



The South African Military History Society

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2019

Instead of a lecture the December meeting in Johannesburg took the form of a DVD followed by a get-together to allow members to mingle and chat over tea, drinks, biscuits and snacks. The evening was fairly well attended; another function in the room where our teas are usually served led to a slightly cramped use of the terrace. Fortunately the rain had let up so people were able to move outside from the terrace.

Thanks are due to Ms Evelyn Mushi whose cheerful assistance, along with that of Kenneth and Phineas, was much appreciated.

The DVD about the US *Ohio* Class nuclear submarines as a cold-war deterrant force proved an interesting glimpse into those times. Things which were "normal" during the late 1980s and early 1990s seem out of kilter when the sheer scale of Mutual Assured Destruction is viewed thirty years down the line.

A single submarine carrying 24 missiles, each with seven nuclear warheads, each of which could be programmed to guide itself to a different target city, gives a clue to the fear which ruled. There were several submarines out and about at any given time while a mission could last up to eight months with re-victualling being the only reason for returning to port.

December 2018 Military History Journal

The printer closed for its summer holidays a week later than in 2017 so Journals were posted to paid-up members on 28 December.

Subscriptions for 2019

Invoices were sent out to existing members in January

Single subscription = R250

Family subscription = R270, a family being two people sharing a postal address

Recruitment

Please would members come forward with ideas and suggestions about increasing our Society's membership - speak to Chairman Hamish or any committee member.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES

CR = curtain raiser ML = main lecture
DDH = Darrell Dickon Hall Memorial lecture MS = member's slot

Johannesburg:

Ditsong Museum next to Zoo at 8pm

Thursday 17th January 2019 NB THIRD THURSDAY of the month

CR: Hamish Paterson: **“King's Mountain: 100 years before Majuba”**

ML: Errol Cunningham: **“Brit, Boer and Spy: The British view of strategic risks, threats, espionage and sabotage in the Union of South Africa during WW2”**

KZN in Durban:

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DDH: **An excellent series of video clips showing the critical conditions in Britain before the outbreak of war in 1914**
Facilitator Phil Everitt

ML: Robin Smith **“Assassination of Arch Duke Ferdinand - lessons for the future?”**

Cape Town:

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Ian van Oordt **An analysis of two paintings of the Battle of Blaauwberg**

SAMHSEC:

Monday 14th January

MS: Franco Cilliers

The Bloemfontein night tank shoot

CR: Ian Pringle

The Midlands Mounted Rifles clash with the Kritzinger Commando

ML: Barbara Kinghorn

Durban's Lady in White: Perla Siedle Gibson

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