



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

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## **CAPE TOWN BRANCH NEWS February 2020**

### **New members**

Welcome to Rhoda Brice, Kevin Gibson, Ian Gleeson and Graham Sandler

### **Poppy Day 2019**

The counting is being finalised and results are as follows:

Poppy Day Collection                      R61067

Golf Day    R25000

Thank you to everyone who lent a hand with this important branch welfare initiative.

### **Accommodation at Rosedale**

Is your name on the waiting list for accommodation at Rosedale or do you know of a veteran looking for accommodation? To view the accommodation or for application forms contact David Holmes on 0216899771 or [david@salegion.co.za](mailto:david@salegion.co.za)

### **Barney Wittert**

Rosedale resident Ed Wittert submitted the following story of interest on his late father:

Being well into his 40's at the outbreak of the WW2, Barney thought that his ongoing contribution to the war effort as a civilian night patrol officer was far too inadequate. He decided to start, organise and operate the official Anti-Waste Organisation, in Johannesburg, where we lived.

The objective was to collect/conservé all waste materials throughout the suburbs and from commercial enterprises, and the salvaged material was then recycled into either arms, ammunition or general items of use to the Union Defence Force.

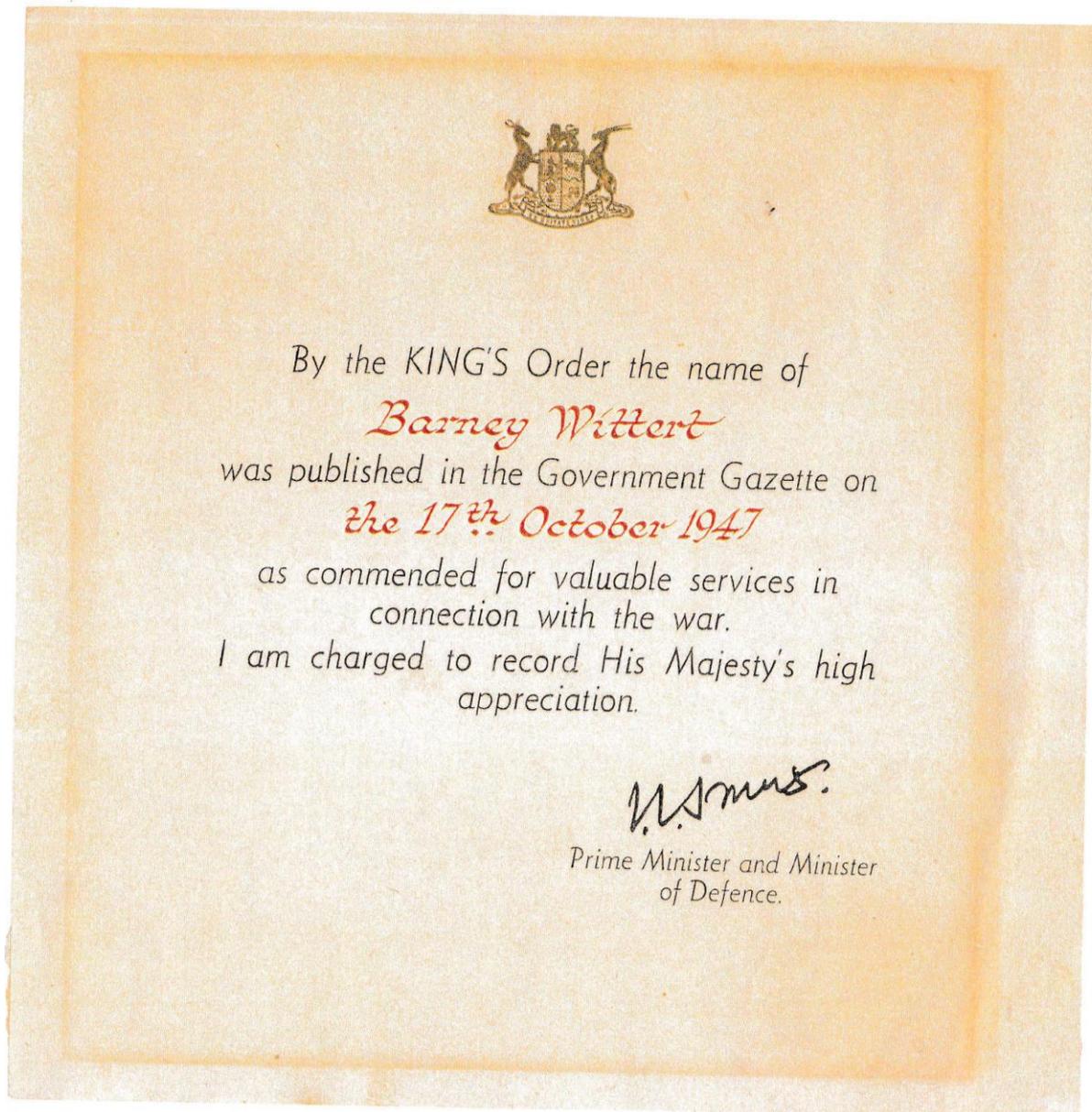
Barney was a modest man, and even though he was running his own business, Balmoral Trading Company(Pty) Ltd - which he'd worked very hard to establish – he

chose rather to devote most of his time towards turning his dream of supporting the war effort into a reality.

Barney was amongst among a few hundred others also recognised for their various civil contributions during WW2. King George VI ordered their recognition, and this was promulgated by a special Act in Parliament in 1947 and resulted in the publication of the recipient's names in the Government Gazette.

The person most surprised at his nomination - being a full 2 years since the War had ended was my Dad, says Ed.

Perhaps it was his dad's commitment that prompted Ed to volunteer and serve for 11 years in 5 Signals Squadron from 1955 to 1966.



Do you have an interesting article to share? If yes, please contact David at [david@salegion.co.za](mailto:david@salegion.co.za)

## **THEY SAID WE COULD NOT DO IT**

Very little has been written about the exploits of 1 SACC during World War 1. Commander M Adeel Carelse has now written a book based on the true story of the men of 1 SACC in German South West Africa and Palestine during WW1.

The book is available from Adeel for R200 and he can be contacted at [adeelcarelse13@gmail.com](mailto:adeelcarelse13@gmail.com) or 0780238408.