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November

As usual November was a busy month for the Legion and other veteran organisations with the Remembrance Parades and Legion Street collection and Grave-yard Poppy run. Once that was all over we were much closer to the closure of 2022 and the birth of the new year 2023.

Grave Yard Poppy Run.

This event took place on the Sunday 6th November. The task is to place a Poppy on each of the war graves in and around Port Elizabeth. This year there was a good turnout of Legionnaires and others, 22 in total. Herewith some photos of the event, even a couple of War Memorials had a poppy placed on them!

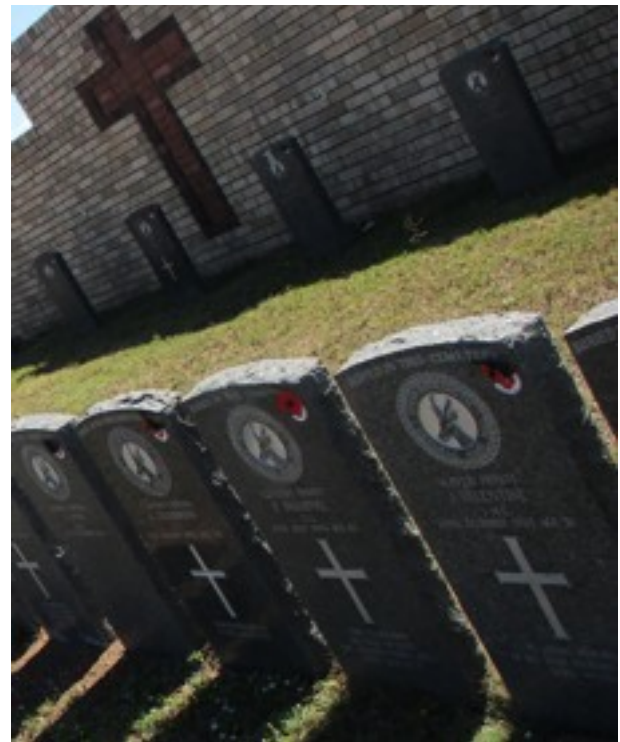
between (1817 - 1847) and also supervised the landing of the 1820 Settlers.



WW! Cenotaph

Fort Frederick is the oldest historical building in PE it was built in 1799 and contains a guardhouse, powder magazine and some 12 pounder guns.

I have placed a poppy on the grave of Capt. Francis Evatt who was Commandant of the fort



WW2 War Graves

Lgr. Chris Papenfus and others discussing an Anglo Boer War grave of a rebel that was buried there under different initials by the British forces. Rectified later by the family by placing an explanatory small stone panel on the grave.



Anglo Boer War Rebel's Grave

Grey High School Service

The Grey High School Remembrance Service which takes place in the quadrangle of the School, took place on the 11th. The Chairman, together with a number of other wreath layers, laid a SA Legion wreath on behalf of the Branch. A fly past by Mr Stu Davidson in his aircraft low over the school it timed for the last strike of the School clock at 11:00.

The SA Legion Branch Tin Shake.

The Branches Tin Shake took place this year on Saturday 12th November. Many of the donations come from various Schools and Churches in Port Elizabeth while the “feet on the ground” at various shopping Malls adds to the end total. There are other significant donations such as the South African Military History Society East Cape and others. Whilst the last loose end of the collection are being tied-up, the totals from some of the Churches and Schools indicates that we do live in tight economic times. The Branch is indeed grateful to those “troops” on the ground as well as the contributions from the Churches and Schools as well as the various donors large or small. Thank you all.

Remembrance Civic Parade

The Civic Parade, run in collaboration with the Aloe White Ensign MOTH Shellhole, took place on Sunday the 13th November at the Walmer Cenotaph. This parade incorporates veterans from many organisations together with cadet platoons from Grey High School and the Sea Cadets . Wreaths are laid by many dignitaries both Civic and Military followed by the various veteran and other organisations, schools, scouts and guides. The Parade march from the Aloe White Ensign, led by the pipe band of the Port Elizabeth, to the Cenotaph and ultimately return to the Shellhole

after the parade where harmony and comradeship can be enjoyed.



SA Legion Branch Chairman laying a wreath.

The Umzintzani Parade

The last of the remembrance parades took place on Sunday 4th December at the PAG Memorial.



As this is the last Newsletter for the year, Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all and your families



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