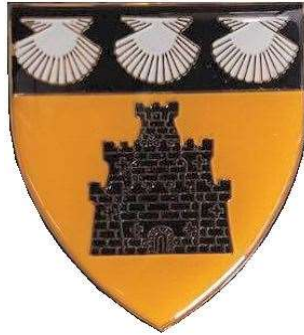


REGIMENT OOS RAND



(Source: Wikipedia)

Regiment Oos Rand is a Reserve infantry battalion of the South African Army. The unit was intended initially to be predominantly an Afrikaans speaking citizen force.

With the re-organisation of the military, the four units were disbanded and Regiment Oos-Rand was formed from the integration of Regiment Kemp and Regiment Andries Pretorius. The April 1960 Government Gazette declared that Regiment Oos-Rand was activated on 1 January 1960 as a Citizen Force Unit.

Just one week after it was activated, the regiment was mobilised for Operation Duiker and within 24 hours, 240 members were available. The regiment's first Honorary Colonel was Senator C.C. Schabert on 9 August 1960. From 1976 to 1979, Regiment Oos-Rand called up members for the border war. By September the unit received its regimental emblem. During 1962 the regiment was re-organised as a motorised infantry battalion and on 14 September 1963 it received its Colours. The regiment received the Freedom of Benoni in 1967. The regiment received its ceremonial sword on the 18 October 1969. From 1983 onward, Regiment Oos-Rand was involved in internal stability and township control. In 1990 the regiment was converted to a mechanised infantry battalion.

Today Regiment Oos-Rand, is a typical reserve light infantry battalion. Regiment Oos-Rand is also involved with Operation Corona, a border safeguarding operation.