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## **CTH VISIT TO UK FOR THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations took place in the private grounds of Windsor Castle on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with a spectacular programme of music, song, dance and equestrian displays including the Queen's mounted troops.

The celebration reflected on the Queens private and public interests with performers from Oman, Chile, New Zealand, Canada, Fiji, Australia, Azerbaijan, The United Kingdom and the Drums and Pipes of the Cape Town Highlanders representing The Republic of South Africa and the SANDF.

The event lasted from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 and was attended by members of the Royal family with Her Majesty the Queen attending on the final evening.

Performers amongst others included Andrea Bocelli, Kylie Minogue, James Blunt and Shirley Bassey singing "Diamonds are forever".

The Cape Town Highlanders Drums and Pipes maintained a very high level of performance under Pipe-Major Charles Canning who has led the band to numerous events including 6 trips to the Edinburgh Tattoo, 3 to the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland, The Jinhae Festival in Korea as well a trip to Berlin in 2003 for the Berlin Military Tattoo.

The band arrived in London to a pleasant summer's day with the weather turning into rain causing the ground to turn to mud, with the dress rehearsal cancelled to preserve the Royal grounds.

The band was housed two per cabin with on suite shower and toilet in make shift accommodation called the Global Village, which included shops, food stalls, an entertainment area for participants and a dining hall serving breakfast, lunch and dinner for the 1200 participants.

The food was of exceptional quality even catering for our Muslim band members and a 24 hour tea and coffee bar was available.

Pipe Major Canning wasted no time in tuning the pipes at 440Hz along with all the other bands and spent 4 days rehearsing up to the first performance.

The travel and logistics was made easier by sending drums and equipment ahead of the band which all arrived on time and in good order.

The SANDF was represented at the event by Brigadier General S. Mahlobo, the South African Defence and Military Advisor to the United Kingdom who commented that “The Drums and Pipes of the Cape Town Highlanders made South Africa Proud”.

Our sincere thanks go out to Chief of the SA Army Lt Gen L. Yam, GOC SA Army Inf Fmn Maj Gen R. Maphwanya, Chief SA Defence Reserves Maj Gen R. Andersen and Chief SA Army Reserves Brig Gen H. J.G. Kamffer and the Staff at the SA Army Infantry Formation for their tireless support and efforts in getting the Band to this momentous event. And congratulations to the Officer Commanding Cape Town Highlander, Lt. Col. Tienie Lott, and the Drums and Pipes for their dedication and professionalism during this event.



*The Party that was invited to have Tea with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.*

*From Left:*

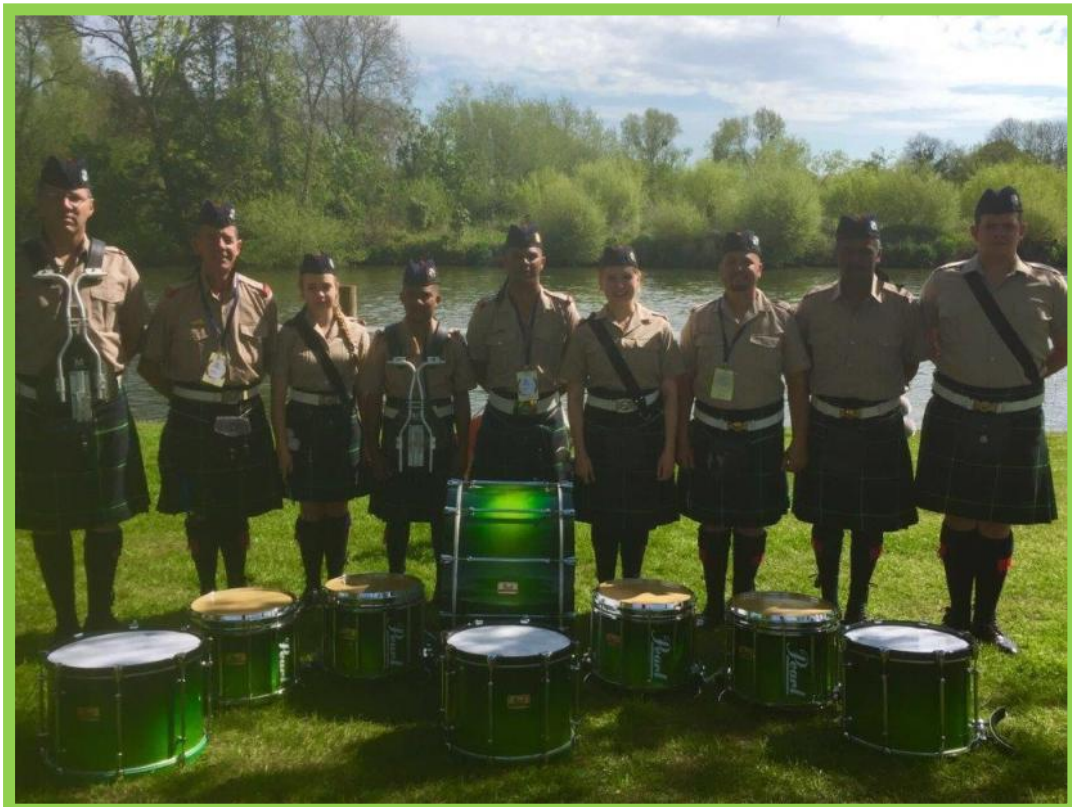
*Pipe Major Charles Canning*

*Drummer Caitlyn Foley*

*Lt. Col. Tienie Lott (OC Cape Town Highlanders) Lt. C.Evans (Band Officer Cape Town Highlanders) Drummer Marwaan De Bruyn Drum Major Hashiem Isaacs*



*Lt. Evans holds up Entry Card to Windsor Castle*



*Drum Section Practice in Windsor grounds at River Thames From Left.  
Drummer Heinz Kaizer, Drummer Mathew Grantham, Drummer Caitlyn Foley,  
Drummer Atheem Sampson, Drum Major Hashiem Isaacs, Drummer Amber Vogel,  
Drummer Marwaan De Bruyn, Base Drummer Adnaan Morris,  
Drummer Lindsey Lotter*





*Pipers of CTH Drums and Pipes. From Left:  
Piper A. Dippenaar, Piper S. Imrie, Piper A. De Blocq, Pipe Major WO2 Charles  
Canning, Piper MJ Roslee, Piper J. Cairns, Piper J. Imrie, Piper J.D. Imrie  
Piper D.Foley*

Yours AYE

Lt. Christian Evans

Band Office (CAPE TOWN HIGHLANDERS)