



Memorable Order Of Tin Hats
Gorgeous Wrecks Shellhole
[Founded in Pretoria on 14 April 1936]



THE GORGEOUS WRECKS SHELLHOLE HISTORY



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INAUGURAL SHELLHOLE MEETING

1. The 25 founding Wrecks held their inaugural meeting at the Imperial Hotel in Pretorius Street on 14 April 1936 under the watchful eyes of District Old Bill Hobbs and District Wee Bill Pearcey and supported by Old Bills McCraw, Clark and Groenink, together with Moths of other Dugouts, as reported in the May 1936 edition of *The Home Front*.

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Whizzbang Dugout, Pretoria.—Whizzbang Dugout, Pretoria held their monthly meeting on Thursday, 2nd April, in the usual "hole"—Imperial Hotel. The Dugout was opened in the usual Moth fashion, and the attendance was quite good. We were glad to see Commander Wehr, of the Dicke Bertha, and quite a number of his members. We have got back our genial ex-D.O.B., and O.B. of this Dugout for many years, "Vic" Rennie, who has been re-transferred from Capetown; also an old defaulter, Moth Harris, and were real right glad to see their "mugs" again. But what happened to the D.O.B.? He was seen mooning around the town, looking as though he had lost something—well, he had, as he didn't put in his usual appearance at our meeting. We put through another "rookie," Moth L. E. V. Rynhard; also an affiliated member, Moth W. V. Heck. Welcome to the Whizzbang Dugout, and may your stay with us be a happy one. What about the Pretoria defunct Shellhole's members being roped into our Dugout? There must be quite a number of unattached Moths in Pretoria, so if you know of any, try and get them back into the fold again. We are gradually growing in membership, but we can still be a bigger Dugout, like the old days. Come along, chaps; let's put our shoulders to the wheel and aim to achieve a real live Dugout. By the way, what's happened to our "Doc." We haven't seen him at our meetings for months. There are also quite a number of other defaulters who should come along. Why did "Hammie" leave his lid behind?

(The "first Thurs." came too blinking quickly, and caught the D.O.B. bending. He intends getting a little book such as Dep. D.O.B. Pearcey carries, and hopes that he will not be absent from parade in future.—Ed.)

Gorgeous Wrecks Dugout, Pretoria.—Bonjour, jambo, saka-bona and howdo, blokes; we've arrived. And wothehellareyou? "ses you, to which we reply: "We are a crowd of blokes who lost our way in 'No Man's Land' until a couple of Moths asked us: "What about it?" And there was only one answer when we heard of the great work the Memorable Order of Tin Hats is doing. So, here we are, and believe us, comrades, we are going to make up for lost time. Well, we held our first regular meeting on 14th April, and the assistance of District Old Bill Hobbs, Deputy District Old Bill Pearcey and Old Bills McCraw, Clark and Groenink, together with Moths of other Dugouts, who came to give us a welcome, we had a royal "start off." After the D.O.B. had impressed upon us the ideals and aims of the Order and given us very thoroughly to understand our duties in connection therewith, particularly in respect of the Moth Memorial Homes, we got down to business and elected our officers as follows: Old Bill, C. W. Henderson; Wee Bill, J. Glenday; Scribe, J. McG. Rousseau; Pay Bill, A. Mabini; Adjutant, J. E. W. Beyer; Sergt.-Major, J. Kriste; Play Bill, E. Bosch; Quartermaster, J. Marais; and Sentry, A. Pringle. And why do we call ourselves the "Gorgeous Wrecks," say you. Well, a number of us are connected with engineering, building and transport, so we chose the name they gave us during the scrap when we wore the R.E. badge with the inscription "Georgius Rex," which, of course, the rude soldier—men converted from the sublime to the ridiculous. Cheerio, blokes; hope to tell you we've grown from twenty-five to fifty next month.

Trenam and McCraw Dugout, Pretoria.—Old Bill McCraw and Moth Trenam, men's wear specialists, who are dug in as half-sections in their "Ole at the corner of Koedoe Arcade and Bureau Lane, Pretoria, have sent to the Transvaal Moth Memorial Homes Fund another cheque for £1 15s., which represents 5 per cent. on sales to Moths. These two blokes have got the right idea of Mutual Help, and if the rest of Pretoria's 600 Moths let that particular ideal of our Order sink in, there would be Mutual Benefit for themselves, the Homes fund and two honest-to-goodness Moths. How about it, Pretoria blokes? Duck your nuts in Trenam and McCraw's "Ole next time you want Sox, suits, suspenders, shirts and such stuff. It means 5 per cent. to the Homes fund and 5 per cent. to you.—A.M.H.

Legs Eleven Dugout, Pretoria.—The monthly meeting of the Legs Eleven Dugout was held at the Belgrave Hotel on Monday, 6th April, and was opened in the usual Moth manner by O.B. Groenink. D.O.B. Hobbs and D.D.O.B. Pearcey were also present. After the business had been disposed of, "Honsie-House" was indulged in. The turn out at the bridge drive, held at the above hotel on the 18th ultimo, was very disappointing, there being only five tables of bridge and one of rummy, but in spite of this a very pleasant evening was spent. Another member of our Dugout has been transferred, i.e., Moth Gilbertson to Vereeniging. We are sorry to lose you, Moth Gilbertson, and trust you will be happy in your new surroundings. Transfers from the Dugout have been fairly numerous of late.

(Fate ain't kind to you blokes with orl them transfers. Get stuck into it and find some blokes to replace them; there's lots still swinging it in "No Man's Land."—Old Bill.)

"Dicke Bertha," Pretoria.—Die vierte diesjaehrige Monatsversammlung fand am 12. Maertz, 1936, abends 8.30 Uhr im Hauptquartier, Deutscher Verein, zu Pretoria statt. Bei Eröffnung der Versammlung durch den Kommandeur J. Wehr unter dem ueblichen Brauch des E.B.D.P.K. wurde insbesondere dem verstorbenen Earl Beatty die letzte Kameradschaftseshre durch eine Minute Pause erwiesen. Der Kommandeur liess die Anwesenden aufs Herzlichste willkommen, sprach aber ganz besonders seinen Dank aus fuer das Erscheinen einiger deutscher Gaeste, sowie den elf englischen Kameraden unter Fuehrung des D.O.B. Hobbs, unter welchen sich ebenfalls O.B. Pearcey, Distrikt Schriftfuehrer Wickham, O.B. Laing, O.B. Cronje, O.B. Tweedale, sowie Kameraden vom Stollen „Sparks“ und „Coalbox“ befanden. Es folgten die einzelnen Punkte der Tagesordnung, in welchem die Gruendung einer Abteilung der „Moths“ besprochen wurde. Bei der Aufnahme neuer Mitglieder wurde nicht nur dem Stollen, sondern auch in erster Linie dem Kommandeur von Seiten des M.O.T.H. dadurch eine grosse Ehre zuteil, indem man ihm die Vereidigung eines englischen Kameraden fuer den Stollen „Sparks“ vollziehen liess! Fernerhin wurde die Abhaltung der monatlichen Versammlungen auf jeden 3. Freitag im Monat festgelegt. Der offizielle Teil der Versammlung wurde um 9.30 Uhr geschlossen. Der gemuetliche Teil des Abends ging einmal wieder ins Uergemuetliche ueber und hatte noch besondere Ueberraschungen durch die Vortraege von Solo-Gesangenen hervorragender Tenor-staerke, von Kamerad Ellis („Coalbox“) in englischer Sprache und einem oesterreichischen Gast in Deutsch und Tiroler Platt. Die Uergemuetlichkeit der Motten wollte einmal wieder kein Ende nehmen, sodass sie es fuer noetig hielten, sich mitsamt dem Klavier noch auf einige Stunden nach Mitternacht in der Hauptquartierskueche einzunisten, um dann im Zwielfich des Morgen-grauens mit nie vergessender froher Stimmung ihrem Heim in sonniger Seite zuzufattern.

Coal Box Dugout, Pretoria.—The April meeting of "Coal Box" was in the form of a "smoker," and a very successful one, too. We cannot say that the members supported Old Bill Clark to the extent they might have, but "Whizzbangs," "Sparks" and "Wrecks" blokes turned up in good numbers, and when Old Bill Wehr raided the show with a mob of "Dicke Berthas," the "house full" sign went up. The artists put some fine stuff across. Dick Conway was in good voice, and Moth Ellis again earned enthusiastic encores. Old Bill Clark and his half-section, Wee Bill Fryer, gave the crowd the old favourites, and Bill Howell was a "howl" indeed as an Abyssinian sanitary wallah. The German blokes, led by Old Bill Wehr, put across some tuneful numbers, as did Old Bill Wehr himself as a soloist, and, of course, the other blokes retailed with the "old-time songs." Old Bill Clark has every reason to be satisfied with his efforts to get the blokes together for a real social evening.

Salaita Shellhole, Bloemfontein.—Our March parade was a huge success, between 80 and 100 ex-Servicemen and their ladies being present. The programme was of the best, which comprised of piano solos by Miss Joyce Mayhew, piano duet by Miss Mayhew and Ted Pearson. Tap-dancing by Mr. Teddie King and Miss Corbett; also the Misses Bragg and v. d. Walt, pupils of Miss Mona Smith—these were a credit to her teaching. Songs by Miss Rennie Daly were well rendered; the songs sung by Johnnie Johnson, Johnnie Gregor, Dick Thompson, Freddie Hewson and monologue by Mr. Huber were appreciated very much. The violin solo played by Cherrie Hole; also the mouth-organ solos played by Harry Dryden were enjoyed by

2. Here is a more legible transcript of the above *Home Front* report:

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[Note: 'Scrap' refers to World War One, and 'R.E.' refers to Royal Engineers]

3. It is interesting to note that this report and the first Shellhole badge both used the term "Dugout" at that time, instead of the term "Shellhole" which came into use later on.

SHELLHOLE OFFICE BEARERS

4. The first elected officer bearers were:

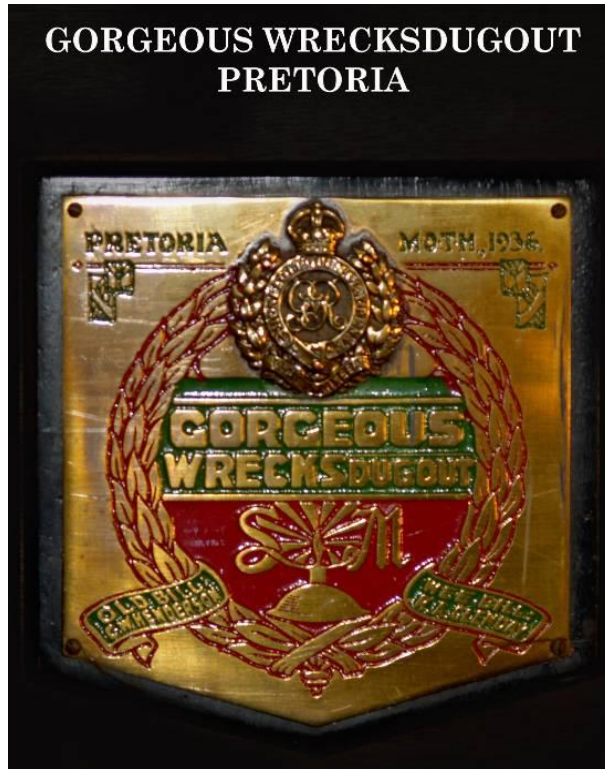
Old Bill:	CW Henderson	Sergt-Major:	J Kriste
Wee Bill:	J Glenday	Play Bill:	E Bosch
Adjutant:	JEW Beyer	Quartermaster:	J Marais
Pay Bill:	A Mabin	and	
Scribe:	J McG Rousseau	Sentry:	A Pringle

SHELLHOLE NAME

5. As most of these World War I veterans served with the Royal Engineers at the time when King George V was on the throne, they chose the name "Gorgeous Wrecks" derived from "George Rex" – as the name for their Dugout / Shellhole.

FIRST SHELLHOLE BADGE

6. For the same reason they adapted the Royal Engineers badge and used it as the basis of their first Dugout / Shellhole badge with *Georgivs Rex* inscribed on the belt surrounding the ornate letters **G v R**, representing George Rex V, in the centre of the badge. It is on display at Warrior's Gate in Durban.
7. This Dugout / Shellhole badge also bears the name of the first Old Bill CW Henderson at the bottom of the wreath on the right, and the name of first Wee Bill J Glenday at the bottom of the wreath on the left.
8. It is interesting to note that this badge only bears reference to the Moth Ideal of *Sound Memory* in the form of the letters **S** and **M** in the artwork around the radiated glow of the lighted candle on the tin hat. There is, however, no reference to other Moth Ideals of *True Comradeship* and *Mutual Help* anywhere on this badge.



SHELLHOLE BANNER

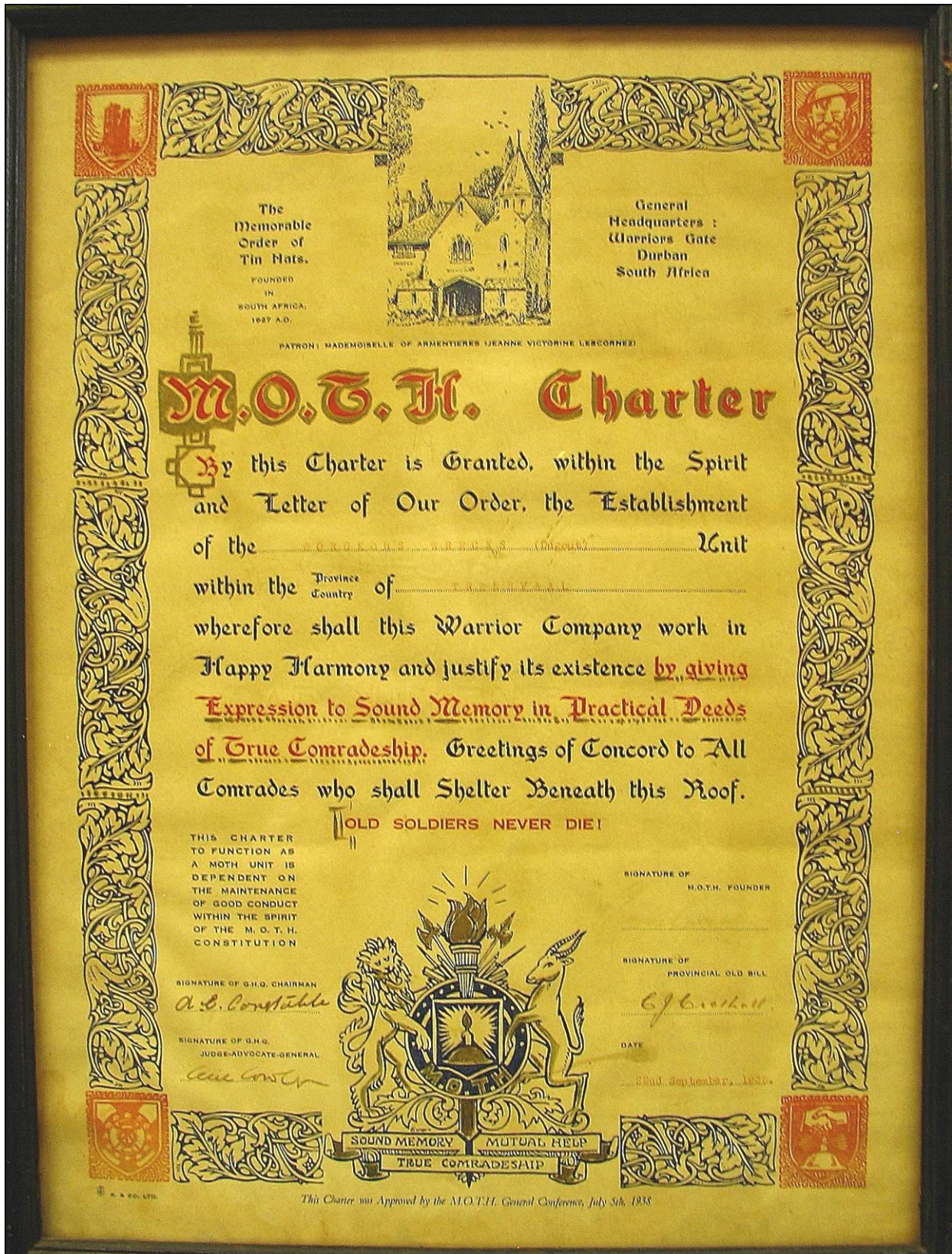
9. Sadly, the origin and history of the Gorgeous Wrecks banner have been lost over time.



10. The Shellhole banner is displayed at all Wrecks meetings and whenever we take part in Inter-Shellhole activities and events such as the District Potjie Day.

ORIGINAL SHELLHOLE CHARTER

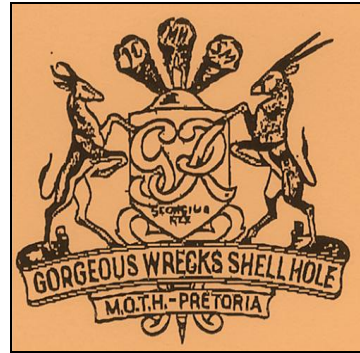
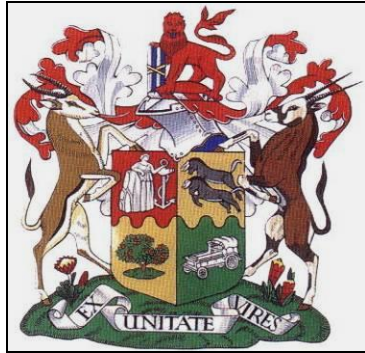
11. Although the original Gorgeous Wrecks badge is dated 1936, our Dugout / Shellhole Charter below - signed by Moth "O" and still used today - is dated 22 September 1938.



12. The reason for this discrepancy in dates is that the MOTH General Conference only approved this MOTH Charter template on the 5th of July 1938.

SECOND SHELLHOLE BADGE

13. The second Gorgeous Wrecks Shellhole badge is based on the old South African Coat of Arms, as granted on 21 September 1932 and pictured below.



The Springbok supports the shield on the left-hand side, while the Oryx supports the shield on right-hand side.

14. The Wrecks shield is surmounted by a *Tin Hat* with a *Lighted Candle* signifying our resolve to perpetuate True Comradeship.
15. The *three Ostrich Feathers* represent the strong ties with Wales even before George V became King. Furthermore, the tops of the three feathers each carry one of the abbreviations of the *Three Ideals* of the MOTH namely **TC** (True Comradeship), **MH** (Mutual Help) and **SM** (Sound Memory).



16. George V Rex



King George V
Coronation Portrait 1911



King George V in 1923



GEORGIVS REX

A half-sovereign minted during
King George V's reign
[06 May 1910 - 20 Jan 1936]

17. King George V (George Frederick Ernest Albert; 03 June 1865 – 20 January 1936) was King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, from 06 May 1910 through the Great or First World War (1914–1918) until his death in 1936.

Appointments and Titles

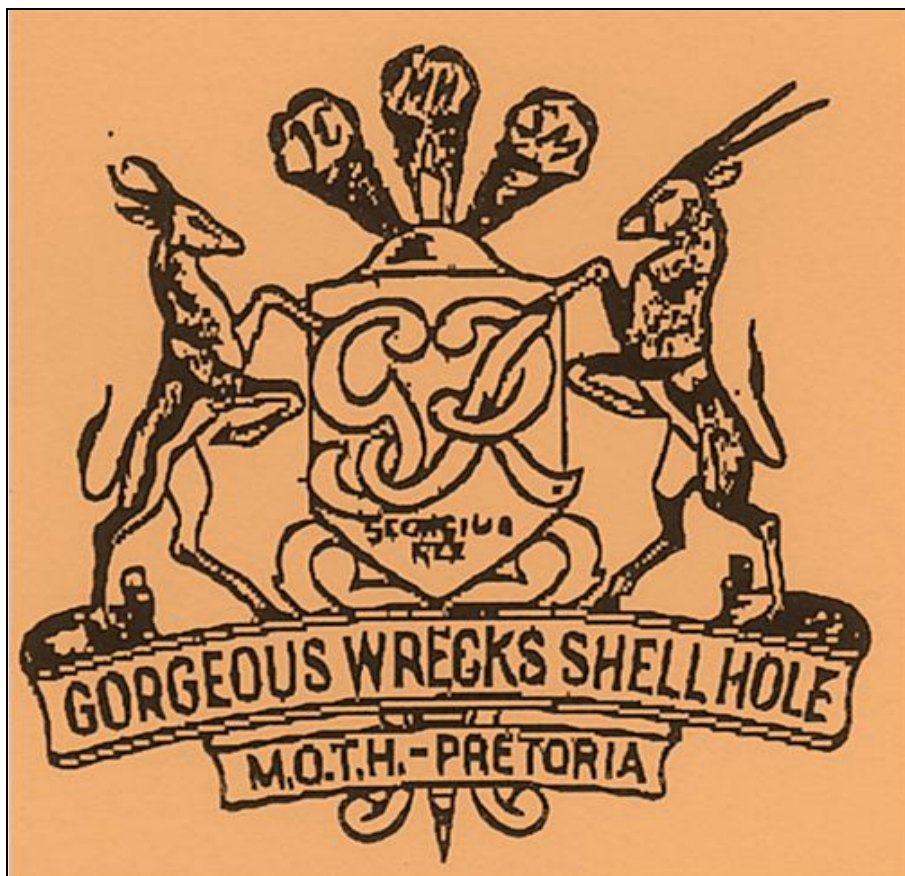
03 Jun 1865 – 24 May 1892: *His Royal Highness, Prince George of Wales;*

09 Nov 1901 – 06 May 1910: *His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales;*

06 May 1910 – 20 Jan 1936: *His Majesty, The King; and*

With regard to India: *His Imperial Majesty, The King-Emperor.*

18. The shield in the badge carries the ornately integrated **GR** monogram and below it, the full name, **GEORGIVS REX**, as it appears on the Half Sovereign in the picture above on the right.
19. The two scrolls below the shield bear the name of the Shellhole and below that, the name of the District respectively. The term *Shellhole* has also replaced the term *Dugout*.



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20. Finally, the shield and scrolls are linked by a curly design behind these images, which looks like two question marks facing each other, with a pointed cone protruding at the bottom.

THIRD SHELLHOLE BADGE

21. The final artwork of this badge was approved and accepted in August 2011.



22. The twelve stars arranged in an unending circle, signifying eternal harmony, unending life, and opportunities of rendering Mutual Help, surround the current Wrecks badge.

SHELLHOLE OLD BILLS' HONOURS BOARD

23. Our two Shellhole Old Bills' Honours Boards are on display in the Pretoria District Dugout at Evenden House and they currently bear the following names:

1. WS Henderson	1936/37	18. SB Youthed	1968/69
2. RA Glenday	1938/39	19. DON Martyn	1970/72
3. VJ Cullingworth	1940/41	20. SB Youthed	1973/74
4. RA Glenday	1942/44	21. JW Mason	1975/76
5. L Howard	1945/47	22. WJA Murray	1977
6. GE Bower	1948	23. DG Cockcroft	1977
7. F Geldenhuys	1948/50	24. L Marais	1978/79
8. J Scott	1950	25. NG Gillig	1980
9. I Lubie	1951	26. PE Fraser	1981/86
10. HS Cuthill	1952	27. P Blair-Brown	1987/88
11. F Geldenhuys	1953/54	28. EH Penzhorn	1989/92
12. D Katzeff	1955/56	29. M Brönn	1993/97
13. WJA Murray	1956	30. HA Carstens	1997/03
14. TJ Espitalier	1957/59	31. BS Michler	2003/11
15. WJA Murray	1960/61	32. EH Penzhorn	2011/16
16. SB Youthed	1962/65	33. GP Butler	2016/...
17. JW Mason	1966/67		

24. To date Moth Glenday and Moth Geldenhuys each served two terms of office as Old Bill; Moth Murray and Moth Youthed each served three terms of office as Old Bill;

while Moth Bruce Michler is by far the longest serving Old Bill of the Shellhole with 8 continuous years of service to his credit.

SHELLHOLE MEMBERS SERVING THE ORDER

25. Our Shellhole has produced several leading figures in the MOTH. Moth Jimmy Scott succeeded the founder of the Order, Moth “O”, as National Chairman of the Order serving from March 1961 to May 1972. Moth Nip Levy served as National Secretary and also Old Bill of the Order after moving to Natal in 1963, while Moth TJ (Espie) Espitalier also served on the GHQ committee in Durban.
26. The Gorgeous Wrecks Old Bill at that time, Moth F Geldenhuys, had the honour of leading and conducting the District Parade at the opening of the Pretoria Moth Memorial Club in van Boeschoten Ave, by General Jannie Smuts on 03 July 1948.
27. In more recent times the following members of our Shellhole have served the Order at all the various levels:

Moth National

National Executive	Moth Bruce Michler
PMC Chairman	Moth Bruce Michler
PMC Treasurer	Moth Dave Berry

Platinum Province (formerly the Transvaal Province)

Provincial Old Bill	Moth Andy Carstens and Dave Berry
Provincial Wee Bill	Moths Bruce Michler and Dave Berry
Provincial Pay Bill	Moths Bruce Michler and Dave Berry

Pretoria District

District Old Bill	Moths George Gillig and Dave Berry
District Wee Bill	Moth George Butler
District Adjutant	Moth Dave Berry (acting)
District Pay Bill	Moths Bruce Michler and Dave Berry
District Sar'Major	Moths Gus Calder, Andy Carstens and Willie Viljoen

Pretoria Sound Memory Cottages

JMB Chairman	Moth Bruce Michler
Cottages Chairman	Moths Les Marais and Bruce Michler
Cottages Vice-Chair	Moth Bruce Michler
Cottages Treasurer	Moth Bruce Michler

MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE EXCO'S OF OTHER SHELLHOLES

28. Old Bills:

Moth DJ Berry	Wizzbang Shellhole	(1989-1993)
Moth GP Butler	Halfaya Pass Shellhole	(1993-1994)
Moth L Oberholster	Wizzbang Shellhole	(1995-1997)
Moth PA Gradidge	Ariel Shellhole	(2006-2014)

HONORARY MOTH APPOINTMENT

29. Old Bill of the Order:

Moth BS Michler	2011/2012
Moth EH Penzhorn	2018/2019

MOTH HONOURS

30. Certificate of Merit:

Moth RH Glenday	1947/08/03
Moth HA Levy	1953/12/06
Moth GF Waite	1967/06/11
Moth BS Michler	2001/07/03
Moth DJ Berry	2007/05/04
Moth EH Penzhorn	2017/11/05

31. Certificate for Excellent Service:

Moth EH Penzhorn	2011/11/06
Moth GP Butler	2015/11/01

32. Certificate of Comradeship:

Moth EH Penzhorn	1993
Moth L Oberholster	1994
Moth HA Carstens	1999
Moth WW Green	2000
Moth AH Look	2011/11/06

33. Certificate of Good Comradeship:

The Pretoria High School Old Boys Association	2011/09/05
Mesdames Mary Green, Flo Clifford and May Gillespie	2012/06/10
Ms Tessa de Villiers	2017/11/05

MONTHLY SHELLHOLE MEETINGS

34. Like most Pretoria Shellholes at that time, the Wrecks also met at the Imperial Hotel in Pretorius Street in the early years. After the Pretoria District finished the building of the Pretoria Moth Memorial Club in van Boeschoten Ave during 1948, it served as the meeting venue for many of the Shellholes in the Pretoria District.
35. The Wrecks traditionally held their monthly Shellhole meetings at the Pretoria Moth Memorial Club on the first Monday of every month, starting at 20:00 and later at 19:30, excluding the month of January.
36. After the Pretoria Moth Memorial Club closed doors on 30 September 2000, the Pretoria District first met at Coalbox/MkII and then moved to Evenden House in 2004.
37. At this stage, the Wrecks moved their monthly meetings to the dungeon at the Pretoria High School Old Boys Club in Lynnwood where they still meet at 19:30 on the first Monday of every month, excluding the month of January.

SHELLHOLE TOAST

38. The Proposer will initiate the Toast to the Shellhole with the words: “*To King George!*” to which the Floor will reply: “*and The Wrecks!*” before the Toast is drunk.
39. Only on very special occasions, the Old Bill will instruct the Sar’Major to break out the “*King’s Ration*” and to prepare “*One Dram per Bloke!*” for the Toasts.
40. Although the abovementioned custom of referring to King George V - after whom the Shellhole was named in 1936 - was introduced in 2010, it was terminated by six votes to five votes at the Shellhole meeting held in September 2017.

PRETORIA DISTRICT AWARDS

41. In recent times, the Shellhole has received the following annual District Awards:

- *Best Shellhole [since 2009]:* 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015
- *Best Scribe [since 1988]:* 1989, 1990, 1996, 2012, 2013, 2016
- *Best Pay Bill [since 2013]:* 2015, 2018
- *Recruiting Trophy [since 2012]:* Not yet

SHELLHOLE EXECUTIVE

42. *The 2010/2011 Moth Year*

Old Bill: Moth Bruce Michler
Adjutant: Vacant

Wee Bill: Moth Eddie Penzhorn
Pay Bill: Moth Dave Berry

43. *The 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016 Moth Year*

Old Bill: Moth Eddie Penzhorn
Adjutant: Moth George Butler

Wee Bill: Moth Bruce Michler
Pay Bill: Moth Dave Berry

44. *The 2016/2017 Moth Year*

Old Bill: Moth George Butler
Adjutant: Moth Renaud Booyesen

Wee Bill: Moth Bruce Michler
Pay Bill: Moth Dave Berry

45. *The 2017/2018 Moth Year*

Old Bill: Moth George Butler
Adjutant: Moth Kobus Loubser

Wee Bill: Moth Dave Berry
Pay Bill: Moth Renaud Booyesen

46. *The 2018/2019 Moth Year*

Old Bill: Moth George Butler
Adjutant: Moth Gary Finlay

Wee Bill / Pay Bill: Moth Dave Berry

DUPLICATE SHELLHOLE CHARTER



Duplicate Shellhole Charter is dated 25 August 2011

47. Based on detailed research and after careful deliberation the Shellhole decided to preserve the original 1938 Shellhole Charter and to request GHQ to issue a duplicate Shellhole Charter, which would be more legible and which would carry the relevant noteworthy dates. The duplicate Shellhole Charter was signed on 25 August 2011.
48. Once this task had been completed, the Shellhole decided to frame the two Charters back to back in the same frame, with glass on both sides.
49. Since taking the new double-framed Charter into use, the Sergeant Major will hold the Old Charter up to face the Old Bill at the Opening Ceremony. The Old Bill will salute the Old Charter before the Sergeant Major positions and then salutes the new Charter, which will face the Floor during the meeting.

GENERAL REMARKS

50. The special commemorative magazine published in 1977 to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the MOTH, includes an article on pages 37 and 38 headed **The Birth and History of the Order in Pretoria**.
51. This article states that while Mothing had already started in Pretoria in July 1927, only “Whizzbang” [Aug 1927], “Coal Box” [Feb 1928], and “Gorgeous Wrecks” [Apr 1936] of the original and the pre World War Two Shellholes had survived the ravages of time. This effectively makes Gorgeous Wrecks the oldest surviving Shellhole in the Pretoria District.
52. In March 1972, the Gorgeous Wrecks Shellhole celebrated its 500th Shellhole Meeting, and by the April 2011 Shellhole Meeting, the Wrecks had completed 75 years of Mothing.
53. Because of a combined District Meeting held in April 2011, the Wrecks could only mark this special occasion by celebrating their 75th birthday at the 942nd Shellhole Meeting held in the dungeon at the Pretoria High School Old Boys Club on the 9th of May 2011.
54. In April 2016, the Gorgeous Wrecks Shellhole had completed 80 years of Mothing and in November 2016, the Wrecks celebrated their 1,000th Shellhole Meeting.

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Once a Wreck; Always a Wreck!