

# POST FORMOSA-PACIFIC SHELLHOLE



1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

## **Report: OB, Post Formosa-Pacific Shellhole visit to South Africa**

During August, Moth Mark Wilkie, Old Bill of Post Formosa-Pacific Shellhole visited Cape Town, Durban, and Oudtshoorn. The following report is a summary of MOTH-related activities he undertook.

### **Durban**

9<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning-Attended Mills Bomb Shellhole's Monthly Meeting. Presented Mills Bomb with a PFP plaque, and PFP challenge coin, and donated a PFP challenge coin as a raffle prize. Received a Mills Bomb pennant from OB Van Wyk.



- Afternoon-Met with the National Executive at Riverside Hotel to discuss proposed amendments to MOTH eligibility. Presented those present with PFP challenge coins.



10<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning- *VJ Day 80th Anniversary Talk, Formosan Odyssey-Pacific War South Africans in Taiwan* at Warrior's Gate MOTH Shrine & Museum. Received Certificate of Comradeship and C Badge from former NC/OBOTO Moth Tony Munnik, and NVC Moth Glen Smit.



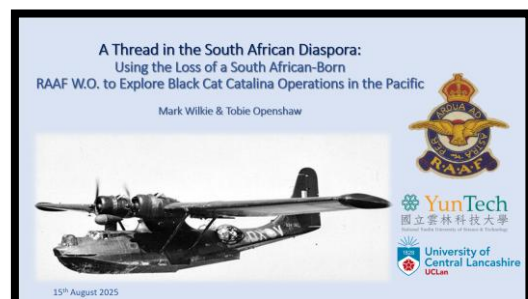
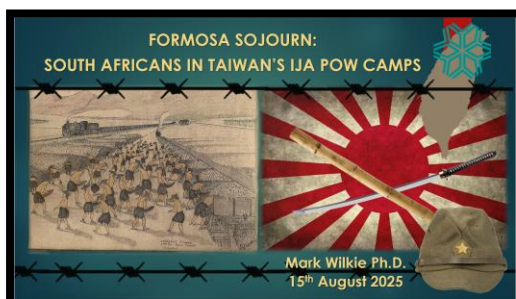
12<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning-Visit to Warrior's Gate MOTH Shrine & Museum. Presented a set of PFP challenge coins and various PFP badges to the museum. Received a set of Warrior's Gate coasters.

## Cape Town

15<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning-Co-hosted National Yunlin University of Science & Technology, and South African Military Academy/Stellenbosch University, *VJ 80th Anniversary Conference, Springboks vs Samurai, South Africans in the War against Japan*. Presented paper *Formosa Sojourn-South Africans in Taiwan's IJA POW Camps*, and co-presented paper *A Thread in the South African Diaspora: Using the Loss of a South African-Born RAAF W.O. to Explore Black Cat Catalina Operations in the Pacific* with Moth Tobie Openshaw of PFP SH.



- Evening- *VJ Day 80th Anniversary Talk, Formosan Odyssey-Pacific War South Africans in Taiwan* at Tommy Rendle VC Shellhole. Presented TRVC with a PFP plaque and challenge coin. Received a TRVC mug from OB Calmeyer. Presented a

PFP challenge coin to CW POB De Wett. Presented a PFP plaque and challenge coin to Pip Ack OB Rosslee and DOB Van Der Schyff. Received a Pip Ack key from OB Rosslee. Presented a PFP challenge coin to Bomb Ally OB Van Der Westhuizen.



16<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning-Placed MOTH poppy crosses at Delville Wood Memorial and Cape Town Labour Corps Memorial in Gardens on behalf of PFP SH.





17<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning-Bomb Ally Shellhole *Annual War Commemoration Service* at the Bellville War Memorial. Laid wreath on behalf of PFP SH. Was presented with a Bomb Ally plaque by OB Van Der Westhuizen. Presented a PFP SH shirt to CW POB De Wett. Presented PFP challenge coins to Moth John Del Monte, and to Battledress OB Julie Denham.



## Oudtshoorn

19<sup>th</sup> August:

- Morning-Placed a Poppy Cross at the Memorial Wall at Infantry School on behalf of PFP members Moth John Ecclestone and Johan Fritz.



10037059NA	CO	J.H.N.	Botha	21 October 1972
03074414PE	WO1	L.P.J.	Steenkamp	07 February 1973
05477799E	S Sgt	P.P.	Van Jaarsveld	07 February 1973
	Rfn	G.J.	Erasmus	18 June 1975
	Rfn	G.J.	Tranzen	18 June 1975
74761610BG	Rfn	R.W.	Kilgenberg	23 August 1976
72213168BG	Rfn	F.E.A.	Kuhn	28 November 1976
74688331BA	Rfn	J.A.	Visser	31 December 1976
74402347BG	Pte	H.D.	Remington	30 August 1976
74592940BG	Rfn	N.	Evstafis	26 March 1979
78492576FE	Rfn	J.J.	Minnie	21 August 1981
76426378FE	Rfn	L.M.	Bledt	03 April 1982
76442722BG	Rfn	G.J.	Schwarz	16 September 1982
81026478BG	Rfn	X.	Ingels	13 February 1984
81265879BG	Rfn	J.H.	Strydom	07 August 1984
81056012BG	Rfn	O.B.	Harms	15 September 1984
87094345CK	Rfn	F.	de Bruin	12 September 1987
76230845NA	Maj	P.A.	van der Merwe	13 November 1987
83320341BG	Cpl	V.Z.	Verker	21 February 1988
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86416751PY	ZLT	R.J.	Smid	17 June 1995
81455871PE	WO2	F.	Lotter	09 July 1995
93060721PY	L Cpl	J.N.	Hess	23 August 1995
84820165CA	Mr	C.	Johnson	07 December 1995
84820946PV	L Cpl	V.	van Staden	01 February 1996
84820239CA	Mrs	S.	Meyer	09 May 1996
84830668CA	Mrs	A.J.	Classen	28 June 1996



20<sup>th</sup> August:

- Evening-Visited Halfaya Pass Shellhole with PFP member Moth Jaco Steenberg. Was given a tour of the superb little HP SH Museum. Presented Halfaya Pass with a PFP challenge coin. Received a Halfaya Pass pennant from OB Van Sittert. The C.P. Nel Museum, Polish Children's Memorial, Calitz Memorial Cross, and Italian POW Memorial on Outeniqua Pass were also visited.



## Cape Town

22<sup>nd</sup> August:

- Morning-Visited the SAS Assegaai Museum Boat (SANM), SAN Submarine Memorial, and the SA Naval Museum in Simons Town. Met with R Adm (JG) Arne Söderlund (RT) and Cdr. Leon Steyn, Officer-in-Charge & Historian, SA Naval Museum. Took photos of bamboo cup in the museum collection that belonged to SANF POW of the Japanese that died in captivity. Placed a Poppy Cross at the SAN Submarine Memorial.

