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FROM THE EDITOR VAN DIE REDAKTEUR

This issue is all about Treasure Hunting parents hunting with their children. December is a family month, where everyone enjoys their holiday together. When January comes, it is all about me and myself. Every one moves in their own direction. That is the best time to then spend time together as a family, Treasure Hunting together. There is no app for this to learn your kids to Treasure Hunt in this modern world. In everyone, a sense of adventure is instilled and Treasure Hunting is the best way to bring out the kid in us. I didn't like History in school and today I can't get enough of it. The best way to teach your kid about history is to live it and search for it. Even the exercise will do well for them! Walk in the park, dump dig, get dirty together and enjoy History on a practical way. So get that kid away from TV games , ipads etc and enjoy the outing and nature!

The " General "

Lukas van der Merwe



Alles omtrent die familie

wat saam skattejag. Dit is die hoogte punt van hierdie uitgawe van " Treasure Talk SA " tydskrif .Dit is baie goed om te sien dat in die

nuwe era waar Pa's en Ma's saam grou , ook die kinders betrokke is . Ek onthou toe my kinders saam gegrou het veral op die strande waar dit baie sag was. Marnus en Wiehan het hulle eie verklikkers gehad . In die aande as die vakansie gangers van die strand af is het ons altyd die strande besoek. Elkeen het ook sy eie rigting ingegaan , want pa was mos nooit op dir regte plek waar die vakansiegangers gesit het nie. Altyd so met n arends oog dop gehou. So nou en dan het my eie gedagtes loop gegaan. Dan was een van die twee net weg. Al wat jy sien was net n verklikker wat

daar alleen op die strand le. As jy vir die een vra waar die ander een is het hy net gese dat hy n R5 uitgehaal het en gaan lekkers koop , en hy soek ook nou sy eie R5 om die selfde te doen. Die parkies en slagvelde het hulle meer gespeel as gegrawe omdat dit te hard was. Nou is dit die klein kinders wat dit meer geniet. Jayden het ook sy eie kas in die museum waar sy vondse uitgestal word. Beste klas kamer is maar die natuur. Geniet dit saam met die kinders in die veld....meer werd as al die skatte in die wereld

Die " Generaal "

Lukas van der Merwe





Eastern Cape Road Trip

Gary Rieck - Simon Morris - Danny Cassem - Mark Coetzee



2 015 Has basically come to an end, with a few days left it will soon be 2016 Gary Rieck Simon Morris Danny Cassem Mark Coetzee (and that is another story) because after the old year's eve celebrations I am sure that more thing will be able to be found from various places where some people end up drunk and lose things on the beaches and ground.

MONEY MONEY EVERY-WHERE.....coins

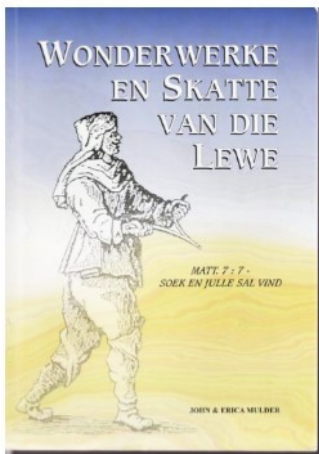
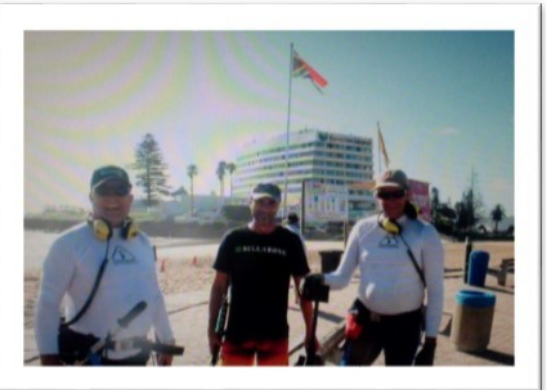
As some of you may know.....? Gary Rieck and myself (Simon Morris

went on a joint hunting trip down to Port Elizabeth, Danny Cassem joined us as well and Mark Coetzee.



We visited various beaches around Port Elizabeth as well as we took a drive down to Plett and on the way back we stopped off briefly at Jeffreys Bay.

Not looking for any excuses or anything like that (some of you ladies and guys may disagree) but the beaches did seem rather sanded up and it seems that people are now more careful about wearing rings and chains on their bodies and fingers, just think for yourself, you know as a hunter that things get lost at the beaches.



Down in Plett we met up with John and his wife Erica and we shared coffee and had a great chat with John.

John told us many tales of his finds from over the years, each of us got a very nice book that he and his wife Erica wrote, it is called as follows.

by John & Erica Mulder.

Just to give you all an idea of what they wrote in their book, I am sure that many of you have been asked these same questions by children and grown Ups while you are hunting the beaches.

1. what are you catching?
2. soek jy mossels?
3. is it safe to cross here?

Anyway it was soon to be on our way and we headed back towards Port Elizabeth, stopping off briefly along the way at Jeffrey's Bay.





I must just mention that we did meet up with Henry Clapton on Kings Beach, he has along with him a new design on his new and latest scoop, it sure had some very interesting details about it, but I will leave Henry to share this info with you all.

We decided to cut our trip in PE short and headed back towards East London also stopping off at Port Alfred along the way for an afternoon of hunting.

Our trip up to Durban did not go too well, I had to cut it short for various reasons, however mainly because my friend (God Father) is ill back in Queenstown. But all that I must say is that I have no idea how people live in Durban during summer, the heat and sticky hot air is not for me, yes working in an air con environment, having air cons at home or driving a vehicle might make things easier.

Briefly we visited Msintoti (sp) beaches, then ventured to Casino Beach, North Beach and walked the whole front beaches from one end to the other.

We also took a trip up to Balito Bay.

And then left at 2h30 am this morning and headed back towards East London, our other good friend Willie joined us to Durban as well, Willie also uses an Excalibur 2 machine.

All in all, Gary Rieck as shown in some of the photo's looked very relaxed and we did have some fun, however we will be back again in the new year, but I am NOT interested in going back to Durban again.



Wishing you all the best for 2016 and keep safe.



Treasures in the Headlines

BREAKING NEWS

Cannon dug up in central Cape Town

Digging operations along Orange Street in central Cape Town were brought to an unexpected halt on Tuesday, 3 September when Council workers found a cannon that lay buried in the path of the trench that was being dug to install electrical cables. The cannon was found at the corner of Orange Street and Grey's Pass outside the 15 on Orange hotel . The unexpected discovery has drawn the attention of history buffs from far and wide, and further information regarding the origin of the cannon is being sought.

On Sunday, 9 September the City's [Environmental and Heritage Management Branch](#) obtained a permit to move the cannon on behalf of the Electricity Department from Heritage Western Cape.

The City's archaeologist, Harriet Clift, supervised the transfer from Orange Street to a storage site in the Company's Garden.



The [Electricity Department's](#) Ndabeni team ably assisted with the move and the relocation was completed in a matter of minutes. The cannon will soon be sent for cleaning and further examination.

An initial assessment was conducted by Gerry De Vries, the chairman of the Cannon Association of South Africa.

"It is definitely a Swedish cast gun, probably at Finspang foundry, for either the VOC or the Amsterdam Admiralty. From its size, it looks to be a 12- or 18-pounder," says De Vries.

"There was no gun battery near Orange Street. The reason that the cannon was found there is most likely that when it became obsolete it was erected vertically on the street corner as a bollard to prevent ox wagons from cutting corners and scattering pedestrians," he said.

De Vries estimates that the cannon was cast around 1750 and was most likely used to defend the coastal areas of Cape Town. Additional confirmation is being sought that the cannon was, in fact, used as described above. Clift is leading the hunt for old photographs of the corner of Orange Street and Grey's Pass which may show the 'cannon as bollard'.

"A map of Cape Town dating to 1862 shows a wall or fence with what may be bollards equally spaced along the Orange Street extent. It is tempting to assume that our cannon is one of those, but we still need to find more evidence," says Clift.

Members of the public are invited to assist with this search if they have any old photos which are of relevance.

The City's Heritage Department is considering a proposal to install the cannon as part of the new tea garden play area located in the Company's Garden as a touch display for younger children. An interpretive display with additional information is also envisioned. There are a number of other cannons on display within the Garden precinct and the adjacent Government Avenue.



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Me my daughter and my Safari:



I try when ever I can to safely take my Abigail (daughter) with me treasure hunting. I am trying to instill interest in history from a young age. I hope that, in the future, each artifact is an opportunity for us to share a teachable moment. "Learn while we play"

She will learn that each artifact not only tells a story about a time or place in history, but the hobby can teach Abigail about the importance of picking up trash and cleaning up the environment. The Earth belongs to our children, so it is important to instill a sense of pride in the environment and each do our part to clean up any trash that we dig or find.

I hope she will learn how to respect nature, both flora and fauna. One thing is for sure, you aren't going to see any fish in a stream or any bucks in the bush while sitting on the couch! Recently on a hunt I spotted a Zebras grazing in the bush. It was amazing and reminded me how lucky I am.

Metal detecting is also great exercise, something that seems less important to this generation of youngsters than playing 3 hours on the XYZPLAYBOX game system. As parents or role models, we all have an obligation to our children to see that they get the exercise they need in an effort to help combat child obesity. Taking a kid metal detecting is a great way to spend some quality time with our children while burning a few calories along the way. We'll all benefit from it in the long run!



Michael and son Collin



I spent the last two days with my little boy. So i took him out to a site close to my house for quick hunt. It was the old Krugersdorp concentration camp site. We had a really great time out. He loves using the pin pointer. Helps my find my objects. Collin Johansen is now four years old. We found plenty .303 and Martini Henry rounds and small objects alike. I'm sure he will become a future detectorist in this country.

Thanks for reading.

Michael.Johansen.





Kobus and Marnaud



Born and raised in De Aar makes me a child of the Karoo. The Karoo has its own way of talking to you. I have a love for history and a lot of sentiment for any artefacts of the past. Doing a little bit of research in the history of my area assist me a lot in discovering new terrain connected to the Anglo Boer War which was not known before. In this way we can protect these areas and preserve certain artefacts which would have got in wrong hands or being destroyed. I had at first a great passion for collecting "old bottles" from old dump sites but do not consider me as an organized "professional collector". I just love an old bottle and try to determine its history and how it ends up there.

My passion for metal detecting started only 3 years ago when the "General" contacted me to assist the Historic Metal Detecting Group regarding history of Deelfontein, Northern Cape where the once Imperial Yeomanry Hospital was situated during the Anglo Boer War. The site was part of the programme of the 2013 Annual Hunt and my part was basic to provide them with the lay-out of the site as I did some research on the Deelfontein history. I spend the last 2/3 days of the Hunt with them at Deelfontein and was immediate hooked to this hobby. The passion of these enthusiastic detectors was seen all over their faces. It was here where I received my first detector as gift from these wonderful people and the rest is history.

The saying "like father like son" is true. My son, Marnaud, also known as "Mouse" (his school name at Marlow Agricultural School in Cradock) joined me ever since I got involved. Today my 14 year old "man" excelled in this hobby with me. His interest in History, especially the Anglo Boer War, his love for collecting antique bottles and metal detecting is standing out. As father I can be thankful, knowing that he will preserve our heritage and that my collections will be in good hands one day. Due to the fact that he most of the time in hostel, there is not always so much time to hunt together. But be aware when he arrives. "Dad, are the things packed, where we going to go this weekend". From water/food supplies and the digging equipment even driving of is his baby. Dad just has to jump or stay behind. I managed to get him his own MD during December 2015 but he is already talking about an upgrade. It is one hobby where dad and son can spend quality time together out in nature, where you get enough physical exercise, and discover history the same time. What more do you need?



His other interest is playing chess, rugby and silhouette shooting for his school and collecting model cars.



Sean and Daughter



Hi there

This is me and my little digger where we were hunting Cape town beaches. We found a lot of treasures (coins and a part of a necklace) which my daughter treasured for weeks.

Every time we go to the beach she wants to go treasure hunting. I'm teaching her well.

Kind regards,
Sean van der Merwe



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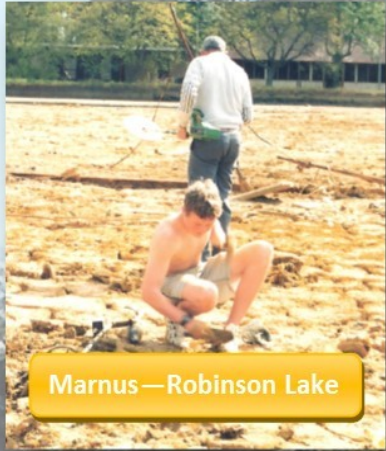
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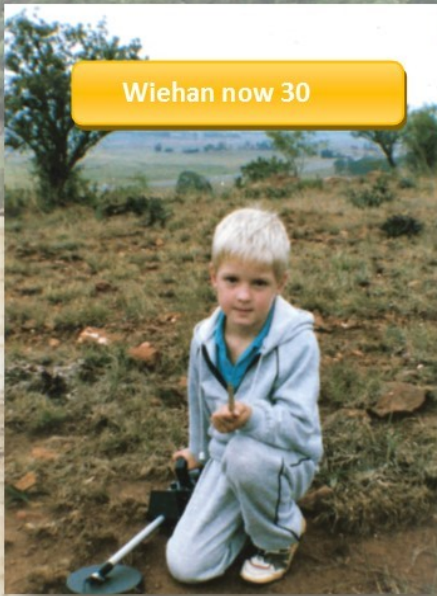
" The General " and my kids



Marnus now 32



Marnus—Robinson Lake



Wiehan now 30



Gold Panning Easter Transvaal



Wiehan (Red Shirt)

Jayden - Marnus's son - Enjoy Treasure Hunting with " Oupa "



Alan Wright



One of the joys of life is that we all have something that we are going to do one day, but never get round to doing. Well today I forced myself to sit down and do one of those things: write an article to support Oom Lukas's Treasure Talk SA. Truth be told, I still haven't gotten round to organising payment for my own Treasure Talk SA, hopefully I will get round to that soon as well.

Growing up near the sea, surfing and diving and living on the beach was as normal as learning to ride a bike. As a young teenager I spent many of my holidays pushing an ice-cream trolley up and down the beach at Strand and it didn't take me long to work out that sometimes I could make more money on a windy day with no one on the beach but me, sand in my eyes and the odd glint of gold as the wind stripped the beach. So as soon as I had an opportunity to buy a metal detector and against all advice from friends and family, I invested my university savings in a Whites Surfmaster II.

Looking back over the years swinging an entry level VLF detector was one of my best investments ever. Without the bells and whistles of the detectors of the day, I had to learn how to read water and sand conditions to give me the extra few inches to get to the gold I knew was there. Slowly I started working out what happened when the wind blow this way or that. What would be happening across the bay when sea grass started washing up on this side. How to work with a rip and not against it. And as I slowly started putting together the bits and pieces and my ring totals started climbing, a hobby within my love for metal detecting started to develop – stones. Not just any stones I started to develop an interest in diamonds.

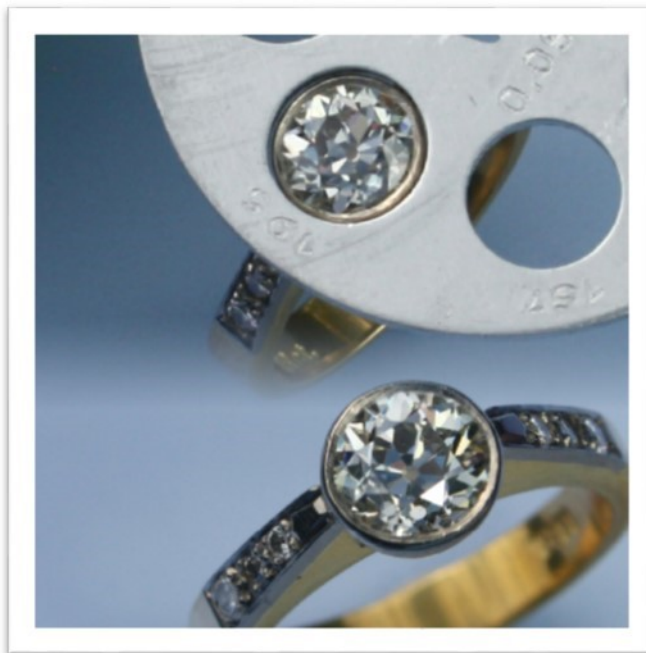
Back then it was simple, coins were for petrol to get to the beach to surf – if the beach wasn't giving R40 per hour in coins I would move on. Gold was for studies – and after a good surf I would spend a few hours working the water for a ring or two. And stones were mine. Silver still puzzles me to this day and became something I put in a box.

And so started a new learning process –

the floor in a bank. Over the years I have found that "rich beaches" have nice finds, but didn't really have what I was looking for. As I developed friendships with jewelers that I took my finds to for their input and advice, rings also took on a different meaning. Like anything they need maintenance and a ring sized for your finger ten years ago may need sizing to keep it on your finger. Those lucky few that buy rings

often know this and they maintain their rings. For the rest of us, we save up for that one ring that is going to change our life forever, pop it on her finger and it ends there.

While detecting for petrol money in those early days, I often found myself on beaches which were seen as family beaches. There were baskets, buckets and kids everywhere. Attached to almost every kid was a mom or dad. Most times the mom or dad was having more fun than the kid. They had driven miles to get to the beach and come hell or high water they were going swimming



were and how do you get good rings that have a better chance of having diamonds?

Over the years three common factors stood out with good finds:

1. **You need a beach where they can afford the ring but cannot afford to make it fit.**
2. **You need a family beach.**
3. **Old gold.**

When you mention metal detecting to most people, the first thing that they say to you (if you come from Cape Town) is you should detect at Clifton. There is a reason why people have big houses above Clifton, they value money. You often find money lying on the floor in shopping malls, I have never seen money lying on

and the kid was going to enjoy the sea as much as they were. The end result was a kid hanging on the arm of the parent, desperately trying to climb up the arm and out of the cold water. With each wave there is a flurry of arms and legs, kids upside-down and mom trying desperately to retain her dignity, as the only thing that is not greased up with suntan lotion is her bikini and the kid has worked out that it is easier to hang onto the bikini than her greased arm. By the time this is all finished and the mom works out that both of them are not having any fun, she is walking over to me to ask me to come find her ring. I would ask how she lost it and she would reply she bent down to pick up the kid and it was gone.



As the first two pieces of the puzzle started coming together, – they brought the ring and couldn't afford to make it fit and – now playing with the kid in the water it's gone. I started to find more rings and with them more stones. But as my interest in stones grew and I spent hours reading up about different types of stones, what makes one stone more valuable than the next, I also started looking for where to find better quality stones. Sterns have lots of shiny rings, but when you find a Sterns ring, you know it by the weight of the ring – there is lots of gold where you can see it and lots of space where you cannot. With most cast rings comes a nice shiny CZ. By this time my studies were paid for and petrol money came at the end of the month in the form of a pay cheque. I had also started putting one more piece of the puzzle together. Old gold. Back when a ring was handmade and people could afford quality stones, they also went to the beach and there were family beaches. As I got to know the different beaches, I also started finding evidence of where people used to swim. And this is when I also realize how lucky I was that all I could afford was a Surfmaster II. Because putting together all the pieces, my old gold finds started improving and with that

the quality of the stones I was finding.

I still have my Surfmaster II, although I now use a Sea Hunter, but some of my best finds were made with a bit of patients, a handful of luck and my Surfmaster II. Each beach has it's story and each beach as a beach bum that has his or her own version of the story.

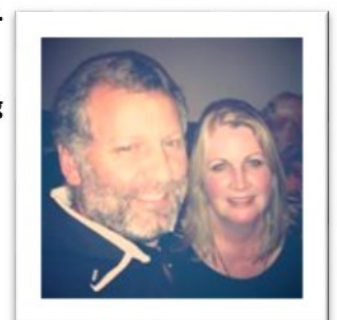
Often these stories are the final clue in the search for that one piece of old gold. One such piece took me over a year and a half to find and I took out over 40 rings from the area before I took out what may have been the ring in the story. To date it is still the one find that I miss the most, but as a newlywed selling a 3ct fancy yellow ring made a big difference. It had two 1.5ct stones, a VVS and SI1 and I still remember how they lit up the roof of my car on the way back from the beach.

Although my detecting has changed a lot over the years and each day I learn a bit more about just how little I actually know about the sea, the wind and the waves. From time to time I do recognize the odd wave and remember the feel of that wind and when the puzzle pieces start to fit together, the sea gives you one or two of her treasures which only she knows how long she has hidden. This last year I have had the privilege of sharing many hours in the water with good friends who have also fallen in love with the hunt for old gold. This year the sea also gave up one of her treasures that closed the year off on a high for me. It is an 18ct ring with a cushion cut diamond. I took it to a friend of mine who is a goldsmith and gemmologist for him to take a

look and his advice on the stone. A cushion cut is an old style cut which has been used for almost 200 years and was the most popular diamond shape about 100 years ago. It was an improvement on the old mine cut which was a square cut, while the cushion cut is round. Due to the high table of the cut, the stone is very "open" and clear. My gemmologist friend looked a bit puzzled each time he lifted his head away from the loop he was using. "I can't see any inclusions" I asked him what colour he thought it was, his response helped me understand the puzzled look better. "I or higher" Working out the exact size of the stone will need to have the stone taken out the setting, but measuring it up it comes in at the 1.5ct range, possibly bigger as current calculations use the brilliant cut dimensions and the cushion cut has a higher table and the pavilion is deeper. My friend said that without using a microscope, he would not be able to say for certain that it was flawless and referred me to one of the leading gemmologists in Cape Town who specialises on old stones.

The beauty of this ring is it fits the wife, this also may be the challenge of knowing the real size of the stone as it may not come out the setting for a while. So not much has changed: the gold now goes to the son's education, the coins into the car for the car guards at the mall and the stones are mine, although I may let the wife look after this one from time to time.

Happy Hunting
Alan





Treasures in the Headlines

BREAKING NEWS



New home for Leeds' Anglo Saxon gold...



A spectacular hoard of Anglo Saxon gold unearthed by a metal detectorist in a Leeds field will take pride of place in a new digital exhibition at Leeds City Museum this week. The gold will be housed in new bespoke cases and mounts, with new interpretation panels and a touchscreen display that will allow visitors to examine the pieces in 3D.

Until now, the exact location of the incredible find has remained a closely guarded secret. But for the first time ever, the museum will also be able to reveal whereabouts in Leeds the discovery was made when the exhibition launches on November 10. <http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/latest-news/top-stories/new-home-for-leeds-anglo-saxon-gold-1-7557725#axzz3qnRlsFxx>



STILBAAI NUUS - Roy Marlow, plaaslike inwoner wat as 'n stokperdjie verlore skatte op die strand met sy metaalverklikker soek het onlangs twee ou tiekie-munte opgediep.

Die eienaar van die ou Stilbaai Tiekieboot het passasiers glo pennies gevra om op dié boot 'n plek te kry. Marlow het sy ontdekking op 'n Facebook-groep gedeel en dadelik lede se nuuskierigheid geprikkel.

Daar is gou vasgestel dat dit nie skaars munte is nie, maar dateer hul wel uit 1936. Hy noem dat hy by 'n vorige geleentheid wel 'n paar ou tokies by die Tiekieboot se ou staanplek gekry het.

Volgens die gesprek is 'n 1936 tiekie in goeie toestand R2 500 werd. In 1936 was daar 1 818 843 pennies gemunt waarvan slegs 40 proefmunte was en indien so 'n munt gesirkuleer was, is dit glo niks werd nie. Die 1931 tiekie en 1939 sjieling en sikspens is glo van die skaarste munte en kan elk ongeveer R20 000 werd wees.

Daar is slegs 128 van die 1931 tiekie gemunt en van beide die 1939 sikspens en sjieling was slegs 30 gemunt as proefstelle.

Marlow stel egter nie belang om sy vonds te verkoop nie. "Vir my gaan dit eerder oor die wonderlike gevoel wat ek kry as ek 'n stukkie geskiedenis kan red en in my hand kan hou."



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MEGA COIN SQUAD

Fauna and Flora in the Anglo Boer War

By Darren Epstein



In order to supply their vast army, Britain had to source supplies from around the globe. Animals were an important part of the logistics for the Boer War, drawn from across the British Empire as well as Europe and the Americas.

360,000 horses out of a total of 519,000, had to be shipped into South Africa.

106,000 mules and

donkeys out of a total of 151,000 were also brought into the region for the war.

Having to feed the horses was a daunting task and Britain had to look across the Atlantic Ocean to find a good supply. Fodder was shipped in by the tons from Argentina, Mexico and British Colonies.

Within this fodder, mainly from Argentina and Mexico, were the seeds of weeds and flowers that have become the ever-present aliens of our land. Other small hitchhikers were also brought along in this fodder such as insects.

Plant species such as Khakibos (*Tagetes minuta*), Common Blackjack (*Bidens pilosa*), Cosmos flowers (*Cosmos bipinnatus*) and Paspalum amongst others can be seen growing in profusion especially along roads and near old battle fields. We have become so used to the sight of these plants in South Africa that we seldom even think about whether or not they belong here.

Imagine if one could go back in time to track the paths these plants took root in first and compare these with the movement of the troops as the

seeds of these plants initially established themselves in the areas that saw action during the War.

Khakibos, otherwise known as Mexican Marigold, is particularly interesting given the above context. Its common name derives from the khaki uniforms the British troops wore during the Anglo-Boer War – in sharp contrast to the traditional red and white uniforms worn during the earlier Anglo-Transvaal War (1880-1881) – which gave rise to them being dubbed 'Khakis' by the Boers.

Despite being invasive alien plants, they have been put to good use over time. Khakibos has long been used as a tick and flea repellent. These days it forms an important ingredient in many pet shampoos and other products, for example. It is thus actually cultivated in order to extract essential oils by means of steam distillation. Blackjacks are also cultivated in



parts of this country as a nutritious food crop

For a metal detectorist in South Africa, one would agree that that Khakibos and Blackjacks come from a special place in hell (Blackjacks in particular), pricking your nether-regions and causing a constant and sometimes painful annoyance.

A more destructive alien that resulted from the War were the fodder hitchhikers- the Argentinian Black Ant.

Alien Legacy of the Anglo-Boer War
The Anglo-Boer War changed South Africa forever. One of the resulting unwanted legacies was our country's invasion of aliens. Our country has been overrun by these unwanted visitors ever since the War..

Now before you calling the Men in Black, I must clarify that I do not mean actual extra-terrestrial beings but plants and animals.

The War was the first major clash of the 20th century. When the fighting began in October 1899, the British confidently expected their troops to victoriously conclude the conflict by Christmas. But this actually proved to be the longest, costliest, bloodiest and most humiliating war fought by Britain between 1815 and 1914. Even though the military forces mobilized in South Africa by the world's greatest imperial power outnumbered the Boer fighters by nearly five to one, they required almost three years to completely subdue the tough pioneer people of fewer than half a million. Britain deployed some 336,000 imperial and 83,000 colonial troops -- or 448,000 altogether. Of this force, 22,000 found a grave in South Africa, 14,000 of them succumbing to sickness.





The Argentine ant is the most widespread ant species in South Africa. It arrived during the War with horse fodder from Argentina. It has since successfully established in six of South Africa's nine provinces. Argentine ants mostly invade urban and agricultural land, but can also spread into natural environments. Their aggressiveness coupled with their large numbers, can reduce the abundance and diversity of other non-ant ground-living invertebrate species and other small mammals, reptiles and bird.

The ants are particularly destructive in the fynbos region of the Cape. Argentine ants displace important seed-dispersing ants through competition for food and nesting space, only moving smaller seeds shorter distances, and they do not bury them underground. Argentine ants rob nectar from proteas, and compete with honeybees for this resource, and also aggressively drive other flower-visiting pollinators from the flowers.

In this way, they may threaten the survival of some protea species that are a key feature of this biodiversity hotspot.

The cost of eradicating these aliens is insurmountable. The best efforts of conservationists to stop the spread of these species has had minimal success. It is fair to say that these aliens have



successfully "colonised" our land and will always be a constant reminder of the tragic events that happened in the country.

In agricultural systems, Argentine ants are economic pests. They help aphids and scale insects to survive and grow, leading to outbreaks of these pest species on crop plants, especially fruit trees. Aphids and scale insects can reduce plant fitness and fruit quality, as well as spread disease. Furthermore, Argentine ants can directly damage soft fruits. These damages can translate to millions of Rand in costs.

The Ant Invasion

Linepithema humile - Argentine ant

At the end of the 19th century, a small band of ants from a South American river valley stowed away in the ballast of a ship bound for the United States. They were nomads with no permanent nests, fighting on the run. They quickly spread across the South, dominating native species and devastating local agriculture. Today their empire is global.

Tapping antennae off the chemical signals that distinguish friend and foe

Allies	Enemies
Agricultural Pests Argentine ants "farm" aphids and scale insects for the nectar they produce. They protect these pests from predators, leaving them free to destroy crops.	Native Arthropods The invaders attack other ants on contact and destroy their colonies. Honey bees and beetles are also targets. Their displacement by the advancing horde has upset native ecosystems.
Humans Lawn sprinklers and farm irrigation create the perfect habitat for Argentine ants. Our infrastructure speeds their spread and our food fuels their conquest.	Horned Lizard The horned lizard of coastal California normally subsists on docile native ants. When these ants are replaced by voracious Argentinians who bite back, horned lizards starve.
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The Global Empire

They stowed away in soil used for ballast on cargo ships

Argentine ants came from the nexus of two rivers - the Parana and the Uruguay - located near the borders of Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil

Scientists think the ants jumped from the American South to California by riding the rail.

The first Argentine ants in America were found in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1891

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Mauritius Treasure Hunting 2016



Mauritius Hunting Trip

When we decided to take the family to an overseas tropical island Mauritius was number one on our list for two reasons, it was close to South Africa and secondly I could do some metal detecting of course.

In my dreams Tropical white sand beaches, lost Rolex watches and heavy Diamond encrusted gold rings lying under the sand were a nightly occurrence leading up to the trip. Boy was I wrong.

My first problem was getting my Metal Detector there without having it damaged. I cooked up the idea of taking it on board the aircraft as a carry-on piece of luggage. This was the safest way in my eyes. I could have control over it at all times. After visiting the airport to confirm the size and weight of carry-on luggage I proceeded with my plan.

The scoop was to go in the check in luggage, it was strong and robust. I had no fear of breakages there. I use a travel scoop with detachable metal pole. The pole is a two piece split unit that fits into a regular large suitcase with ease.

We decided to take Minelab GoFind 40 and the CTX 3030 with as our hunting arsenal. The GoFind has a dedicated travel bag and it went on as hand luggage without taking it apart. The CTX was a whole different ballgame. I unassembled the whole machine and it fit perfectly into a required carry-on size suitcase. I then went to airport security prior to the flight with the bag full of CTX parts and spoke with them. No problem at all. I also took a few pictures of what the machine looks like assembled so that they knew what they were looking at. This really helped on the day of flight as it I was questioned by the X-Ray guys at security.

Mauritius has some absolutely beautiful beaches, perfect for detecting. I could not wait for the sun to rise the next day so I could get into the water at our resort (La Cannonier) as well as the neighbouring Club Med picking grounds. Beach lounges cover the dry sand and are full of sun worshipers by 9.30am. The waters are super calm and warm. You can spend five hours in the water with no problem. I



did not even use my 3mm spring suit once.

My first day was slow, very slow. I found about three coins and some trash in three hours. I also saw a few holes in the water area I worked and I wrote it off to the place being hunted out by others. I moved locations within the resorts for the first five days. Every hunt produced the same terrible finds. I could not believe what was going on



I was so despondent that I even started hunting the dry sand with a fair amount of success. There was plenty to be found in the name of coins and other trinkets. The heavy good stuff was still giving me the slip though and I was annoyed. Angelique used the GoFind on the dry sand and made a few nice finds of her own but I was convinced we were not exploring all the options.

On day five I decided to walk down the beach towards the public swimming areas without my detector to scope out the sand. As I drew closer I noticed many more people swimming than at the resort beaches. Mmmmm could this be the fault I was looking for, greater numbers? My answer was twofold. The resorts all have safes and the clever paying tourists locked everything of value away prior to entering the water, this was my first reason. The second reason was sheer volume. The swimmers at the public beaches outnumber the high end tourist beaches almost 10 to 1.

Day six and I was up prior to sunrise and at the water's edge just as it became light. I had a kilometre of tourist beach to scour looking for a sweet spot before the masses arrived for the daily activities.

BAM, it wasn't even five minutes and I could feel the sand under foot change from soft to rock hard. I was waist deep and the signals started sounding off in my headphones. This was what I'd been waiting for. The coins started filling my finds pouch and I moved within the hard sand zone looking for deeper targets. There had to be a sweet spot close by. It wasn't long before that zone was found. I got a familiar tone on the CTX that gets the hair on your neck standing straight up. The numbers were in the gold zone and the target ID was stable. Boy was this signal sweet. I dug about three scoops down into compact coral sand / clay which totally clouded the crystal clear water. I could not even see 10cm down into it. I used my foot to

find the hole and place the scoop and there it was. My first gold in Mauritius. An 18ct gold Hindu Goddess of wealth pendant was staring at me from the depths of my scoop. "Here we go" I thought and smiled. The gold rings came out one after another in this zone of pure bliss.

It's not the value of the gold that excites me; it's the sheer chase and overcoming the odds in finding it. There is nothing more rewarding in my book as a detectorist. Gold is so rare to find and when

to give the area another workout. As luck would have it, the currents overnight brought the sand back and the area was as dead as a doornail. No deep signals, only light can slaw. This made me move on and work further down only to find surface coins and some junk. I was constantly kicking myself for not inspecting this area sooner. Five days of pounding the top tourist beaches hoping for a good find was a massive waste of time. You live and learn I suppose.



you do get into some yellow it's a natural high.

It all came to an abrupt end as fast as it started. The signals dwindled and I turned and made pass after pass saturating this narrow corridor of finds. By that time it was 9am and I was having to dodge bathers and children. Conditions just became too challenging and I decided tomorrow is another day.

The next and final day had me in the same location at the same time hoping

We eventually returned to South Africa with a good tally of 18, 14 and 9ct gold, 18 grams in total. Some silver chains and silver rings were also found. One of the silver chains, a heavy men's bracelet was found while snorkelling with the kids. The detector just came along that day as fun, it just shows, you never know when you gonna run into some good stuff.

Henry Clapton

January 2016



The Treasure Book Review



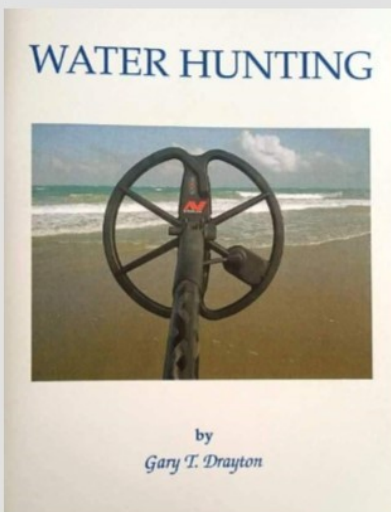
Beach Treasure Hunting Book Review.

This month's reviews focus a shift towards water hunting. Gary's Book "Water Hunting" and Clive's title "Shallow Water Metal Detecting – Lessons from the pros" get us started in the right direction in becoming more successful in this harsh environment, the sea.

WATER HUNTING – Gary T Drayton.

Soft cover, 86 pages, 26 Chapters.

This is Gary's first dedicated book on water hunting. It's also his latest publication using the most up to date equipment like the new Minelab SDC 2300 metal detector.



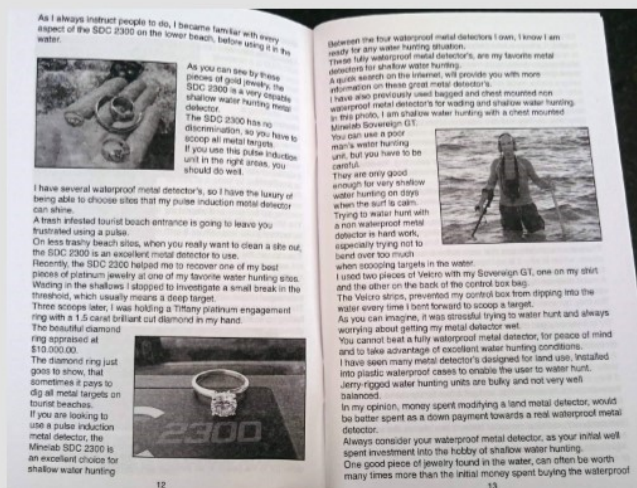
The flow of the book is good starting with the basics of the equipment used. He then builds up to hunting tips and skills as well as some of his own tips and tricks in being successful in the water.

From Target recovery (which is one of the biggest stumbling blocks in the water) to the use of discrimination in various settings. All is covered with good detail.

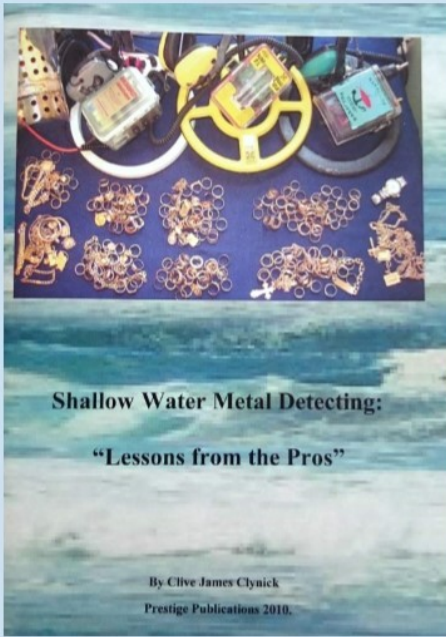
Gary also goes as far as to talk about completion in the water as well as caring for your equipment with some safety information included as well.

Overall, this is a well rounded book with a good variation of interesting topics. I found it most enjoyable and informative. Water hunting is not for everybody out there with a metal detector, but if you are considering starting

this new chapter in your hunting career Gary's book will get you off in the right direction.

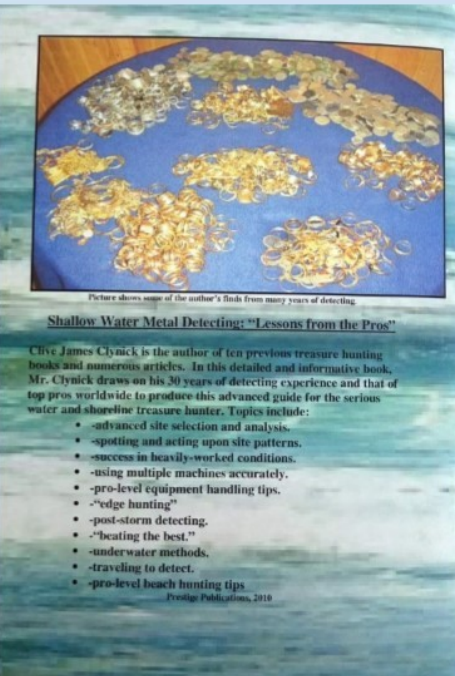


SHALLOW WATER METAL DETECTING, Lessons from the Pros – Clive James Clynick.



hunting techniques with illustrations and good detailed explanations.

Topics like Crowd Patterns, Sand Conditions, Target Volumes, Post storm damage, Pro level mistakes, Nutrition are but a few of the fascinating chapters he covers.

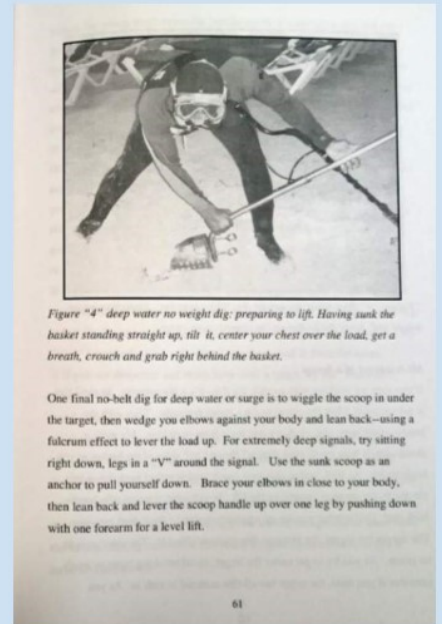


Soft Cover, 94 pages, 62 Chapters.

Every time I finish reading a book by Clive I'm convinced there is nothing left to write about. This is not the case. Clive just keeps on spilling the information in the form of his books.

This title is no different. As the title reads "lessons from the Pros". Clive is pro, not many hunters cast a shadow over him, possibly none out there that I am aware of. If you see this man coming down to the sea in his gear you'll understand the meaning of PRO.

In this book he takes you "the scholar" into his world. Once again, so much information is placed within the 94 pages of his book its quite fascinating. Clive starts with equipment detail and blends into the



If you are thinking of water hunting or even a current water hunter, this book will not disappoint. Take the plunge!

The above titles and others are available for purchase at Treasure Quest Treasures.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!

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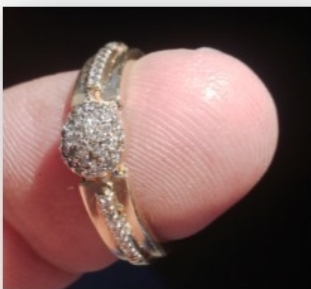
I go to the Natal South Coast at least once a year to visit my folks. It's a highlight of the year for the family.

I always take my detectors with and I have been relatively lucky on the beaches there finding the odd bit of gold. This year (Dec 2013) it was a complete disaster zone. There had been so much rain that the beaches were almost all washed away by the swollen rivers. I thought this was a good sign, boy was I wrong. It was the worst December for detecting ever. The beaches (what was left) were exposed showing big cuts. Bonanza.....not so. The sea currents and tides were so strong they basically cleared everything off the beaches much to my disgust.



I decided to keep searching these barren beaches, finding only coins and other junk. The gold was long gone!! I was rain soaked on numerous occasions but the gold bug in me refused to give up.

It was the last day on the South Coast that my luck changed. I was working the lower washed out section of Margate beach near where the river cut through the main beach. I was literally on my last section before head-



ing home when my CTX3030 gave me that low GOLD grunt. There it was, about 30cm down and shining proud!

I smiled to myself and headed for the car. Game over and I won! The ring is valued at approx 6K and has a total of 52 small diamonds, total weight 2.5gr. It's not the biggest I have found but it was better than a going home wet with nothing nice to show.



I refused to give up on my quest and I got the gold, call it lucky I don't care.

Never give up, never surrender !!

By: Henry Clapton

Dec 2013



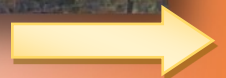
Anglo Boer War Hunt

By Wade Thomas



On Sunday the 2nd of August Michael Johansen, Jasen Matthee, Julian and his wife Petro and myself went on a hunt in Syferbult near Magaliesburg. This is the site of the British camp at Noupoort, or so we think. It was a huge camp spanning some 13 hectares. So far as I know it is still virgin ground' and no one has ever detected there. I was lucky to have met the farmer and he gave me permission to go there any time I want. So for the past two months I've been

going there every Sunday, taking some people with. I keep the groups small so that the owner doesn't feel that his privacy is being invaded. Any how the five of us had a fantastic day, with some good finds. Michael found plenty buttons both big and small from the standard infantry tunic. Julian on the other hand found a interesting thing, a type of horse shoe handle from some or other chest. As for the rest of us it was just casings and more shell casings. So the hunt was a success in terms of friendship and mutual interest. Petro packet. Us the most delicious lunch, meatballs, eggs and some kind of chilly bites, the best I've had in the field so far.



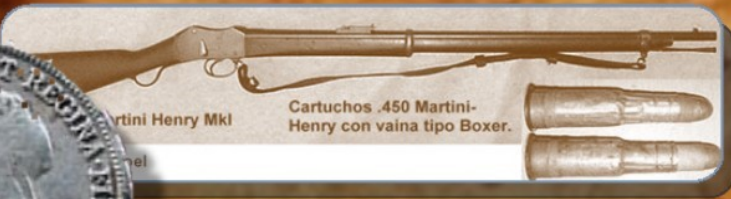


After lunch we headed out into the field again, each his or her separate ways. At around three thirty we all decided to call it a day and left with a good feeling of satisfaction. We all had a great time and every one was impress with the site. Its not just about the finds, its the comradery, the friendships that get formed and the information that gets shared, anything over that is a bonus. Here are some of the things that have been found at this site.



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Tugela River 2012: Day 1 & 2

BY Wolfgang Roux

This is my account of the Annual Hunt 2012 We visited the Anglo Boer War (1899-1902) battlefields and camped near Ladysmith, Natal in South Africa.

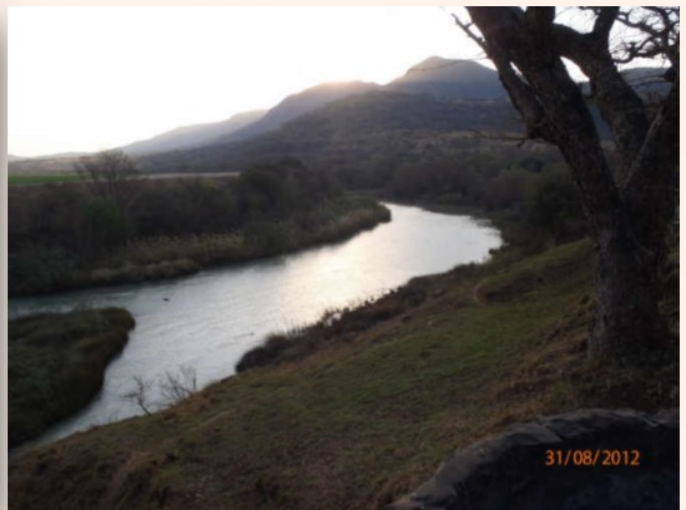
We were approx. 13 hunters and a film crew of 2 also joined us to make a documentary film of the hunt.

The guys from Cape Town were Wolf, Pierre & John. From the Eastern Cape came Lukas (who organized everything) and Simon from Queenstown. Mike, Tinus and Dave are from Natal and from Gauteng (Johannesburg) came Tonie, Eugene, Danie and Stefan. The chefs who made our food at the Tugela Bush Lodge where we stayed for the 7 days were Hennie and Lee-Anne. The film crew were Bertus and Jaco.

Representing the opposite side (England) was Gerry (Dino), who made this his third visit to these sites.

The pictures shows the guys meeting each other the first day at the lodge and a view from the lodge towards Spioenkop (in English called "Spy Hill")

The Battle of Spioenkop also known as the Battle of Spionkop was fought on the 23rd and 24th of January 1900, the Battle of Spioenkop (Spionkop) was the scene of the most futile and certainly the bloodiest of the four battles fought to relieve the besieged town of Ladysmith from the surrounding Boer forces. The dreadful day of bloodshed cost the British some 1,200 casualties, of whom over 300 were killed. In total Boer casualties amounted to some 300 men, 62 percent of whom were from the Carolina Commando.



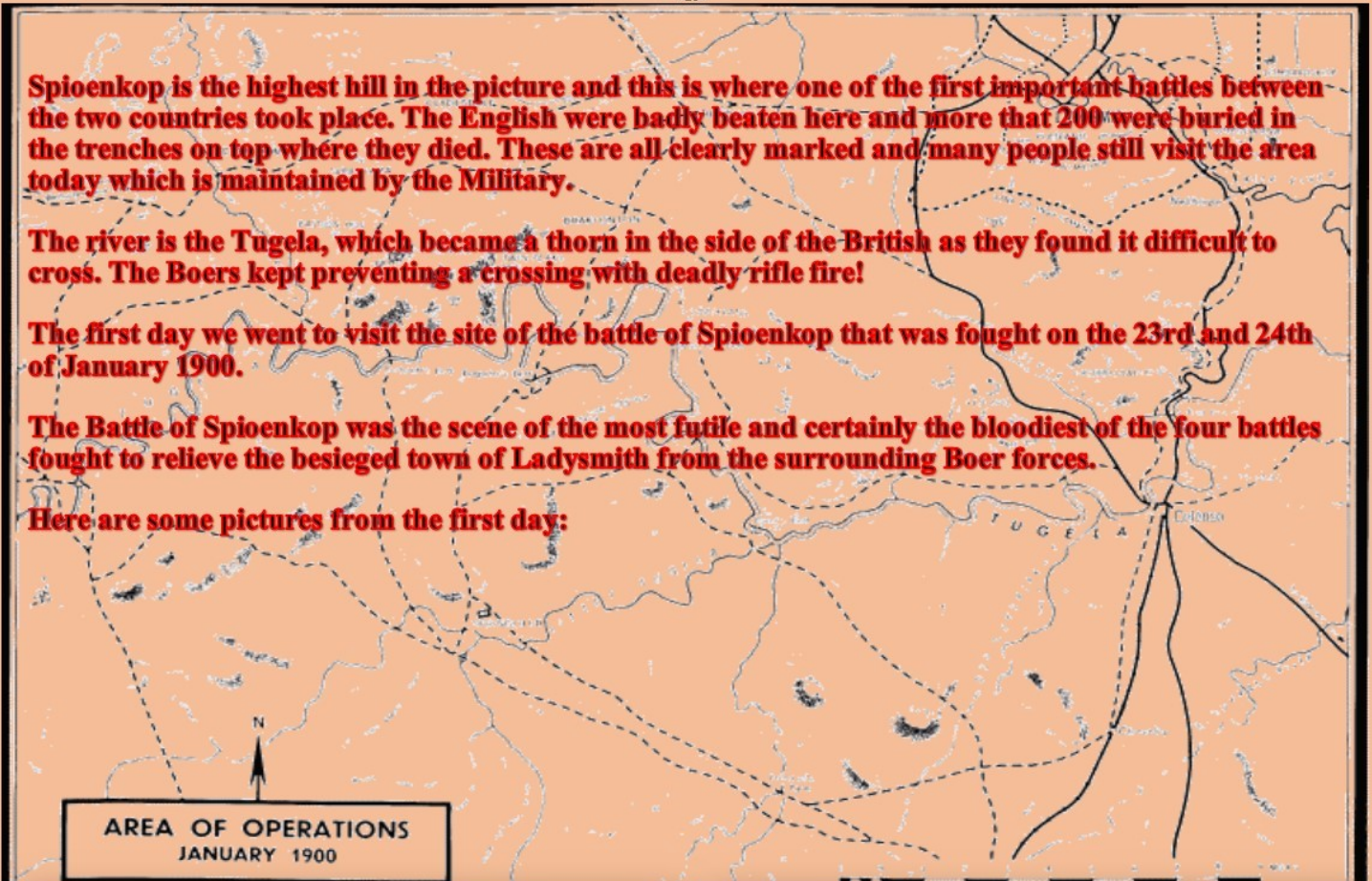
Spioenkop is the highest hill in the picture and this is where one of the first important battles between the two countries took place. The English were badly beaten here and more that 200 were buried in the trenches on top where they died. These are all clearly marked and many people still visit the area today which is maintained by the Military.

The river is the Tugela, which became a thorn in the side of the British as they found it difficult to cross. The Boers kept preventing a crossing with deadly rifle fire!

The first day we went to visit the site of the battle of Spioenkop that was fought on the 23rd and 24th of January 1900.

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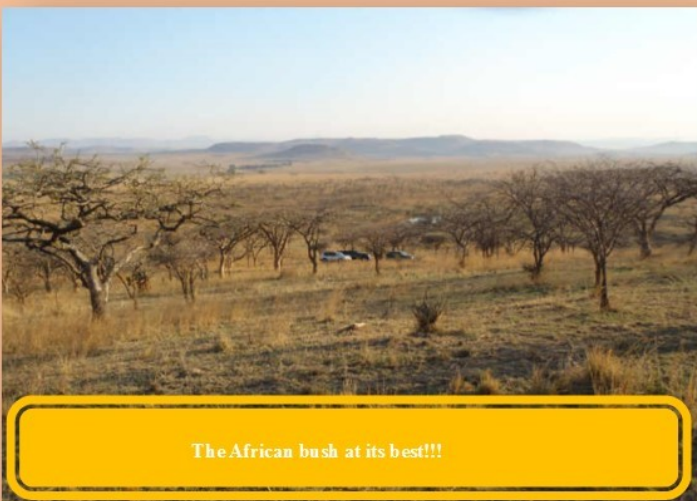
Here are some pictures from the first day:



The surrounding area is a game park at present and there is lots to see even Giraffe and Rhino.



This is Gerry, our friend from England. He is making sure it is safe to get out as we have told him to watch out for the "Lions".



The African bush at its best!!!



Getting ready for a day's digging as the sun comes up



The best find of the first day was this badge by John. It shows the coat of arms of the ZAR (South African Republic) and was probably worn by a Boer on the side of his hat. Many other finds were made that first day including a piece of a huge bomb found by Simon. The area is still littered with bomb fragments, bullet points and cartridge cases. There were not however many personal pieces which was disappointing.



The badge is truly a "wow" find. It is still in good condition and extremely rare. The same "coat of arms" was stamped on the one side of most of their coins as well including the Penny and Half Crown which was the same size and had the same value as British coins of the time.

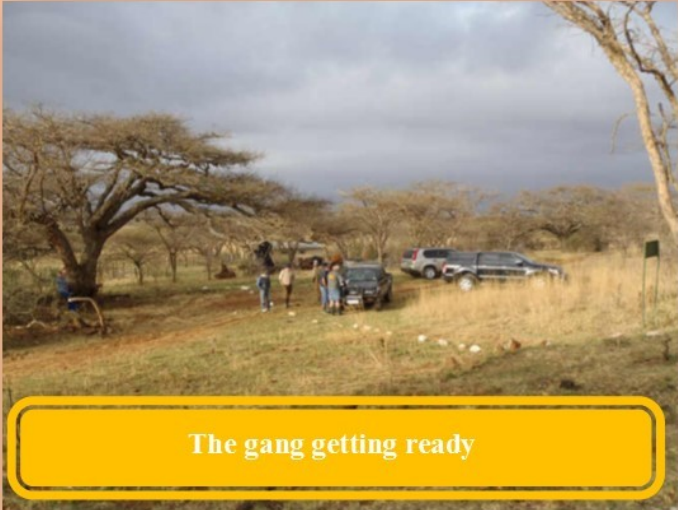
This was the first "Find of the Day" and received our first prize.

I have a few of these coins in my collection.

The second day we went to Spiermans where an old hospital stood during the war. There is a small British graveyard nearby. Most of the graves are related to the battle of Spioenkop and are those of soldiers who died from wounds sustained during the hostilities.

We had a lovely bush barbeque in the field after the hunt was over.

Here are a few pictures of the second day:



The gang getting ready



This is how we do "lunch" in the bush after spending time digging. We make a fire and then put meat on a grid and "braai" (flame grill it) and eat it with brown bread!!!

The camp at Spearmans consisted of about 20,000 troops and gear and they stayed there for 9 days after the defeat at Spioenkop. General Buller then moved on to Colenso to try to cross the Tugela there.

The British artillery pounded Spioenkop from Spearment before and during the battle but again we did not find enough personal goods there to make us stay long as well. We had hoped to do better there.



Some of the better finds on the second day was an 1886 British Farthing (found by Gerry). To us this is a great find as we relate it to the War.



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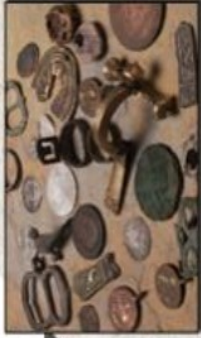
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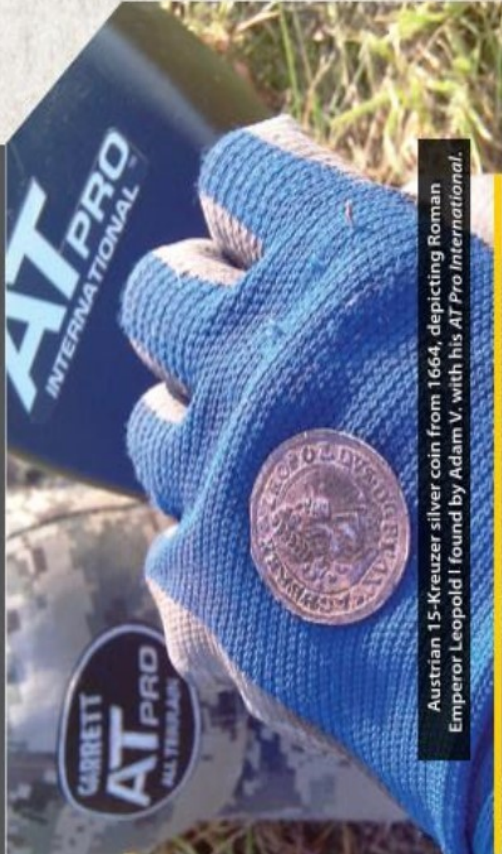
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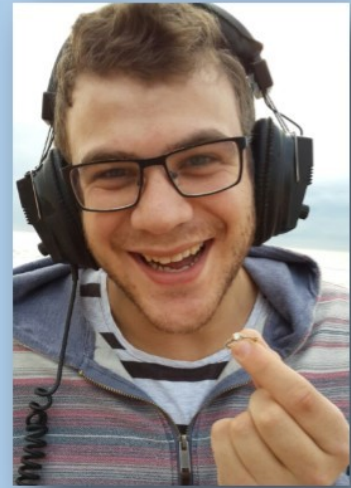
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Austrian 15-Kreuzer silver coin from 1664, depicting Roman Emperor Leopold I found by Adam V. with his AT Pro International.

Field Test



The views in this review are entirely the authors own

By Darren Epstein

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity of trying out the Garrett Infinium LS once again, but this time, for almost a month.

The Infinium LS (land and sea), as seen in my previous review, somewhat defeated me in that I simply did not have the time to fully learn the machine.

When I was asked if I could have another bash with it, I knew this time I would tame the beast.

I was scheduled to be at the coast for four weeks and knew that this was an opportunity I could not waste.

In the weeks leading up to my trip, I read every single piece of material on the Infinium I could find.

I read reviews, user guides, watched videos and tried to see what issues other users were having with their machines. The most common factor amongst the user who had issues was pure inexperience and misunderstanding of the machine.

Being a very experienced VLF detector operator does not automatically mean you can properly use a pulse-induction (PI) detector.

This denial that many detectorists have ultimately filters down into bad reviews and castigation of PI units.

I was determined to invest as

much time as possible into learning how to successfully operate the Infinium.

When it was time to go to the coast, I packed the Infinium along with three VLF detectors (my safety blankets).

The Infinium is a very high end metal detector, and when setting it up, doesn't allow much room for error. From my research I found the best settings to use were as follows:

1. First, turn the unit into the LOCK position. Then listen for any interference and use the frequency adjustments to eliminate any interference. Remember to move the frequency adjustment a small amount and then wait for a small period of time for it to lock in. Remember, there are 32 frequency positions that can be obtained with this control.
2. Do not try and adjust the frequency control with the unit in Fast or Slow Track. The auto track tries to lock onto the interference, making it hard to eliminate it.
3. Set the threshold so as you can only just hear it and set the discrimination to "0". Now comes the important steps and if this isn't done correctly, false signals and sounds can occur.
4. Turn the unit to Fast Track. Move the coil up and down to the sand a few times and place the coil directly onto the sand for about 10 seconds. Then again move the coil up and down to the sand a few more times. You will see that that the ground balance has come in very quickly and should be fairly steady.
5. Then switch it to Slow Track and then repeat the same procedure as was done in Fast track. This is the fine tuning adjustments. I found sometimes on the beach that this step did cause the machine to go crazy and it worked fine if this step was skipped.
6. Once this has been done, switch the unit to lock and you are good to go. You can always raise sensitivity if you are still getting interference.

On my first day with the detector, I could not get it to settle down. After 40 minutes of trying to ground balance it and standing in one spot, I called it a day.

I was frustrated, disappointed and was very close to packing the machine up and going back to my AT Pro. After cooling down a bit, I realised that there was a simple solution to the problem. Fresh batteries.



The Infinium needs fresh batteries to operate properly. It is safe to say that it is a good idea to use cheaper batteries and change them more often for the best results.

Once this little issue was sorted I



was back on the beach with a vengeance. Following the steps as seen above, I found the machine to settle down super quick and was extremely stable moving between the dry and wet sand. Even going into the water offered up little interference.

I had attached the control box directly to the shaft. On long days where finds were sparse, it got really heavy on the arm. On days where signals were plenty, I hardly noticed the weight.

Ergonomically, I dislike the shaft on the Infinium (my feelings for nearly all Garrett detectors). I really feel that an option to have a straight shaft would work wonders and be much easier on the wrist and help with weight distribution.

The shaft though does have its benefits and this is clearly evident when used in the water. It offers resistant free movement and is extremely easy to guide through the waves.

I began starting to understand the HI/LO LO/HI signals and soon the finds were just rolling out the sand. The confidence I had with the detector was unmatched. If an item was beneath my coil, it was found.

The machine managed incredible depths and I was finding tons of tent pegs at 1 meter with a cracking loud signal.

This confidence though, soon began to become my downfall. My swing rate increased and my find rate decreased. I was getting to blasé and wasting valuable detecting time.

I slowed it down. Much slower than I would ever swing a VLF. The results were instant and promising. The Infinium LS really showed the true meaning of the LS in its name- Low and Slow.

One needs to listen to the constant hum of the machine and swing it slowly. I like to think of the hum as the “force” (for the Star Wars fans). When swinging Low and Slow, one can easily hear the “disturbance” in the “force”. No matter how faint or quick it may be, you are guaranteed that there is an item



under your coil.

The downfall with this method is that it is obviously painstakingly slow to grid out a large area. To really get the most out of a hunt, a lot of time needs to be set aside to make sure no grain of sand is left unscanned.

By the end of my trip, my other three detectors had only been used once

each. I had fallen in love with the Infinium. The certainty of knowing that every fluctuation in the hum was not just simply falsing but always some metallic object was great. I found the Infinium not just to be good but fun and exciting to operate.

My tally at the end of the trip was a few hundred Rand, tons of bottle caps and tent pegs, a cellphone, various costume jewellery pieces including rings and a necklace and my favourite find, a solid silver watch.

The key question now is; would I ever purchase one for myself?

Factors needs to be weighed up.

The Infinium is on the expensive side. Even though it has proven to be an amazing machine, does its performance justify its price-tag?

The answer is yes, but with limitations. A prospective buyer really needs to be dedicated and know what they are getting into. This detector really takes a long time to learn but the results in the end make up for it. One needs to determine whether they have the patience and perseverance to learn the detector inside out. Once this has been achieved, one would never need another detector again.

The Infinium is not for all. Many have given up and blamed the machine. It is for the experienced and patient hunter who wants one great detector for most of his/her needs and is willing to learn it. The end results are well worth the initial hassles and proper use of the Infinium blows all other competitors' way out the water.



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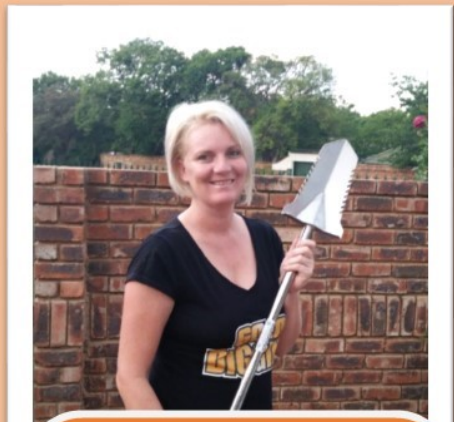
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Best Coin find and Treasure Talk find of the year - Wade Thomas (Right) and Lukas (TT)
Thanks for Fisher and Henry Clapton from Treasure Quest Treasures for the donations

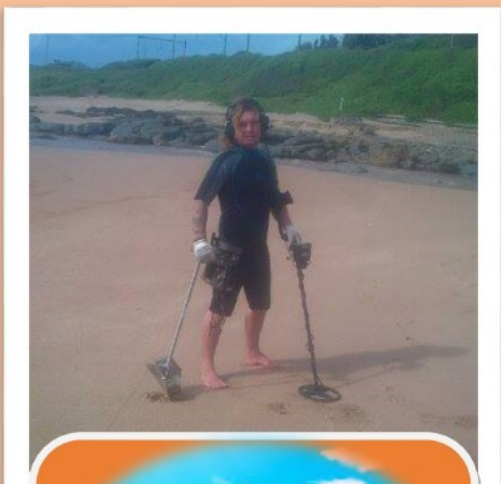


A few nice finds on this awesome day, also a few weeks ago I was voted as the guy who found the best find for the year 2015, would like to thank Lukas van der Merwe and Henry Clapton for the stainless steel scoop that I won. It works brilliantly each day
Renier.Strydom,



Best Dump Dug 2015
Tonie Cilliers
Thanks for Mile Conradie from Enties for Book Sponsors

Best relic find 2015
Lana Pienaar
Thanks to Henry Clapton from Treasure Quest Treasures for the Stainless Steel shovel



Best Beach Find 2015
Renier Strydom
Thanks to Henry Clapton from Treasure Quest Treasures for the Stainless Steel Scoop





Honourable mention

2015



Honourable mention

By Tonie Cilliers

The Honourable mention will be awarded to members who use our hobby to help others but guided by the example set by David Kenyon Webster. A picture with a purple ring will be presented to the person receiving the honourable mention. The following has been used as a guideline.

“Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice” David Kenyon Webster

Private First Class David Kenyon Webster (June 2 1922- September 9, 1961) was an American soldier, journalist and author. During World War II he was a private with Easy Company, 2nd battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in the 101st Airborne Division.

Author Steven Ambrose had this to say about Webster: “...Various officers wanted to make him a squad leader, but he refused. He was there to do his duty, and he did it-he never let a buddy down in combat-but he never volunteered for anything and he spurned promotion”

David Kenyon Webster was awarded the Purple Heart for his service in WWII. For me his quote above is the essence of something worthy of an Honourable Mention and his reflective of people who deserve it. He was humble to the point of turning down promotions; he never volunteered for valour, but did his duty. For many the WWII film, “Band of Brothers” is their connection to David Kenyon Webster.

We would like to thank the following members for the example they have set for us in 2015.

Cedric Carr, Mark Coetzee, Andy Naude, Michael De Nobrega, Chris Van Der Spuy, David Smit, Michael Johanssen, Jason Loeve, Bernard Jacobs, Justin Scott Ferreira, Greg van der Reis, and Alan Wright.

HONOURABLE MENTION
RING RETURN
14 JANUARY 2015



Cedric Carr

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 1 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
FISH RIVER RING FIND
7 MARCH 2015



Mark Coetzee

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 2 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
RING RETURN
10 MARCH 2015



Andy Naude

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 3 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
RING RETURN
22 MARCH 2015



Chris Van Der Spuy

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 5 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
RING IN THE GRASS
MARCH 2015



Greg Van Der Reis

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 13 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
SARDINIA BAY RING FIND
APRIL 2015



Justin Scott Ferreira

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 12 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
WALKERVILLE RING FIND
10 AUGUST 2015



David Smit

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 7 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
HOUT BAY RING FIND
SEPTEMBER 2015



Alan Wright

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
David Kenyon Webster
Honourable Mention 10 of 2015



HONOURABLE MENTION
PIN POINTER ON A HILL
 2015 Annual Hunt

Michael Johansen

"They were a curious mixture of toughness and sentimentality..."
 Adrian Carton de Wiart
 Honourable Mention 8 of 2015

HONOURABLE MENTION
HOUT BAY RING FIND
 SEPTEMBER 2015

Jason Loeve

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
 David Kenyon Webster
 Honourable Mention 9 of 2015

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HOUT BAY RING FIND
 SEPTEMBER 2015

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HONOURABLE MENTION
GLENTANA BEACH RING FIND
 DECEMBER 2015

Bernard Jacobs

"Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice"
 David Kenyon Webster
 Honourable Mention 11 of 2015



GENERAL'S WATCH
 TIME TO FIND THOSE GOOD STUFF



I WILL ALWAYS CHECK LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO “KNOW THE LAW “

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER’S PERMISSION. WHERE POSSIBLE, SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED OR SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM GRAVES AND MONUMENTS.

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