



Jimmy's Own

Official Newsletter of the Signals Association

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Special Edition**



**Centenary birthday
Sydney Thomas Ireland
born 9 March 1921**

This First issue in the 'new year' takes us well into 2021. In fact it is already the third month of the year.

As for the previous year, 2020 was a 'rustige' year for us mainly due to the epidemic which prevented us from doing a number of things we were hoping to achieve. Hopefully, 2021 will turn out more safe and COVID-free or softer so we can once again be more eventful.

At this stage it appears strong that our most important event, being our Annual Luncheon on Sunday, 2 May 2021, will not be able to take place.

Because of the never ending epidemic it also appears as it will also not be possible for our events sub-committee to plan and arrange other get togethers for this year such as the ever popular 10-pin bowling evenings and morning breakfasts.

In December 2020 I wished all our members a Happy New Year with the hope that 2021 would be prosperous, healthy and COVID-free. I trust that the year, thus far, has been good for all our members and friends.

Since our last newsletter, our member Walter Volker's wife Trudie regrettably passed away on 1 December 2020. We know she was Walter's soul mate and 'best friend' as he described her.

Also our Accounting Officer lost his father William Henry Johnson who, at the age of 96, sadly passed away due to ailing health on 12 December 2020.

On 21 January Marianne, wife of member Willie van der Merwe, lost her mother Anna Schmidt who sadly passed away quietly at the ripe old age of 94 in Pretoria on 21 January. Mrs Schmidt lived and farmed in Pearston for about 70 years before coming to live in Cape Town and recently moved to Pretoria..

Our condolences go to the Johnson, Volker and Van der Merwe families!

We dedicate this issue mainly as a tribute to Uncle (Sgt) Syd Ireland our oldest member and as far as known, the last remaining Signaller from WWII in South Africa.

We are proud of our oldest member and it gives me much pleasure to paying tribute to Sgt (Retired) Syd Ireland by allocating just about all our space in this issue to him and where he comes from.

We SALUTE you uncle Syd and may God bless you.

Certa Cito (Signals) greetings from
Chairman Robbie Roberts



William Henry
Johnson



Trudie
Volker

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Sydney Thomas Ireland

Sydney Thomas Ireland was born on 9 March 1921 on a dairy farm in the Parow district. At the age of six his family moved to Green Point where he attended Sea Point Primary School.

The family consisted of his mother, father, Sydney, his twin brother Lionel, plus two other brothers and two sisters. After primary school he attended Cape Town High School, a high school for boys that was situated in Buitenkant Street. At school Sydney participated in sports, mainly soccer and cricket.

Sydney left school and joined the Post Office, while his twin brother joined the SA Railways. At the age of 18 he joined the Union

Defence Force (UDF) and was drafted into the South African Signals Corps as a wireless operator. His first camp was in 1939 at a place named Klaasjagustfontein near Cape Point. His second camp was at Voortrekkerhoogte in Pretoria.

When World War Two broke out he was mobilised on 27 May 1940. Syd embarked a train at Monument Station, Cape Town, bound for Potchefstroom. At Potchefstroom military camp Syd did signals training for four months.

In October 1940 his regiment was ordered to Durban where he boarded the Durban Castle Liner which took him to Mombassa in Kenya. The ship was escorted by two war ships. After arriving in Mombassa, they boarded a train for Nairobi and continued on to a camp called

Gilgil.

At Gilgil his regiment trained with the infantry. He was attached to the Natal Mounted Rifles as their signaller. Syd remained with the NMR through the East African and Egyptian campaigns, and saw duty in Kenya, Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland. From there he went to the Western desert in Egypt. Syd escaped from Tobruk and linked up with his regiment at El Alamein.

Syd was sent home in 1943, three and a half years after he had left Cape Town. He became ill with pneumonia and pleurisy and was sent to Wynberg Hospital in Cape Town to be treated and to recuperate. Thereafter he was sent to Saldanha Bay to work on a radio station.

Back to Potchefstroom where he was seconded to the air force as a wireless operator. This entailed going to Tempe for a conversion course from army to air force procedures and training at Swartkop.

He was then posted to Bulawayo in Rhodesia for his first duty, followed by a posting to Ndola in Northern Rhodesia and then to Nchanga on the copper belt. Attached to the South African Air Force as a wireless operator, he was on the shuttle service bringing soldiers back from Cairo to Pretoria by aeroplane.

Syd was demobilised in December 1945 in Potchefstroom. Syd went back

to work at the General Post Office in Cape Town.

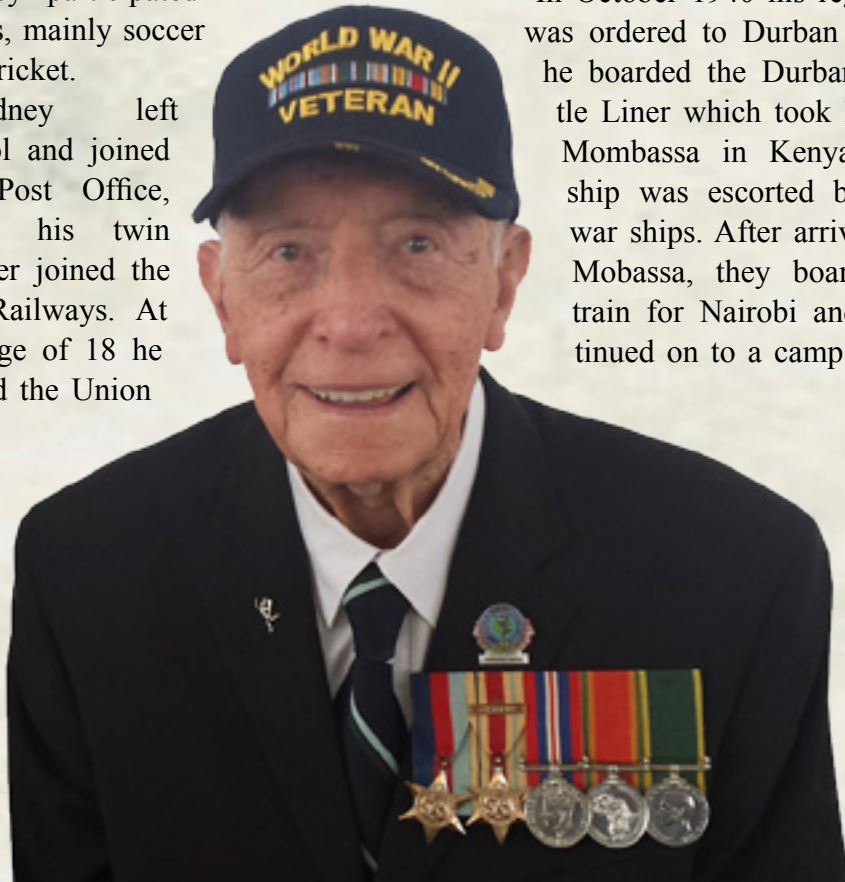
Before leaving for war, Syd had met Olga at Holy Trinity church and kept in touch with her all through the war years. In 1947 they married in the same church. They raised three children – Jennifer, Barbara and Geoffrey.

In 1975 Syd and Olga cruised on the Reina Del Mar to South America, visiting Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. The trip took four and a half weeks. What a wonderful holiday.

His next trip was to England for three months, staying with Jennifer, their eldest daughter who was living there at the time. Whilst there they went on a conducted tour of Europe for two weeks. They returned a hired a car to tour England, Scotland and Wales for three wonderful weeks.

Syd retired from the Post Office in 1981 after 43 years. He bought a caravan in 1982 and for 13 years toured South Africa as often as possible.

In the year 2001 Syd and Olga visited their son Geoffrey and his family in Toronto, Canada for three months. Olga passed away in June 2001. Syd sold his house in Devil's Peak, central Cape Town in 2001 and moved in with his daughter Barbara and son-in-law Korky and their two children Nicholas and Adam until he moved to Huis Luckoff in Rosebank in 2015.



Personal Birthday wishes from the Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town to Syd Ireland on his 100th birthday on 9 March 2021



**CITY OF CAPE TOWN
ISIXEKO SASEKAPA
STAD KAAPSTAD**

Making progress possible. Together.

Dear Mr Syd Ireland

I wish to express my sincere congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone.

It is indeed a privilege to reach this age and 100 years means you have experienced a long, eventful and fulfilling life, witnessing many significant moments in history.

Hearing of your story, I wish to commend you on a life of courage and a sense of duty.

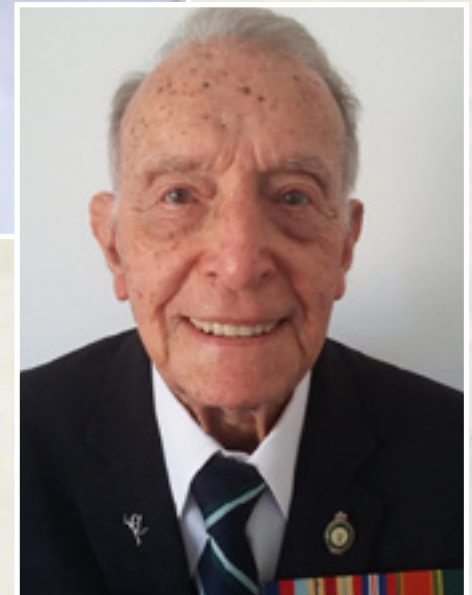
Maintaining an attitude of continuing purpose, endurance and resilience has enabled you to adapt to life's changing circumstances.

On behalf of the City of Cape Town, we wish you a wonderful birthday and continued health and strength.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Plato
Executive Mayor: City of Cape Town

Uncle Syd through the ages



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY Uncle Syd

From the Management of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION



We, the below members of the Exco and Management Committees, have great pleasure in paying tribute to our oldest and still serving member.

We are indeed proud of you and what you and your fellow comrades in arms had done not only for the South African Corps of Signals, but also for South Africa and all its people and, in fact, the world by playing an important part in communications during World War II. We are privileged to have you as one of our members.

We Salute you!

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Executive Committee



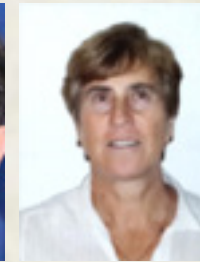
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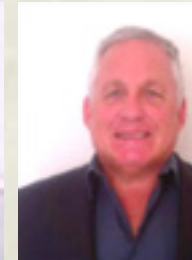


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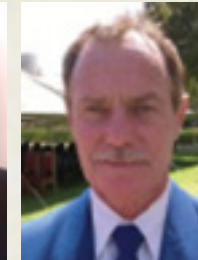
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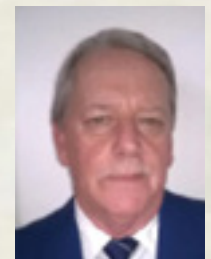
Co-opted Members



Carl Schmidt



Johan Smuts



Willie van der
Merwe

The War Years

Here are a few photographs out of Syd's War time photo album.



ABOVE: Syd posing for a photo somewhere in North Africa.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Syd looking smart in his uniform.

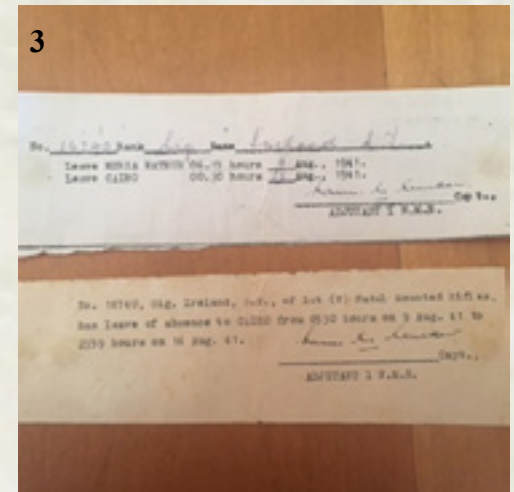
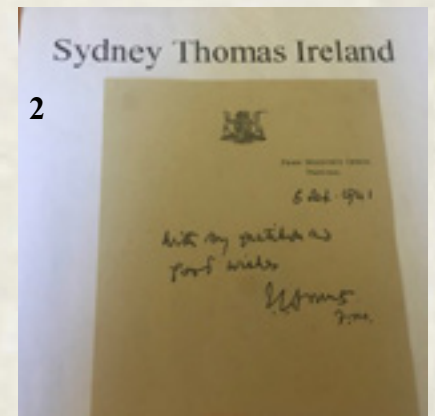
BELOW: Letter signed by Defence Minister, General Jannie Smuts on 20 November 1945 thanking Syd for his services during WWII.



ABOVE: Syd poses for a photograph at the beach.



1. Handsome looking Syd as a young recruit.
2. Letter from the Prime Minister's Office wishing Syd gratitude and good wishes for the WAR, signed by General Jannie Smuts as Defence Minister on 6 September 1941.
3. Permission for leave from 9 to 16 August 1941 in Mersa Matruh granted to Syd whilst in Cairo.
4. Photo of Mega Fort in Abyssinia. Syd was there in 1941.



Syd Ireland - A family man

Family has always been important to Syd.



Syd as a boy with his Mom and Dad.



ABOVE: Syd with his late twin brother Lionel Ireland.

RIGHT: Syd's wife Olga with their three children, Barbara (left), Jenny (centre) and Geoff (right)



Syd and Olga on their wedding day in 1947.



Syd and wife Olga on their 40th wedding anniversary.



Syd posing with a smile.

Syd was born in Parow but then moved to Green Point.

He did his schooling in Cape Town at Sea Point Primary School and Cape Town High School.



Syd and wife Olga on holiday.



Syd was a keen caravanner travelling extensively throughout South Africa.



Syd (far left) with wife Olga, then daughter Barbara and, Sandra (far right). In front is daughter Jenny and sister-in law Patricia with Syd's nephew Michael.



Syd in his younger days.



Back row : Syd's brother-in-law Earl, Tommy, Ivor Lamont and Korky Rous. Centre row : Daughter Barbara, Pat, wife Olga, Adelaide and daughter Jenny. Front row : Grandsons Adam, Nicholas and Craig.



Syd Ireland's Canadian family.



Syd with his son Geoff Ireland.



Back L-R : Grandson Adam Rous, Son Geoff Ireland and son-in-law Korky Rous. Front L-R ; Daughter Barbara Rous, Syd and Adams' wife Anja Rous.

LEFT: Syd with Canadian grand daughter Amy Ireland.



Left to right : Daughter Jenny Portman, John Ireland, Syd, Lyn Ireland, Nigel Ireland and daughter. Barbara Rous.



Syd (centre) with Left to Right : Son Geoff, grandsons Adam and Craig and Nicholas on the right.



Syd with his late daughter Jenny Portman.



Syd with his grandson Craig Portman.



LEFT: Syd with his grandson Nicholas Rous.



Syd with is grandson Adam Rous.



Syd with his daughter Barbara Rous.



Syd and son-in-law Korky (both in front) with behind them grandsons, Nicholas, Craig and Adam.



Syd (2nd from right) with daughters Barbara (left) and Jenny (right), also son Geoff.



Syd (centre) with Spencer Sutherland and granddaughter Amy Sutherland.



Back row : Grand children Adam, Spencer and Amy. Front row : Grandson Caig, Syd, daughter Barbara, Anja Rous and Dente with baby Lyla.



Syd dining out with left to right Dente, daughter Barbara, Syd, grandsons Craig and Adam, Adams wife Anja Rous, son-in-law Korky Rous and late daughter Jenny's partner Ivor Lamont.



Happy grand dad with grandson Craig and his great granddaughter Lyla.



Salute to wreath laying from son-in-law Korky Rous, a friend, daughter Barbara Rous and comrade-in-arms Charles Holloway.



Syd taking a stroll at Kalk Bay Harbour with his Late daughter Jenny.



Syd with late daughter Jenny and grandson Craig Portman.



Syd saying Bon Voyage upon the Voyager of Discovery.



Syd with his daughter Barbara Rous who cruised with him on the Voyager of Discovery.

Best wishes

Personal Birthday wishes from members of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION to uncle Syd Ireland on his 100th birthday on 9 March 2021.

TELEGRAM - IMMEDIATE

Dear Syd,

It is with great appreciation and heartfelt gladness that I wish you a very Happy Birthday on reaching your Centenary Birthday on 9 March 2021. 100 years old, or shall we rather say "young".

I first met you at the Rondebosch Golf Club on 26 May 1996, when your 3rd Brigade Signallers with Billy West in the Chair and Schalk Holloway as your Secretary invited me as guest speaker at the 50th anniversary of your war time reunion association.

Little did we then realise that you would be the last remaining Signaller in South Africa who fought during WWII and would still be around 25 years later (half duration of your then 50th celebration).

During these 25 years we have had the privilege of knowing and celebrating annually with you, you have crept into the hearts of just about all members of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION and certainly mine.

I would like to echo the words of General Denis Jelliman in his tribute to you (here under) in thanking you for the way you have set an example of how to unselfishly contribute to the well-being of others and to thank you for always being a beacon of integrity and inspiration to us all.

God bless you on further strength and wellness going forward.

Happy 100th Birthday Syd.

I Salute you dear friend!

From: Lt Col (Ret'd) W.A. (Robbie) Roberts
(Chairman of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

POST  OFFICE

TELEGRAM

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Dear Uncle Syd

Birthday wishes Uncle Syd Ireland.

I did not have much personal contact with you except at the Association's annual lunches. However, during these occasions, you always struck me as a friendly person with strong values and loyal and passionate feelings towards the Signals Association and what it stands for. Uncle Syd, you are a proud Signaller.

Sara Sheridan once said "You couldn't see soldiers as people. They were idols". In my opinion you are a true reflection of Uncle Syd and what he stands for.

On your 100 birthday I wish to congratulate you and may you and your family enjoy the celebrations.

I want to remind you of the words of Aldous Huxley who said "the secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm. May God bless you and strengthen you in the way forward.

From: Lt Col (Ret'd) Geoff Laskey
(Deputy Chairman of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

TELEGRAM - IMMEDIATE

Dear Syd

I would like to wish you a very happy birthday for your 100th.

It has been wonderful knowing you. You have been an inspiration to all members of 71 Signal Unit and the Signals Association. We are all very fortunate and proud to have met you.

Kind regards

From: Howard Shagom
(Secretary General of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

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Congratulations on your 100th birthday uncle Syd. You are a true example of a great gentleman and veteran!

We wish you many more birthdays and good health.

Congratulations also to your devoted and loving family.

Best Regards

From: Pierre and Ramona Fourie
(Public Relations Officer of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

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Dear Uncle Syd, Veteran Soldier and Gentleman! You have set an example for us to follow. I salute you! May you be blessed with a wonderful hundredth birthday celebration. May you every day experience much joy and good health! From: Lt Col (Ret'd) Johan and Annemarie Johnson (Member and Accounting Officer of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)



Military Despatch

Dear Uncle Syd. You are the living example of a scholar, gentleman, and military veteran. It has been both my honour and privilege to have known you for these past five years.

From: Matt Tennyson
Editor, Military Despatches

TELEGRAM - IMMEDIATE
Dear Uncle Syd, Thank You for Your service to our country and making us proud as a family of signalers. Congratulations on reaching the century mark. May there be many years to come Blessings From: Alfred de Vries and Family (Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

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TRIBUTE TO UNCLE SYD IRELAND

My sincere congratulations Syd with your centenary birthday.

As the youngest of the 3 Sig Coy's last three members (as Charles Holiday use to tease you) it can be said that you have now truly come of age. You have truly attained a prominence, respectability and recognition for your contribution to the country, the Signals Association and most importantly for your family.

Congratulations for what you have achieved in your life time and thank you what you have meant to all us and particularly to me in the way you have set an example of how to unselfishly contribute to the wellbeing of others. Thank you for always being a beacon of integrity and inspiration to all of us. May the Lord increase your greatness and prosper every good seed you have sown.

May God, as in the past, be your guide and protection and may His grace also be bestowed upon you for the years to come.

Happy birthday dear friend.

From Brig Gen (Ret'd) Denis Jelliman
(Honourary Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

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Dear Brother Signaller,

You will always be an inspiration to me. Not only because you are the last Signaller to survive WW2, but because you went and did your job in conditions that far outweigh any other call of duty!

It is through people like you that troop movements were initiated, plans transmitted, losses recorded and victories attained. It was also through you, and signallers like you, that the most precious news of all was sent: The war is over!

Yours aye,

Robs

From: Lt Cmdr (Ret'd) Robin Cross
(Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

TELEGRAM - IMMEDIATE

May the Lord bless you on your 100th birthday. Thanks for the example you set to every signaller.

From: Johan and Susan Smuts
(MANCO member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

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Dear Uncle Syd. Congratulations on reaching this great milestone of 100 years. Wow one century. Happy birthday and wishing you the Lord's richest blessings always. Thank you for your service as a Signaller (We are the best) and thank you for your service during WW2 and the latter years as being part of the Signals Association. Have a fantabulous day as you celebrate this great milestone."

From: Maurice and Margaret Espin
(Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

Ship to shore Telegram

Happy Birthday Uncle Syd.

Congratulations on reaching your centenary! May God continue to bless and protect you always.

With love from Trunell.

From: Captain (SA Navy Ret'd) Trunell Morom
(Associate Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

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Uncle Syd Ireland,

It was an honour to meet you. May you always be an inspiration to your family and those that have had the opportunity to have met you.

Warm regards.

From: Jeffrey Marcus
(Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

TELEGRAM - IMMEDIATE

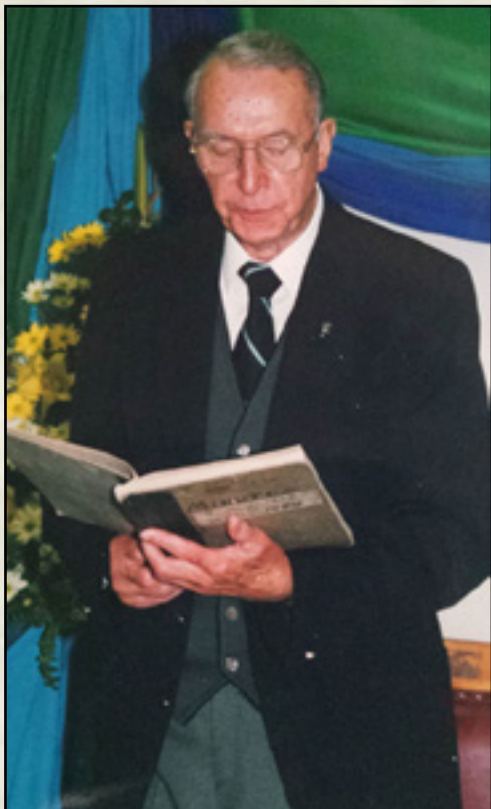
Congratulations Uncle Syd on completing a century.

May the Lord bestow all His Blessing on you for the time ahead, and protect you in His Loving Hands.

Warmest wishes.

From: Chris and Brenda Brandsen
(Member of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION)

Syd Ireland as Secretary of the 3rd Brigade Signal Company Reunion Association



Syd reading the Minutes of the previous meeting at an Annual Luncheon held in the Tearoom of Fort iKapa, Acasia Park, Goodwood.



The Scroll of Honour casing which has been in the possession of the 3rd Bde Sig Coy for 70 Years between 1946 and 2016.



Syd (middle rear) with members, including Charles Holloway (2nd left front row) and Chairman James Timoney (front right), of the 3rd Be Sig Coy Reunion Association when they were down to only 8 remaining members since their establishment on 1 May 1946. With them are Brig Genl Denis Jelliman (Ret'd) an honorary member (Left) and Lt Col (Ret'd) Robbie Roberts, Chairman of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION and Officer Commanding 71 Signal Unit at the time.



Boasting with the 3rd Bde Sig Coy Scroll of Honour are Left to Right, Syd Ireland (Secretary), Eddie Mills (an ordinary member) and Charles Holloway (Chairman). The scroll, pictured on the left, contains the names of all those who embarked on a ship from Mombasa to India to fight in WWII".

Handing and taking over Ceremony

Syd Ireland as last Secretary at the Historical Handing and Taking Over of Tradition Ceremony held at the Italian Club, Cape Town on Sunday, 1 May 2016.



Syd lighting the Flame of the Signaller as a new tradition of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION before handing same to his chairman, Charles Holloway, as a token of Handing Over to the Secretary General (SG) of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION for handing over to his Chairman Robbie Roberts.



Table Number 17 Reserved for Syd Ireland and his family at the above event.



Handing over of Flame of the Signaller from 3rd Bde Sig Coy Chairman Charles Holloway to Howard Shagom, the SG of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION before handing same over to his chairman, Robbie Roberts.



ABOVE: Syd signing the gloss programme of Lt Col (Ret'd) Marc Goodleser at the above event.



RIGHT: Syd arriving at the event.



ABOVE: The last three remaining members at the above event from left Syd Ireland, Eddie Mills and Charles Holloway with Maj Gen Johann Dippenaar who was one of four guest speakers at this Event.

BELOW: The three 'Main Manne' with behind Lt Col (Ret'd) Robbie Roberts, Cpln Stewart Mqobongo, MWO Andrew Cedras (both from 71 Signal Unit), Col M.P. Shashape (SA Army Signals Formation) and Lt Col (Ret'd) Johan Johnson.



ABOVE: The three 'Main Manne' with Lt Col Robbie Roberts, Brig Gen Denis Jelliman and Lt Col Johan Johnson (all three Retired).

BELOW: The three 'Main Manne' with behind them SIGNALS ASSOCIATION members Jeffery Marcus, Jose Pereira, Howard Shagom, Robbie Roberts, Willie van der Merwe and Theuns Neething from the Grand Cayman Islands.



Syd Ireland as a member of the Signals Association



Syd and Chairman Robbie Roberts at the Annual Luncheon of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION held at the Parow Golf Club on Sunday, 7 May 2017.



Syd with Dr Elina Tagar who recited a special poem to Syd at the Annual Luncheon of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION 7 May 2017.



Syd attending the Annual Luncheon of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION held at the Parow Golf Club on Sunday, 14 May 2019.



Syd with Dr Elina Tagar and daughters Jenny Portman (left) and Barbara Rous (right).



Chairman Robbie Roberts (back) with Guest Speaker Capt (SAN) Trunell Morom and Syd Ireland at the Annual Luncheon of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION held at the Parow Golf Club on Sunday, 14 May 2019.

Get on parade!

If there is a parade, memorial service, or military event, then there is a good chance that Uncle Syd will be attending.



Syd with the late Charles Holloway at the Gunners Memorial service Cape Town 13 March 2016.



Syd at the Gunners Memorial service Cape Town 13 March 2016.



Daughter Barbara Rous supporting her dad Syd Ireland laying the 3rd Bde Sig Coy wreath at the Gunners Memorial parade, Company Gardens, Cape Town 11 March 2018.



OPPOSITE PAGE BOTTOM: Syd with Robbie Roberts and his daughter Barbara Rous at the Gunners Memorial parade Cape Town 11 March 2018.



ABOVE: Syd posing with Manco members of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION at the Gunners Memorial Parade Cape Town 11 March 2018.

BELOW: Syd posing with members of the local Sea Cadets in the Cape Town Company Gardens after the Gunners Memorial service 11 March 2018.



ABOVE: Syd with daughters Jenny Portman (left) and Barbara Rous (Right) at the Dellville Wood Memorial service, Company Gardens, Cape Town 22 July 2018.

BELOW: Syd posing with members of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION at the Dellville Wood Memorial service, Company Gardens, Cape Town 22 July 2018 (Left to Right : Peter Longbottom, Lt Col Ret'd Johan Johnson, Lt Col Sharon Fortuin, Syd Ireland, daughter Jenny Portman, daughter Barbara Rous).





ABOVE: Laying the 3rd Bde Sig Coy wreath at the El Alamein parade, Castle, Cape Town 21 October 2018.

BELOW: Syd Ireland posing with members of the SIGNALS ASSOCIATION and other attendees at the Remembrance Day Memorial Service Cape Town 11 November 2018 (Left to right : Alfred de Vries, Willie van der Merwe, Dr Elina Tager, Lt Col Ret'd Johan Johnson, Syd Ireland, Maj Herman Jacobs, and former Russian paratrooper Dr Mikhail Galukhin.



ABOVE: Syd with Robbie Roberts at the Red Cross Children's Hospital Memorial Service Cape Town 8 November 2019.

BELOW: Syd with one of the other few remaining World War II veterans. To his left is Syd's on Geoff and seated on the other side is Rhodesian bush war veteran Peter Horsbrough. Taken El Alamein Parade, Cape Town Castle on 21 October 2018.





ABOVE: Syd and his daughter Jenny at the El Alamein Memorial Parade at the Castle in Cape Town on Sunday 23 October 2016.

BELOW: Syd lays at wreath at the Remembrance Day Parade in Cape Town on 10 November 2019.

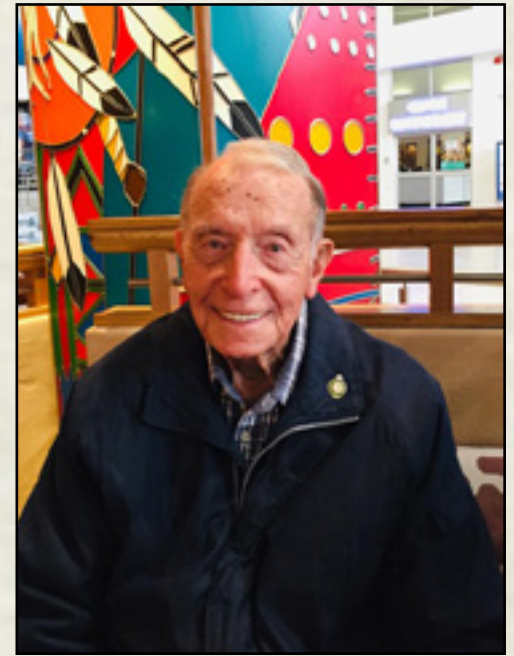


Syd takes a well deserved rest in the Cape Town Company Gardens after the Gunners Memorial parade, Cape Town Company Gardens 11 March 2018.

Thank you to all those that contributed photographs. And a special thank you to Regine Lord, photographer, journalist and photographic editor.

Syd through the years

A series of photographs of Sydney Ireland taken through the years.





Happy Birthday

Please join me in wishing a very Happy Birthday to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays during the next three months. Birthdays during the remainder of 2021 will be published in our next two issues.

March

1st - Joseph Zegal
3rd - Anthony Bethke
8th - Leeann Schmidt
9th - Sydney Ireland
9th - Sharon Fortuin
10th - Amanda Shagom
10th - Charl Fourie
10th - Primegann Fritz
15th - Dirk Byker
16th - Ebrahim Kenny
21st - Herman Jacobs
24th - Sinabo Mofu
29th - Chris Brandsen

April

1st - Andre Slabbert
1st - Wilna Bekker
3rd - Bjorn Pohlmann
4th - Phyllis Webb
6th - Piet Jordaen
6th - Taufeeq Sheik
8th - Christa Krige
9th - Marc Goodleser
9th - Brian Austin
10th - Lesley-Anne Stroud
18th - Howard Shagom
18th - Luzuko Faku
18th - Jerome Beukes
20th - Marina Valentine
20th - Andre Van Zyl
24th - Johan Marais

May

12th - Tammy Sampson
13th - Frik Rabie
16th - Sonja Parsons
16th - Peter Longbottom
23rd - Robert Nelson
26th - Ramona Fourie
28th - Carol Dean Klaasen
28th - Wallace Green



Wilna Bekker



Marc Goodleser



Howard
Shagom