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A portrait of a man in a dark blue South African Police uniform. He is wearing a peaked cap with a gold star emblem. On his left chest is a gold star badge and a name tag that reads 'AMOD'. On his right shoulder is a 'SAP' (South African Police) patch. He is holding a dark leather strap or holster in front of him. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light brown and beige.

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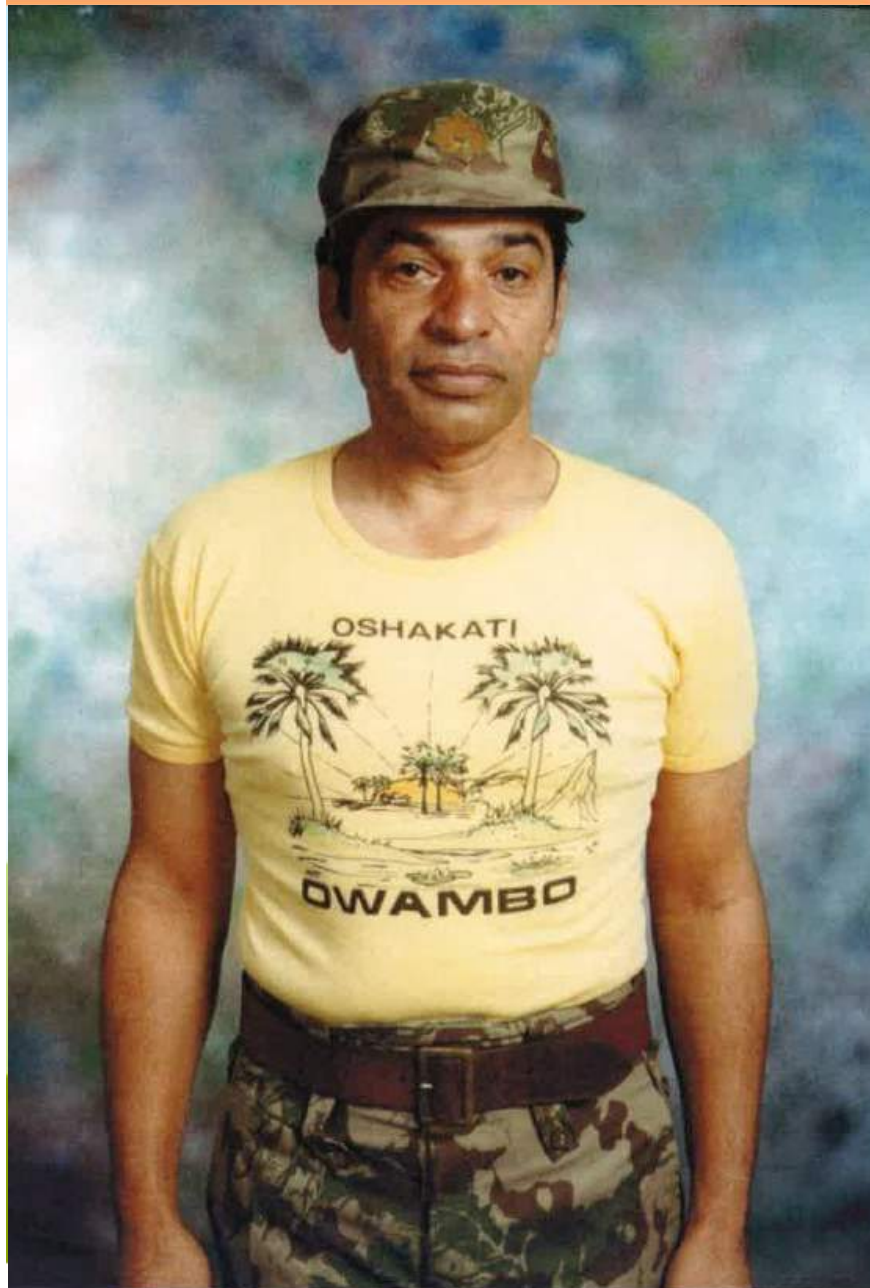


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VOORWOORD | FOREWORD

by Col. Logan Govender, S.A. Police (Ret.)

During the end of 1983 a Criminal Law Lecture was planned by Professor PJ Visser at Newcastle.

Whilst we were still Constable David Naidoo and I travelled to Newcastle to attend as we had just one sitting before we completed the National Diploma in Police Administration.

We made prior arrangements with Warrant Officer Adams of Newcastle for meals and overnight accommodation.

Upon our arrival Adams introduced himself and pointed out the hall where the lecture will take place.

During the break he met us and took us to where he arranged for us to have tea. During lunch he did the same and then in the early evening. After supper we followed him to where the single quarters was.

We arranged to see him again for breakfast the next morning. We were prohibited from dining where other members dined but he arranged for us to eat in a little room adjacent to the kitchen.

I recall having eggs and chips for breakfast and

meat balls and spaghetti for lunch on the one day, unfortunately I can't recall what the others were.

When we were about to leave we asked Adams for the bill and he kindly assured us that he will take care of it as we were only Constables and did not earn much and that he felt obliged to extend his hospitality to other Indian members as he was our senior.

Adams was a disciplinarian and no nonsense man. He commandeered much respect from all members who came into his presence. Members would brace and refer to him as Sir. He was very eloquent in Afrikaans and spoke it with fluency. My former colleague and I took note, and didn't take any chances with him. Only a kind hearted man will offer to pay on behalf of others. For this kind gesture and for treating us in a humane manner may you and your family be Blessed for ever.

Adams and I had no contact until 2020 when I asked former colleagues to locate him to give me a chance to honour him for having served.

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to have profiled him for Nongqai. I salute you kind Sir !

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AN OFFICER OF STATURE: CAPTAIN AMOD MUSA ADAMS, S.A.P. (RET)

by Colonel Logan Govender

CAPT. AMOD MUSA ADAMS

Adams - "My biological mother, Shereen Subhan Khan, a Cape Malay was on holiday at her Mom's home at No 22 Kirk Street, Worcester in 1940. (Worcester is a town in the Western Cape, South Africa. It is located 120km north east of Cape Town on the N1 highway north to Johannesburg.) Whilst at Worcester she gave birth to me, Amod Moosa Adams." The baby was born at home which was delivered by her Mom, Elizabeth Adams. The baby was given the Adams surname.

During this time the second world war was still in progress and it was difficult to board a train from Worcester to Ladysmith Natal (1939 - 1944). (Ladysmith is a city in the Uthukela District of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. It lies 230 kilometres north-west of Durban and 365 kilometres south-east of Johannesburg.) After six months his biological Mom managed to bring him back to Newcastle (Newcastle is the third largest city in KZN and situated in the northern part of KZN) and left him with her sister Ansu Leila Adams in Newcastle.

Amod Musa Adams was born on 5th May 1940 in Worcester. His adopted Mom later relocated from Newcastle to Dundee,



*Cover Image: Amod Adams in uniform whilst a Warrant Officer:
Source: Amod Adams collection.*

KZN . (The coal mining town of Dundee is situated in a valley of the Biggarsberg mountains in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.) to enable him to attend an Indian

School as there was non in Newcastle at that time. Movement of Indians from one Province to another in the 40's without a per-

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mit was prohibited and the laws were harsh to the offenders when detected. His Mom's fear was that his birth was not registered and she planned on leaving him with her sister who resided in Newcastle. So she concealed him to prevent detection.

When he turned 20 years he returned to the Cape where he enlisted into the Voluntary Cape Coloured Corps from 1960 to 1962 at a Military Camp for Malays and Coloureds in Goodwood. (Goodwood is a suburb of Cape Town in the Western Cape, South Africa and is situated in the Tygerberg region of the City of Cape Town.) The Military was mostly composed of white South Africans, who alone were subject to conscription. However, black South Africans were the second largest group, and Indians and Coloured citizens with mixed ancestry were eligible to serve as volunteers only. After the training he went to stay in Korsten in Port Elizabeth. (Korsten is suburb in Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape.)

Whilst on a visit to his Mom, Shereen in Dundee from Korsten in 1964. Adams was spotted by Sergeant Bob Sanker who was his Mom's neighbour in Dundee. Sanker was stationed in Dundee at that time. Sanker told his Mom that he should join the SA Police and arranged for him to meet the next day at the Dundee Police station.



Capt. Adamas' service medals; Source Amod Adams collection.

On the next day in 1964 Adams reported to Sanker at the Dundee Police station and was referred to Captain JJO Strydom at District Headquarters, who completed his application. In February the same year he received a letter from the police to report to Dundee Police Station on 1st May 1965 however, an over zealous Adams reported much earlier, viz on the 15th April 1965. On 15th April 1965 he presented himself to the Dundee Police District Headquarters where he was attested by Captain JJO Strydom from the District Commandant's Office, Dundee.

In those years the District Commandant for the whole of Northern Natal was based at

Dundee. The District Commandant, Dundee fell under the jurisdiction of Natal Inland Division based in Pietermaritzburg. In latter years a Divisional Headquarters was established at Newcastle.

The District Commandant at the time of his attestation was Major Kiek who was later succeeded by Major Van Staden. He is unable to remember who the Divisional Commissioner was at that time however, he recalls Colonel Le Roux and Captain Malherbe conducting Inspections from Divisional Headquarters Natal Division, Pietermaritzburg.

The Police Commissioner during his attestation in April 1965 was General JM Keivy.



The Commissioner of the SA Police, Lt-Gen. J.M. Keivy. (1962-1968). Image: HBH Archives

Transcript of press cutting:

"INDIAN WARRANT OFFICERS APPOINTED

Two of Dundee's leading policemen made history by becoming the first Indians of Northern Natal to be appointed as Warrant Officers.

The two sergeants, Bob Sanker and Sharma Maharaj were promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer after successfully completing their promotion examinations.

Warrant Officer Bob Shunker (Sanker) has figured prominently amongst the Indians of Dundee Indian Child Welfare Society, a position which he had held for the past five years.



Above: Bob Sanker

Warrant Officer Sharma Maharaj, who is 29 years of age, is believed to be the youngest warrant officer in the Republic."

The late Major Bob Sanker was later transferred to Port Natal Division. (LG - Whilst at SA Police, Indian Training College, Wentworth during 1983, I often noticed Major Bob Sanker visit our Commanding Officer, Lieutenant General Morgan Chetty, who was a Major in January and promoted to

Colonel before we passed out. Major Sanker was the Programmes Director at my Passing Out Parade at Chatsworth Stadium in June 1983. He made the announcements. A stalwart amongst Indian Officers.)



Above: Lieutenant General Morgan Chetty (late), Deputy Commissioner SA Police.

In June 1965 he was called up for basic police training at The South African Police Indian Training College, Wentworth.

He was in Platoon 8, 1967. From October 1967 to March 1968. The Acting Station Commander of the College was Sergeant DW Reiners, he was acting on behalf of Warrant Officer H.L. Schourie.

The Passing-out Parade was held at Currie's Fountain.

Govender was transferred to the South African Police Indian Training College in 1975. At the college his expertise and physical prowess as a soccer player, karate instructor and a fitness enthusiast was an essential asset to physical fitness and self defence of students. He was responsible for the training and



Captain SM Govender, later became a prominent PT and Karate Instructor

shaping of students to attain peak fitness. The students were trained and choreographed to perform at gymnastic displays throughout KZN. They would feature in gymnastic displays at the Royal Show Grounds in Pietermaritzburg and during special occasions in preparation for their passing out parade. They would perform precision movements and a series of exercises to the tune of music in the background. All movements and steps were personally choreographed by Govender himself. Numerous senior police and defence force officers would pay homage to the students and Govender for the spectacular precision displays.

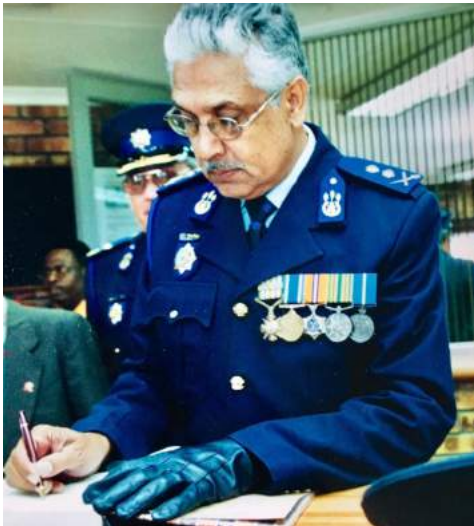
After his basic training he was reposted back to Dundee. He performed charge office and Investigation of Crime duties. The Station Commander was Captain Coetzee who was later succeeded by Captain Rautenbach. Colonel Van Staden was the District Commandant at the time.

During July 1968, Adams, as a Constable was sent to the Police Garage in Pietermaritzburg to work in the department that

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served and maintained Police motor vehicles for six months as they were short staffed, three members had booked off – two on vacation leave and one on sick leave. Adams - "I met an old friend at the garage – Sgt. Sharma Maharaj who made me feel very comfortable and helped me build a good working relation with the team." I was sent back to Dundee station on 1968/12/20.

Adams - *"I left with a lot of experience and good memories. Thank you all at Oribi."*



Lieutenant General Sharma Maharaj (late), first Indian Provincial Commissioner, Gauteng.

In April 1968 whilst at Dundee Adams was nominated for a Mechanical Course at Benoni Mechanical School in Gauteng. The course involved tuition – theoretical and practical instruction in the driving, care, handling and maintenance of police vehicles. In those years the duration of the course was 4 months considering it was an advanced and intensive course to promote safety of humans and protection of State owned property. He encountered Sergeant RP Kavari (late) of Mountain Rise on the



Adams on patrol in an SAP Swerwer APC ready for any eventuality.

course. (LG - Sergeant Kavari was a very experienced policeman and had an intense knowledge in all aspects of Police work. I utilized him during his night shifts to tutor our Indian police women to drive State motor vehicles. I selected him for his loyalty and reliability. It was a great loss to the community and SA Police when he prematurely passed on. May his soul RIP.)

Adams recalls in February 1969 he was sent to the Head Quarters to collect the post for the station. Adams - "While standing on the front veranda two farmers approached through the gate – Mr. G. Vermaak and Mr. Boet Wessels greeted me in Afrikaans saying "more seun, hoe gaan dit vandag" and they both shook hands with me. "Ek het geen probleme en ek is gelukkig dankie menere"

Thereafter they stepped into the office of the District Commandant Major Kiek. When they had left the District Commandant called Adams and asked if he knew the two gentlemen.

Adams - *"I replied in the affirmative and pointed out that they were farmers from Helpmekaar. Nothing further was spoken."*

In March 1970 he underwent COIN Training at Slagboom to combat terrorism. In the three months they spent at Slagboom they were taught how to recognize and identify insurgents, what steps must be taken if explosives were discovered and the strict instructions to be followed to prevent an explosion causing serious injury and even death. Evacuation was a priority. Adams - "I returned with an advanced knowledge and insight into the border conflict."

In March 1971, he performed duties in a combined counter insurgency operation with C.O.I.N members and Public order Policing from Rosslyn Pretoria (P.O.P). They camped outside Mpunzi Drift and conducted operations from Mbizana to Nomlacu to Redoubt until Kumabula on the Transkei border. In the four months the five operational

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teams recovered 60 new trucks, 90 motor cars and 35 L.D.V (Bakkies). The stolen vehicles and suspects were transported to Harding, Port Shepstone and Izigolweni for processing and detention and further investigation.

During September 1972, the charge office in Dundee received a call from a shop owner at 23:00 of a housebreaking in progress in De Jagers Drift. Complainant was Mr Yusuf Vawda. Adams immediately took an enquiry van and rushed from the station with three constables. They arrived within twenty minutes and Mr. Vawda informed them that the thieves left with large shopping bags filled with clothing.

Upon investigation the team observed a trail in the tall grass. After following the trail four suspects were apprehended with the six bags of clothing. The recovered exact pieces were listed and returned to the owner. Mr Vawda sent a written commendation to the office of the District Commandant.

The recovered goods were valued at R25 000.00 – (twenty-five thousand rand).

In May 1973 he was detached to perform duties at the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) border. The company was airlifted to the airport at Bulawayo by military aircraft. Twenty policemen were transported from Bulawayo to Victoria Falls Camp to commence duty alongside the Zambesi River and Kariba Dam. Amongst other duties they would patrol in a Swerwer (armoured personnel

carrier) from the Victoria Falls to Leshaba - (West Zambezi). He often times transported food packages by Bedford truck from Victoria Falls to Gwelo on the South side of the Falls.

In June 1976 he was sent to Soweto during the Riots. He patrolled 17 Sections of Soweto from the Roodeport side. The operation was named "Ground Control" which involved mainly Prevention of Crime duties.

However, numerous arrests

Ingwavuma. They assisted in the tracing of illegal immigrants and poaching at Indumu game reserve. At Ingwavuma he once again encountered Sergeant RP Kavari (late) Mountain Rise at the base camp. (LG - *Sergeant Kavari was a known border veteran of the day. He had numerous clasps affixed to his medal ribbon for Combating of Terrorism.*) (Ingwavuma is three kilometres (2 miles) from the country's border with Eswatini and overlooks the plains of Mapu-



Adams, Camp Commander at Mpunzi Drift, routinely reporting to the Base at 05:00am each morning.

were affected for Possession of Dangerous weapons and house-breaking and theft. Mechanical transport was utilized to patrol the streets of Soweto.

In September 1976 he returned back to Dundee Police Station to continue with his normal duties.

During February 1977 he performed Border duty at Swaziland, Mozambique Borders. Operations were conducted at Indumu to Emangusi Pongola – Magut, Lemboboto and

taland to the East.)

In August, 1977 after completion of his stint at the Ingwavuma, South African Border he reported back to his station at Dundee.

In 1979 he was transferred to Brits where he performed charge office and enquiry duties.

Whilst at Brits he was nominated to perform duties at the Pongola border with Mozambique.

During June 1979 whilst on patrol at Indumu Game Reserve he



Above: Adams standing at the point where the suspects were arrested for illegally entering into South Africa from Mozambique.

Below right: On helicopter patrol in the area of Katima Mulilo in 1980.

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arrested a Mozambican in the act of crossing the border through the fence. The team arrested two others. The company through the active vigilant patrols abated the killing of Rhinos for their horns in the game reserves. They had a good measure of success during the four months.

During May to August in 1980 Adams and forty other members underwent a refreshers course. After 10 days they were flown to Katima Mulilo by a military aircraft. (LG-The Caprivi Strip, also known simply as Caprivi, is a geographic salient protruding from the north-eastern corner of Namibia. It is surrounded by Botswana to the south and Angola



and Zambia to the north. Namibia, Botswana and Zambia meet at a single point at the eastern

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tip of the Strip, which also comes within 100m of Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia) Adams together with a group of members were posted to helicopter patrol. They were dropped off in Sticks (Patrol units - usually 4 to 8 men—Comment **FBV**) at different points and instructed to patrol on foot from Bukalo to Ngoma and picked up again at the bridge in Victoria Falls.

Other patrols included from Katima Mulilo to Kalambe-sa up to Schuckmansburg and Linyando to Sangwall including the National Mudumu Park to Mamili National Park. These were done over a two day period.

During 1980 he was transferred to Newcastle and



Top right: During May and August 1980 whilst at Katima Mulilo photographed standing in front of a helicopter. Adams on the left.

Bottom left: Adams photographed at the Maseru and Botswana Border.

was posted to work with Major Enslin at the Training Centre in Lennoxton. After the arrival of Colonel Brand he was tasked to work alongside the Colonel assisting in the training of younger inexperienced members.

Colonel Robertson from Dundee became the Divisional Commissioner of Northern Natal. Adams was instructed to undertake inspections throughout the Division of Northern Natal including the Eshowe District.

ARMISTICE DAY

A week after his transfer back to Newcastle during February 1981, Major Enslin instructed him to prepare a platoon to do Military funerals and the Ar-

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mistice Day Memorial Services in November each year. (**LG**—*The Armistice of 11 November 1918 was the armistice signed at Le Francport near Compiègne that ended fighting on land, sea and air in World War I between the Allies and their last remaining opponent, Germany. This is celebrated worldwide every year.*)

He prepared thirty-six policemen in military drill for the occasion. The performance of foot and fire-arm drill impressed senior Officers from Headquarters.

Adams - *"I explained to Major Enslin that it was my family tradition to attend the Memorial Service every year in November which was held by the M.O.T.H. I followed my mother's tradition and I marched with the M.O.T.H.s and laid a wreath in memory of all those that had fallen in the First and Second World Wars. My mother informed me that my grandfather lost five of his brothers in the First World War. My grandfather, Lionel William Adams was killed in the Zulu War in Natal. I shall still follow the good old tradition."*

During August to November 1981 Adams and Rufus Naidoo on duty at a thorough fare between Maseru and Botswana and RSA. They camped at Wepener and Ficksburg during this time.

About 14:00 hours on 17th July 1982, whilst stationed at Newcastle as a Warrant Officer as Charge Office Commander Volkskas Bank reported a Robbery. Apparently two persons in a truck were robbed at gun



The football team photographed with Adams in the front row.

point. However, after intense interrogation it was revealed that it was a false. The cash was located in a bank bag containing R 160 000 (one hundred and sixty thousand rand.) and uncashed cheques to the value of R 90 000 (ninety thousand rand).

The persons were charged and referred back to Durban for further investigation.

Adams chose to create healthy minds and bodies amongst lower ranking members by encouraging Sporting Activities.

In February 1982 he obtained permission from the District Commandant, Colonel Brand to launch a Sports and Recreation Club for non-White members. Male members chose to participate in soccer whilst the females in netball and tennis.

On 20th January 1985 Northern Natal Division participated in the Commissioner's Cup.

They reached the final however were defeated by one goal.

Adams - *"During June 1987, Ad-*

ams was nominated to attend a Refresher's COIN Course at Maleoskop.

130 handpicked policemen were divided into five teams and were given vigorous physical training, Arms and Ammunition and Operational execution. Training lasted four months."

During January 1988 they sent to Ovambo Land by a military Aircraft. One hundred heavily trained policemen including dog unit members were deployed. He was based at Oshakati. Adams - *"Every member was disciplined and gave of his best to serve their country. Foot patrol were done from Oshakati Camp to Rundu. Members were air-lifted by Helicopter—Token of Appreciation from Commissioner of SA Police dated 25 August 1989*

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Newcastle Express "On the Couch" dated 10 March 2020.

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"ON THE COUCH WITH CAPTAIN AMOD MUSA ADAMS

By Bronwyn M. Singh

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charge office commander. Six months later I was promoted to Captain in Newcastle where I served for 16 years. I have been a resident of Newcastle for 35 wonderful years.

NE: What has been your most memorable achievement of your career?

AMA: There has been lots of achievements. I would say that while being stationed in Dundee, we did a lot of peace keeping between the Basotho and the Xhosa tribes. Also cracking a robbery case where R8 million rand in cash was recovered as well as R80 000 rands in cheques.

I was awarded a Certificate of Commission by Nelson Mandela at an awards ceremony in 1994. The award was signed and presented to me by Nelson Mandela himself. I was top of the list on the Prestige Scale and given top honours. There were only 27 people in the entire country that this award was given to.

NE: How difficult was it for you living in an apartheid era for you to accomplish what you have?

AMA: Well, I did not class myself as anything besides being a human being, neither did I feel inferior to anybody. We are all made equally.

NE: You take part in Remembrance Day. Tell us more about that.

AMA: It is something that I look forward to. I had five uncles who were killed in the second world war between 1939 and 1944. My

grandfather lost five biological brothers in the first world war between 1919 and 1924. The Scottish Squad in Glasgow come down to Newcastle once every five years to lay wreaths. It is something important to me. I lay a wreath in honour of all those who have lost their lives.

NE: Looking at our town and country and the way that it is politically, how do you think that we can change the situation?
AMA: There is a lot of corruption in the government and municipality, and dishonesty in organisations. It is bleeding the community and nobody is getting rid of the culprits. Certain people are earning huge salaries yet do not have the qualifications for it.

NE: With the recent protests in Newcastle, Ladysmith and around the country being something that is becoming an everyday issue. What are your thoughts?

AMA: It is something that is very uncalculated for. Our towns are being unnecessarily damaged. It is not helping the situation in any way. Any protest is supposed to be peaceful, not violent. There is no harm in sitting down and discussing issues in a respectful manner.

NE: Do you find that most recently, criminals and protestors have no respect for those in authority and tend to intimidate the police?

AMA: Definitely. In my opinion, officers need to be educated as well. If you are going to be intimidated then rather do not join the police

force. We are there to combat crime so bravery is very important.

NE: What are some of the qualities that officers need to have in order to be outstanding in protecting the community?

AMA: One has to be courageous, have good observation skills and be mentally strong. Also take good care of your health and body. The older generation was very strong as they kept to a strict regime.

NE: What do you do in your spare time?
AMA: I help and encourage the community to report crime and always tell them to use the law and not take matters into their own hands.

NE: What advice do you have for young people?

AMA: Always investigate a matter properly before taking action. Youngsters seem to only want to fight these days. Always make sure that you have a strong foundation before committing yourself to anything.

NE: What motto do you live by?
AMA: We as people should stop putting the blame on other people. We need to get together and solve our problems in a respectful way. I firmly believe that every problem has a solution if you are prepared to sit down and talk about it. Leave the past alone.

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AMA: It is something that is very uncalled for. Our towns are being unnecessarily damaged. It is not helping the situation in any way. Any protest is supposed to be peaceful, not violent. There is no harm in sitting down and discussing issues in a respectful manner.

NE: Do you find that most recently, criminals and protestors have no respect for those in authority and tend to intimidate the police?

AMA: Definitely. In my opinion, officers need to be educated as well. If you are going to be intimidated then rather do not join the police force. We are there to combat crime so bravery is very important.

NE: What are some of the qualities that officers need to have in order to be outstanding in protecting the community?

AMA: One has to be courageous, have good observation skills and be mentally strong. Also take good care of your health and body. The older generation was very strong as they kept to a strict regime.



In 2020 The Elderly Care Fund presented him with a "Club 80" Lapel Badge on attaining the age of 80 years. Here Adams displays the "Club 80" badge on the lapel of his jacket.

NE: What do you do in your spare time?

AMA: I help and encourage the community to report crime and always tell them to use the law and not take matters into their own hands.

NE: What advice do you have for young people?

AMA: Always investigate a matter properly before taking action. Youngsters seem to only want to fight these days. Always make sure that you have a strong

foundation before committing yourself to anything.

NE: What motto do you live by?

AMA: We as people should stop putting the blame on other people. We need to get together and solve our problems in a respectful way. I firmly believe that every problem has a solution if you are prepared to sit down and talk about it. Leave the past alone."

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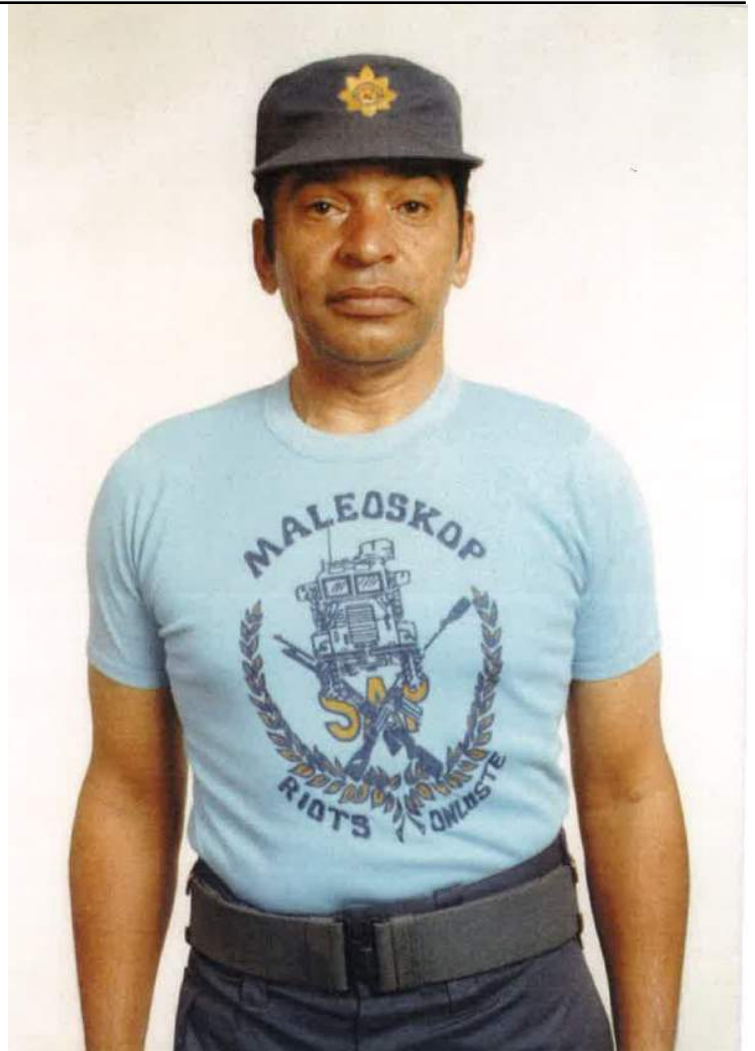
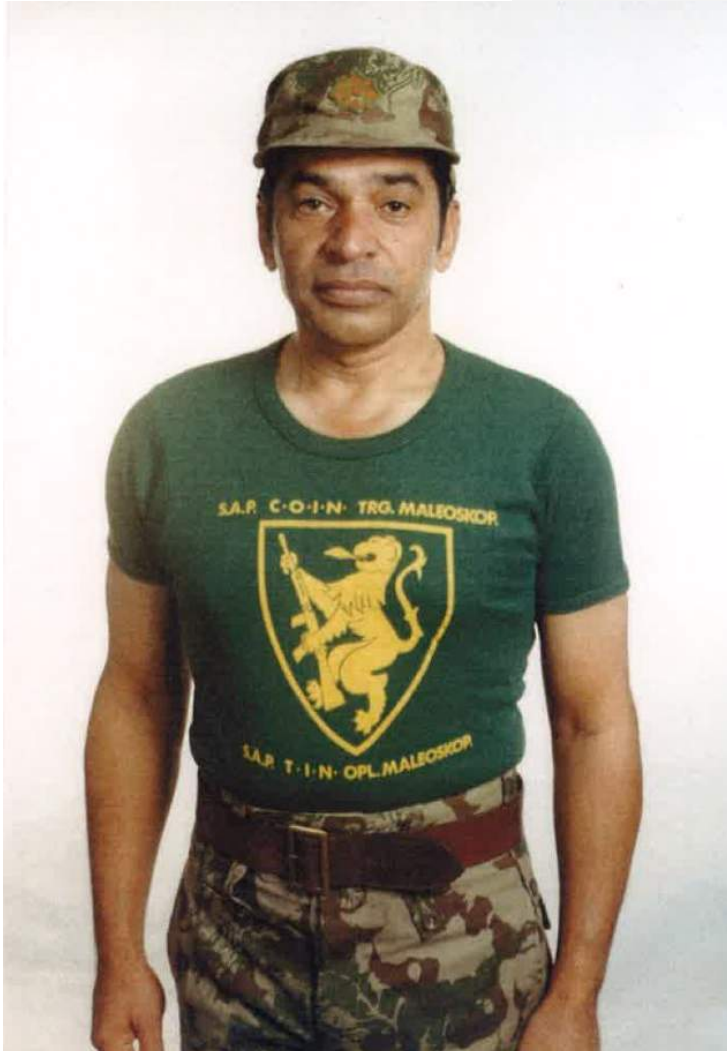
Clock presented to Adams for having completed 30 or more years of loyal and meritorious service towards SA communities and the Police by the Area Commissioner, Tugela Region, Brigadier Dubazane during May 2000.

ALL information and photographs with the exception of those mentioned otherwise were furnished by Captain AM Adams.

Logan Govender



Above: Adams after patrol descending from the Helicopter.
Below: Adams in camo and field dress with Maleoskop COIN and Riots / Onluste T-shirts



S.A.Polisie Indierkollege Wentworth
KURSUS-OKT. TOT MAART 1967
PELTON 8-1967



S.A. Police Indian College Wentworth
COURSE - OCT. TO MARCH 1967
PLATOON 8 1967



FRONT ROW (l to r): I-Sgt. D. J. Lamech. (Troop Sgt, Drill Instr.), I-Sgt. Govindsamy (Law Instr.), Capt. W. Harmse (Staff Off, Durban South), L. Sgt. D. W. Reiners (Act-S-Comd.), I-Sgt. M. Chetty (Pt-Law Instr.).
SECOND ROW: I-S-Cts. Krishnanarain, A. Naidoo, Sriramulu, P. Govinder, Chinnasamy, Nathan (Troop Leader), Govindasamy, S. Bika, W. Singh, G. Munusamy.
THIRD ROW: I-S-Cts. Narainmunderi, Soobramani, A. M. Adam, Moonsamy, (Asst. Troop Leader), Sivalingam, P. Munsamy, R. K. Narrandas, P. S. Pillay, Garamoorthe, Saravana, Sagathevan.
FOURTH ROW: I-S-Cts. Ran Gopal, S. S. Pillay, Dhanapalan, I. Devanandan, Kurmumund, L. Pillay, Mogambery, Anandlal, Babichand, G. Kisten, C. Munsamy.



**SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE
GROUP**



**COURSE
MECHANICAL SCHOOL
APRIL -- MAY, 1968**



Back Row (standing, left to right): B/C. G. Gqozu, B/C. M. A. Lellape, B/C. J. W. Nsangwa, B/C. T. Jili, C/C. R. R. A. Rebie, B/C. N. G. Nshangase, B/C. N. Mzondi, B/C. M. E. Tswai, B/C. A. Mahlati, B/C. J. Letswalo, B/Sgt. O. B. Motau, B/C. M. J. Sima, B/C. M. J. Malla, B/C. E. Hlobo.
Second Row (standing, left to right): B/Sen/Sgt. D. Gomba, B/C. B. C. Gwvu, B/C. N. A. Melmeli, B/C. M. D. Pako, B/C. L. H. Maboe, I/C. A. M. Adams, B/C. Y. Shazi, C/C. A. A. Thinnies, B/C. M. K. Mapu, C/C. C. Carolus, B/C. W. Gama.
Third Row (standing, left to right): B/Sgt. W. Dlamini, C/Sgt. H. C. Bruisers, C/Sgt. R. O. Rooy, B/Sgt. P. A. Thupudi, B/Sgt. M. C. Njengelo, B/Sgt. T. Matsetela, B/Sen/Sgt. S. Ndaba.
Fourth Row (standing, left to right): B/Sen/Sgt. M. Jamba (Inst.), B/L/Sgt. S. Mchethwa (Inst.), B/Sen/Sgt. E. Moriri (Inst.), B/Sen/Sgt. S. M. Soko (Inst.), B/Sen/Sgt. M. Mkgoe (Inst.), B/L/Sgt. J. S. Mkanzi (Inst.), B/Sen/Sgt. J. M. Pheme (Inst.).
Second Row (seated, left to right): B/D/C. C. Gqasamba, B/D/C. Z. Z. Ndletyana, B/D/Sgt. A. Ntuli, B/C. M. N. Dumakude, I/D/C. S. Moodley, B/D/C. S. L. Aasegai, I/D/C. Thaminathan, I/D/Sgt. S. Coetjy, C/D/ Sgt. S. P. Januaria.
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Above: Shield for Outstanding Academic Achievement during Adams' Advanced Training Course – C/O Course 3/95



Above: Clock presented to Captain Adams for outstanding and meritorious service of 30 or more years of service.



PAARL
CANDIDATE OFFICER'S COURSE NO 3/1995 : CLASS 3
1995-05-15 TO 1995-06-15



4TH ROW
3RD ROW
2ND ROW
1ST ROW

M.A. CRESSWELL; A. MADIKANE; G.A. GROBLER; S.S. STURMAN; H.G. HADLOW; M. MATOTI; S. BOREA; D.A. MOODLEY; M.E. DUMEDE; T.A. DENG
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M.M. KOPOL
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PROVINCE OF NATAL
ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1956
(Ordinance No. 26 of 1956)

PROVINSIE NATAL
PADVERKEERSORDONNANSIE, 1956
(Ordonnansie No. 26 van 1956)

LEARNER'S LICENCE/PERMIT
(Section 58(1))
Valid for six months from date of issue

LEERLISENSIE/-PERMIT
(Artikel 58(1))
Geldig vir ses maande met ingang van uitreikingsdatum

10570

30-9-1963

AMOUNT PAID R1.00 BEDRAG R1.00

Name (in full) Amad Musa Adams Naam (voluit)

Address 9 McKenjie St. Dundee Adres

Class of motor vehicle HEAVY MOTOR VEHICLE Klas motorvoertuig ten opsigte waarvan lisensie uitgereik word.
SWAAR MOTORVOERTUIG

This licence is hereby granted to the above-named person to drive for a period of six months from the date of issue, and subject to the conditions printed on the back hereof, a motor vehicle of the Class described above.

Hierdie lisensie word hierby uitgereik aan bogenoemde persoon om 'n motorvoertuig van bovermelde klas vir 'n tydperk van ses maande met ingang van die uitreikingsdatum hiervan, op die voorwaarde, soos op die keerse hiervan gedruk, te bestuur.

Date of issue 30-9-1963 Uitreikingsdatum

Ordinary signature of holder of licence or right thumb impression of person unable to write. Gewone handtekening van houër van lisensie, of regterduimafdruk van persoon wat nie kan skryf nie.

For photograph and conditions see back hereof. Foto en voorwaardes verskyn op keerse hiervan.

P.N.73-P.3287/OLW.4463/400.15-12-61/629

Copy of Adams' Leaner's License issued on 30/09/1963. He paid a ridiculously low price of One rand R 1. That of course was in 1963. Adams decided to include this to illustrate how time has changed and the cost of living has escalated astronomically.

153914



The Priory for South Africa of
The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem
The St. John Ambulance Association

Patron: The State President

This is to certify that

AMOD MUSA ADAMS

has passed an examination in

First Aid



Secretary of Centre JA

Issued at DURBAN on 21st March, 1967.

Registered No. 45672-23 Valid until 17th March, 1970.

S.P. 5.002/9131

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Naam: A M ADAMS

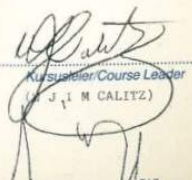
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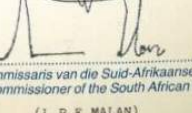
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voel deurloop het.

Duur van kursus: Vanaf 1987-03-05 tot 1987-03-23

Plek/Place SLAGBOOM

 KAPTAIN
Kursusleier/Course Leader
(W. J. M. CALITZ)

 LT-GENL.
Kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie
Commissioner of the South African Police
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Suid-Afrikaanse Politie South African Police

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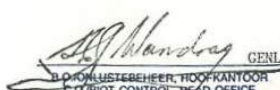
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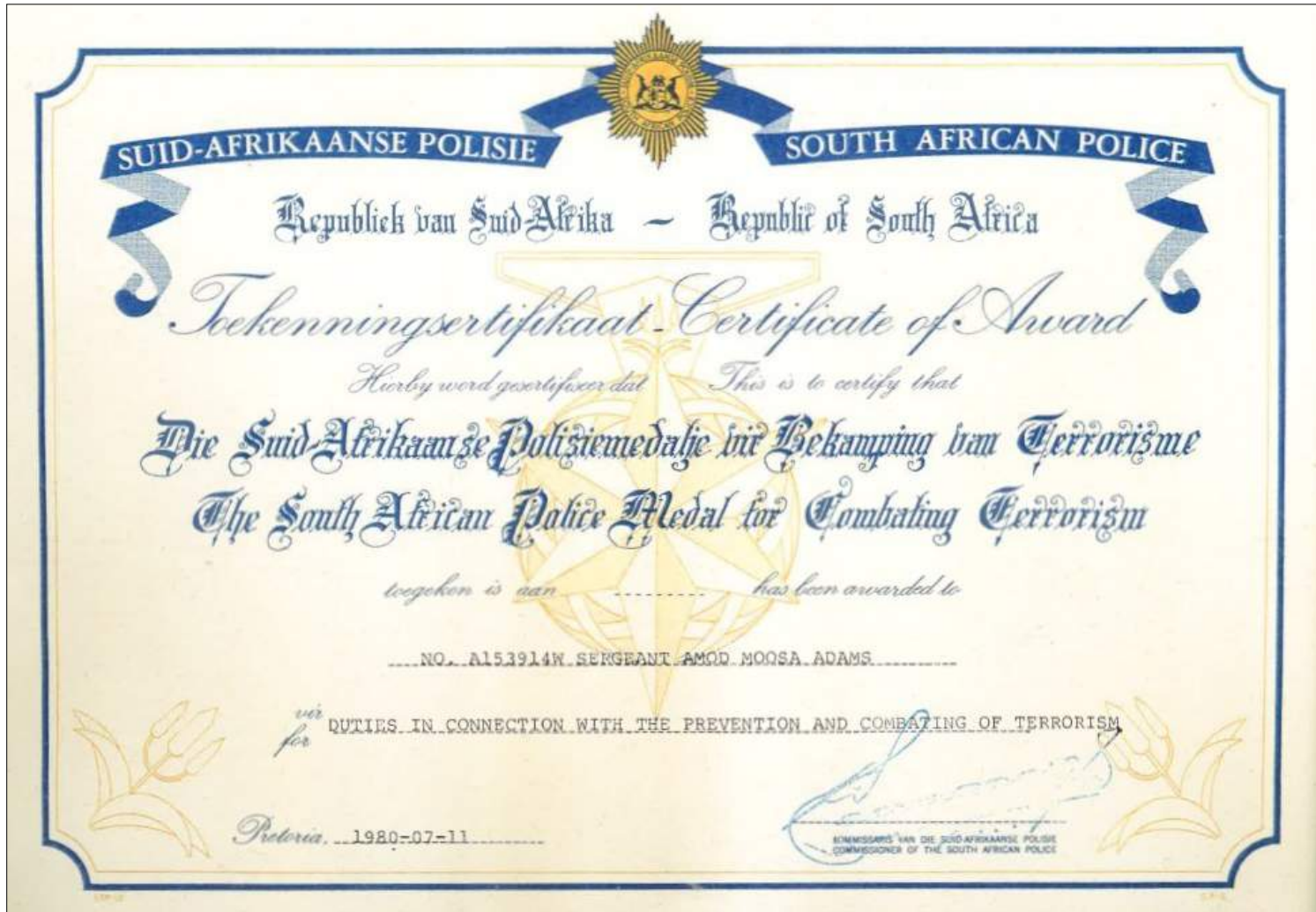
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at S.A.P. Maleoskop Training Centre

Gedateer/Dated 1987-10-04

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B.O. MALEOSKOP
C.O. MALEOSKOP

 GENL-MAJOOR
B.O. MALEOSKOP
C.O. MALEOSKOP
C/O RIOT CONTROL, HEAD OFFICE





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SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE

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TOEKENNINGCERTIFIKAAT

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

HIERBY WORD GESERTIFISEER DAT — THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

*Die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie
Vyf en Sewentig-jarige Gedenkmedalje*

*The South African Police
Seventy Fifth Anniversary Commemorative Medal*

TOEGEKEN IS AAN — HAS BEEN AWARDED TO

AT53914W WARRANT OFFICER AMOD MOOSA ADAMS



PRETORIA 1988-04-01

[Signature]
KOMMISSARIS VAN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIE
COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

TOEKENNINGCERTIFIKAAT

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

HIERBY WORD GESERTIFISEER DAT — THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

*Die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiester vir Troue Diens
The South African Police Star for Faithful Service*

TOEGEKEN IS AAN — HAS BEEN AWARDED TO

NR 0153914-1 LIEUTENANT AMOD MOOSA ADAMS

ON THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF AUGUST OF THE YEAR 1986

*Vir 20 Jaar Getroue Diens en Voorbeeldige Gedrag
For 20 Years Faithful Service and Exemplary Conduct*

PRETORIA 1996-04-30

[Signature]
MINISTER VIR VEILIGHEID EN SEKURITEIT
MINISTER OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

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CERTIFICATE SERGIFIKAAT
of van
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This is to certify that
Hiermee word gesertifiseer dat
AM ADAMS No _____
has successfully completed the Omega Group Leaders course
and is able to apply the techniques in group context.
die Omega-Groepieerkursus suksesvol deurloop het en in
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DORSITTER OMEGAKOMITEE

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Nr.: 0153914-1 Rang: Adjutant-Offisier
Naam: Amod M. Adams

die successfully completed the Junior Bevelvoederskursus vlak 2 (A/O)
Junior Commanders Course Level 2 (W/O)

aangebied deur Decentralized Training, NEWCASTLE sukses-
presented by Gedesentraliseerde Opleiding, NEWCASTLE

vol deurloop het.

Duur van kursus: Vanaf 1993-03-08 tot 1993-03-26
Duration of course: From

Plek/Place: NEWCASTLE

Kursusleier/Course Leader

Bevelvoerder/Commander Major

Kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie
Commissioner of the South African Police

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Nr.: 0153914-1 Rang: ADJUTANT-OFFISIER
Naam: AMOD MOOSA ADAMS
Naam: AMOD MOOSA ADAMS

die successfully completed the SPESIALE KURSUS VIR KANDIDAAT-OFFISIERS No 3/1995
SPECIAL CANDIDATE OFFICER'S COURSE No 3/1995

aangebied deur KOLLEGE VIR GEVORDERDE OPLEIDING, PAARL sukses-
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vol deurloop het.

Duur van kursus: Vanaf 1995-05-15 tot 1995-06-15
Duration of course: From

Plek/Place: PAARL

KOLONEL COLONEL
(G J N MARAIS)

KOLONEL COLONEL
Bevelvoerder/Commander
(J J STUMKÉ)

BRIGADIER
Kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie
Commissioner of the South African Police
(J A H SCHENCK)

Certificate of Commission
By the State President

To AMOD MOOSA ADAMS

Greetings!

I, reposing special trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage, and good conduct, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 3(1) of the Police Act, 1958 (Act 7 of 1958), appoint you as a commissioned officer in the South African Police as from the

1st day of July 1994

You shall therefore conscientiously and diligently discharge your duties in the rank which you now hold or in any higher rank to which I or my successors may from time to time hereafter be pleased to appoint or promote you, and you shall train and exercise the officers and other members of the Force under your command in all the functions of the South African Police and in the use of arms and do your utmost to promote efficiency, good order and discipline, and I do command that they shall obey you, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act, as their superior officer.

I further command that you shall observe such orders and directions as you may from time to time receive from me, acting as aforesaid, or from any of your superiors in accordance with the aforesaid Act and any Regulations and Standing Orders issued under the said Act and all other Acts, Regulations and Orders applicable to the South African Police.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at
PRETORIA

this 15th day of June 1995

State President

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:
Minister of the Cabinet

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This document serves to confirm that

0153914-1 CAPT A M ADAMS

has successfully completed the

CRIME ADMINISTRATION COURSE

presented by Decentralised Training, Newcastle

between 96-03-25 and 96-03-29

D B Ndlovu
INSPECTOR
COURSE LEADER 0614630-9
D B NDLOVU

B. Thevenau
CAPTAIN
COMMANDER : TRAINING
B. THEVENAU



INDEPENDENT MEDIATION SERVICE OF SOUTH AFRICA

This is to Certify that

A M Adams

*participated in and completed
the IMSSA*

Conflict Management Skills Course

held over a period of 16 hours

August in *1999*
Month Year

[Signature]
National Director

[Signature]
Trainer



*Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens
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Republic of South Africa*

Hiermee word gesertifiseer dat die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens Amalgamasiemedalje

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toegeken is aan / has been awarded to

No 015391-4 Captain

A M Adams

2001-04-11

Pretoria

[Signature]
f/ Nasionale Kommissaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens
National Commissioner of the South African Police Service
M L KHANYILE

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NAWOORD | AFTERWORD

Dear Reader

Reading about the exploits of Capt. Adams I felt so **proud of the police** of which we both were members.

What a nice memorial to Capt. Adams!

The activities of Capt. Adams mentioned here, in this Special Nongqai, which was written up by Col **Logan Govender** (photo below), is generally a feather in the cap of the police but with hindsight also feathers in the caps of both the Good Colonel and Good Captain. They did the police proud!

There is not much published on the role of Indian and/or other races in the police. To try and fill the void Nongqai has published one Nongqai with special reference to the history of Black policemen in South Africa.

On Indian members we found the following PhD: **THE ROLE OF INDIAN POLICEMEN IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE FORCE** by Edward Emmanuel Poodhun, *Submitted in part fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in the Department of Criminology, in the Faculty of Arts of the University of Durban-Westville*, Professor RR Graser, Head: Department of Criminology, University of Durban-Westville. We know that the late Col Pillai also played a large part behind the scene in the research of this doctoral thesis.

Col Logan Govender has been our special correspondent for quite a number of years and he is slowly but surely helping to build a picture of the role Indians played in the SAP/SAPS.

We invite “police” people of all races to come forward and to share with us their photographs, anecdotes, experiences and press cuttings regarding the history of the police in South Africa.

“Women Police 50”

Next year our ladies who joined the police will have joined 50 years ago—a half a century of service to the people of South Africa.

We have a large void when it comes to the ser-



vice of ladies in the SA Police, SAR Police, and the police forces of the TVBC and National States. We need the history of those lady pioneers in the police!

Once again a special word of thanks to Col Logan Govender for his interest and research into police history generally!

Finally a word thanks to Frans Bedford Visser for his excellent contribution regarding the graphic art.

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