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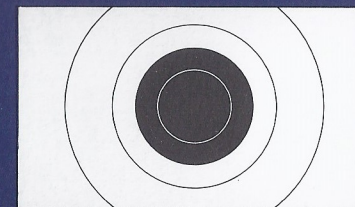
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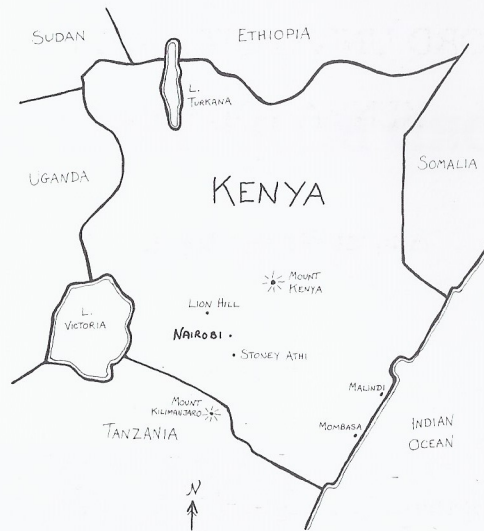
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OXFORD BLUES RIFLE TEAM

KENYA



1981



Sketch Map of Kenya



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OXFORD UNIVERSITY RIFLE CLUB

KENYA TOUR 1981

August 4th — August 27th



Tour Captain.....C. L. WILKS
 Tour ManagerG. D. JONES
 Tour AdjutantP. E. F. BEST



SHOOTING PROGRAMME

STONEY ATHI	7·62 Club Competition & Practice	August	9
NAIROBI	·22 Rifle & Pistol Practice	August	10
NAIROBI	·22 Rifle Match vs. K.R.R.C	August	11
LION HILL	7·62 Practice	August	13
LION HILL	MATCH vs KENYA RIFLE ASSOCIATION	AUGUST	16
NAIROBI	300m Prone I.S.U. vs. Kenya Clubs	August	23

INTRODUCTION

The history of Oxford University Rifle Club begins in the 1850's, when the University Volunteers (now the Officers Training Corps) came into being, and it became possible for members of the University to practice marksmanship. In June 1859 the Prince of Wales inspected the new Corps on Cowley Marsh, just outside Oxford, and a volley of shots was fired in his honour. Shortly after the foundation of the Club, the regular matches against Cambridge began: The Chancellors Cup (shot at 300, 500 and 600 yards) was first shot in 1862, and the Humphry (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards) in 1880.

The Club has altered considerably since those muzzle loading days. We are now no longer part of the Officers Training Corps and in 1978 we separated from the Pistol Club. We have a total membership of about 80 in the Club, and the teams are selected from the twenty or so most enthusiastic members. Although .22 shooting is popular, many regard it as winter practice for the summer full-bore season which culminates in the Summer Bisley meeting. There is increasing interest in disciplines other than prone shooting, which is reflected in our increasing success in three-positional .22 matches.

Why the 'Blues' rifle team? The Blue is traditionally awarded only at Oxford and Cambridge as the ultimate recognition of ability in a sport, and an Oxford Blue can only be achieved by the individual who represents the University in the annual match against Cambridge. Major and minor sports are divided into Full-Blue and Half-Blue status respectively, and the distinctive blazers worn by the Blues Rifle Team are the standard Half-Blue blazer.

Due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the Officers of Oxford University Rifle Club in the last few years, the club has improved enormously in standard. Several of the members of our team shoot at an International level, and at last we have regained precedence over Cambridge in our annual matches. This Tour represents the culmination of a successful year's shooting, and we are greatly looking forward to meeting the Kenyan teams.

THE TEAM MEMBERS



Gary Jones: 39. Tour Manager. Hutchins, Tasmania and Linacre College (M.Sc. in Education). Shot for Kenya Rifle Association. Headmaster of the Imani School, Thika. Conceived and planned the Tour. Interests: Karate; whisky. Home Town: Hobart, Tasmania.



Carey Wilks: 21. Team Captain. Malvern and Lincoln College (B.A. Hons. Engineering Science). Serving Officer in the Royal Engineers. Interests: Country sports, farming, rowing. Home Town: Horsham, West Sussex.



Philip Best: 21. Team Adjutant. Wellington and St. Johns College (History). Captain-Elect. Interests: Country sports, skiing. Home Town: Petersfield, Hampshire.



Edward Paine: 20. Treasurer. Marlborough and Merton College (Agriculture). Concert trumpeter. Interests: farming, skiing, music. Home Town: Watlington, Oxfordshire.



John Webster: 24. Publicity Officer. Uppingham and Oriel College (B.A. Hons. Classics, Management Studies). Ex-President, Vincents Club. Member of Great Britain Goodwill Rifle Team to Zimbabwe, April 1981. Full Blue in Rugby. Interests: Rugby, rowing, fishing. Home Town: Ashby-de-la-Zouche, Leicestershire.



John Watson: 26. Medical Officer. Sydney Grammar, Sydney University and Magdalen College (D. Phil. Physiology). Rhodes Scholar. Interests: Sailing. Home Town: Sydney (Australia).



Michael Baillie-Hamilton: 22. Team Armourer. Wellington and Christ Church (B.A. Hons. Engineering Science). Selected for Scottish Rifle Association Canada Tour, Sept. '81. Interests: Country sports, pistol shooting (Half Blue), rowing. Home Town: Callander, Perthshire.



Charles Cunningham: 26. Bradfield and Magdalen College (M.A. Hons. Engineering Science). Represented Great Britain in Goodwill Rifle Team to Zimbabwe, April 1981. Interests: Skiing, home brewing. Home Town: Swindon, Wiltshire.

Michael Purchase: 21. Framlingham and Trinity College (Metallurgy, Economics and Management). Interests: None. Home Town: Ipswich, Suffolk.



Andrew Ferry: 20. Tonbridge and Worcester College (B.A. Hons. Engineering Science). Interests: Stage Production. Home Town: Tonbridge, Kent.

Peter Astell-Burt: 22. Radley and Christ Church (B.A. Hons. Chemistry). Interests: Motorbikes, engines and drag racing. Home Town: Shepton Mallet, Somerset.



Mark Dickinson: 21. Wolfreton and The Queens College (Physics). Interests: Squash, rowing, rock climbing. Home Town: Hull, East Yorkshire.

Paul Baxter: 20. St. John's, Leatherhead and Pembroke College (History). Interests: Rowing (cox), gliding, climbing. Home Town: Dorking, Surrey.



Paul Farbon: 20. The Leys, Cambridge and Keble College (Agriculture). Interests: Farming. Home Town: St. Ives, Huntingdonshire.

Jane Prior-Willeard: 22. Benenden and Lady Margaret Hall (B.A. Hons. English). Interests: Riding (Half-Blue), pistol shooting (Half-Blue), modern pentathlon (Half-Blue), polo, country sports. Home Town: Edenbridge, Kent.



KENYAN SHOOTING

Target shooting is an elder statesman in Kenya's sporting life. Now, more than 50 years old, the Kenya Rifle Association continues to encourage all forms of the sport into the 1980's. In past years, shotgunners, pistolers and riflemen have represented their country in Commonwealth and Olympic Games, world championships and many other international events, including the annual U.K. Bisley meetings. Followers of the sport are blessed with an ideal climate which permits activities the whole year round at venues ranging from the highlands of Endebess and Nakuru to the shores of Mombasa and Malindi. Most clubs are proud of their versatility and their members are usually competent in more than one discipline. In addition, the clubs have another source of pride which is to be found in the multi-racial nature of membership. Africans, Asians and Europeans shoot shoulder to shoulder in a sport which enjoys a refreshing blend of cultural mix and racial harmony.

The Oxford University team is another link in the international chain of contacts that Kenya's shooters have forged over the years. Conscious of the fact that visiting teams from Great Britain and Canada, in recent years, have experienced top-class competition, the Oxford 'Blues' contingent is a strong one. Some of its members have not only represented their University but also various county and international teams.

The teams look forward to the demanding competition, and to forming friendships in a country respected for its shooting expertise and warmth of hospitality.

Gary Jones.

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