinson J M
Rowe J
Rowston W N
Rudduck H S
Runciman B
Ryan H T
Sanderson C J
Scarlett H
Scott W
Sharpe C M
Skues F M
Small J P
Smart A C
Smith C E
Somers H L
Souter E S
Sowerby M H
Spreull J S H
Spanton J P
Stapelford J P
Stephens W S
Stevens W S
Stevenson G F
Stevenson W
Stewart C D
Stockman S
Stokes E V
Stokoe R
Stranaghan D
Strong C D
Sturge H
Sugden A H
Symonds S L
*Sykes G
Symes T J
Tamblyn D S
Tasker H K
Tate J M
Taylor H C
Taylor W E
Thomas R P
Towers J A R
Tranter T

Trydell F W
Tucker G
Tufts S R
Twist C R
Tyler C
Vans-Agnew E
Verney L M
Wadsworth W
Walker J
Wall F A
Wall R F
Wallis W B
Wardrope J R
Watkins-Pitchforf H
Watson R F
Waugh G N
Webb A C
Webb H M
Webb J L
Wells C E
Wesgate H G
Whipp H
White F F G
White F T
Wilkie H C
Wilks P A
Wilshaw E A
Wilson A C
Wilson C W
Wilson-Barker J
Woollatt S B
Young A R
Young J C
Young J Mc L

*Died in South Africa
VETERINARIANS IN POLICE SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE COLONY

(Cape Mounted Riflemen)

? Kingsley W J : 1840 - 1860
? Thacker J : 1853
Lieut. Thomas Paton : 1861 - 1870
Lieut. Dawkins T B S : 1879 - 1883
Lieut. Garnett G : 1880 - 1882
? Merrick T H : 1880 (4 years)
Pvt. Walker J : 1897 - 1898
Pvt. Newman W : 1897 - 1898
Vet. Sgn. Tomlinson G N : 1897 (5 months)
E Fern : 1900 - 1901

TRANSVAAL

(Z.A.R.P. - Part time)

Theiler A : 1897 - 1900

(Transvaal Constabulary)

Capt. Sanderson C J : 1900 - 1910

NATAL

(Natal Police - Part time)

Wiltshire S (CVS) : 1874 - 1876
Col. Duck F (AVD) : March 1884
Van der Plank F B (DVS) : 1893
Pitchford H W (CVS) : 1896 - 1898

(Natal Police - Full time)

Thurston J F : 1898 - 1899
Trp. Simpson F C : 1899 - 1901
Collyer J B : 1901 - 1910

S.A. CONSTABULARY 1900 - 1908

Major Sanderson C J : 1900 - 1910 *
Lieut. Henning O : 1900 - 1901
Lieut. Morgan : 1901 (9 months)
Capt. Gregory F : 1901 (7 months)
Lieut. Bell J H : 1901 - 1905
Lieut. Kellett E B : 1901 (4 months)
Lieut. Tate J M : 1901 - 1908
Based on the records of H H Curson

* According to official records, Major Sanderson resigned from the S.A.C. on 5/7/1907, but this date is in doubt because he appears on a photograph of official Police Visitors to Onderstepoort which was taken in 1910 or later.
### MILITARY VETERINARIANS WHO SERVED IN SOUTH AFRICA PRIOR TO, DURING AND AFTER THE ANGLO BOER WAR

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* Veterinary student aged 20 years

VETERINARIANS WHO SERVED IN THE SAVC IN WORLD WAR II (1939 – 1945)

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* Drowned at sea
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### South Africa

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- P.J. du Toit 1927-1948
- G. de V. de Kock 1948-1949
- J.J. Quin 1949-1950
- R.A. Alexander 1950-1951
- B.C. Jansen 1951-1952

### Deputy Directors of Veterinary Services (Field)
- C.J. van Heerden 1937-1944
- A.H. Dezell 1944-1959
- P.S. Swan 1959-1959
- J.G. Williams 1959-1959
- M.G. LaBrecottes 1960-1962

### Directors of Veterinary Services (Field)
- M.C. LaBrecottes 1991-1992
- P.H. Mewett 1972-1975
- J.P. van der Merwe 1976-1984
- J.M. Erasmus 1984-1988

### Directors of Veterinary Services (Research)
- B.C. Jansen 1965-1968
- K.E. Wezes 1968-1990
- R.D. Biggs 1990-1990
- D.W. van der Merwe 1990-1992

### Chief Director of Veterinary Services
- J.M. Erasmus 1988-

### Director Animal Health
- P.P. Rossen 1988-

### Director Meat Hygiene
- J.D. Coetzee 1988-