



## **SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION** (CAPE TOWN BRANCH)

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### **Cape Town Branch News – July 2022**

#### **New members**

The following members have joined the branch since the March newsletter:

Colin Aberdein, Rosemary du Plessis, Colin Faure, Robbie Human, Sally Leslie, Rinada Rule and Jacqueline van Dooren

We welcome them and look forward to their contributing to the activities of the branch.

#### **Rosedale Club**

Have you visited the Rosedale Club yet? Open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings and before lunch on a Sunday, the drinks are well priced, and the company is good. The club now has DStv and is open when major sporting events are on, so pay a visit and support the Legion while supporting your favourite team.

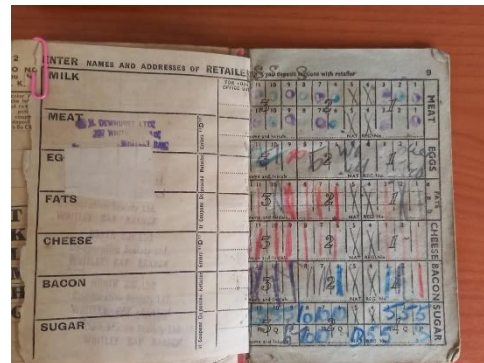
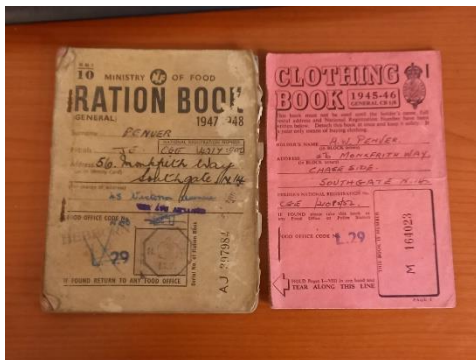
On 12 May the branch hosted a cocktail party for representatives of various local regimental associations to introduce them to Rosedale and the Club and encourage their use of the facilities. The function was well attended and a booking for the use of the club has been made with a further function waiting confirmation.



## Rationing during World War 2

Many countries introduced the rationing of food and other goods during World War 2 including South Africa. In the UK the rationing of fuel was introduced in 1939 followed by food in 1940, clothing in 1941 and soap in 1942. In 1946 bread, which hadn't been rationed during the war, was added to the list. Rationing lasted into the 1950s with meat being the last item to come off the list in 1954.

A family member of Rosedale residents, Kevin and Iris Newton, found various items from World War 2 in the loft of a house they purchased, including food and clothing ration books as per the pics below



## War Memorials in South Africa

How many war memorials are there in South Africa? The answer is many, with any number of cities, towns, dorps, schools and organisations remembering those who served and gave their lives.

One of the lesser-known memorials is that erected by the Mountain Club of South Africa near Maclear's Beacon towards the eastern end of the Table Mountain plateau. The memorial commemorates the nine members of the Club who lost their lives during World War 1. The memorial was unveiled by general Jan Smuts, himself a keen mountaineer, in 1920 who said in his address:

“To them, the true church where they worshipped was Table Mountain. Table Mountain was their cathedral where they heard a subtler music and saw wider visions and were inspired by a loftier spirit. Here is life, they breathed the great air; here in death their memory will fill the upper spaces. And it is fitting that in this cathedral of Table Mountain the lasting memorial of their great sacrifice should be placed. Not down there in the glowing and rich plains, but up here on the bleak and cold mountaintops.”



Each year since the unveiling, an annual memorial Service has been held in February. Attendance has dwindled over the years, and the last one was held in 2020.

### **Delville Wood Service**

The annual Delville Wood Service takes place at the memorial in the Companies Garden on Sunday 31 July at 1100. Undercover seating will be provided in case of inclement weather and attendees are to be seated by 1045.