

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS ON SADF GROUND

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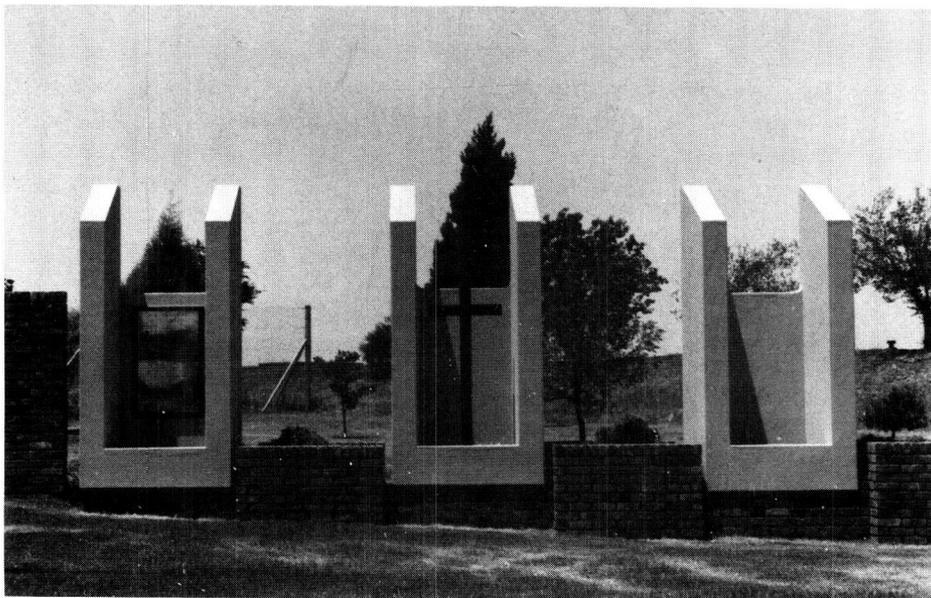
4 SA Infantry Battalion cycad memorial

This unit unveiled the cycad memorial at 4 SAI Bn on 11 November 1983. The memorial was erected in honour of all those members of 4 SAI and the Middelburg Community that have offered their lives in the defence of their country.

The memorial consists of two individual monuments and a background wall (See photo).

The figure monument consists of two figures, one kneeling and one standing, and a gun barrel. The kneeling figure signifying the dying, the standing figure signifying the living and the barrel, which points skywards, signifying the eternal.

The pillar monument is a monument which originally stood in the church square in Middelburg





and carries the names of all members of the Middelburg community who have died in all the wars up to and including the present operations.

The background wall signifies the close bond which exists between 4 SAI Bn and the Middelburg Community and the fact that all the names on both monuments have died for one cause.

The bunker behind the figure monument carries the words "We will remember them", "Ons sal hulle onthou".

The project was initiated by the OC 4 SAI Bn Cmdt A. Kruger.

The figure monument was sculptured by Mr A. Forbes.

The monument unveiled by the previous GOC N Tvl Comd Maj Genl F.E.C. van den Berg SD, SM on 11 November 1983.

To date 29 members names of 4 SAI Bn have been placed on the monument. They are:

(a)	01479856PE	Capt	J.J. Lombard	5 Feb 70
(b)	05477377PE	WO2	A.J. Benson	24 Nov 75
(c)	6920646PE	Sgt	J.P.A. Furstenburg	29 Sep 77
(d)	65666281PE	Sgt	W.C. Marx	29 Oct 77
(e)	75519041BG	Rfn	D.H. Wilters	22 Dec 77
(f)	75362434BG	Rfn	M.N. Beukes	25 Dec 77
(g)	75510578BG	Rfn	G.C. Coppard	19 Aug 79
(h)	76508233BG	Rfn	F.L. Berg	9 Nov 79
(i)	77411411BG	Rfn	D.J. Evans	11 Jan 80
(j)	77487544BG	Rfn	A.P. Wiese	22 Aug 80
(k)	77078853BG	Rfn	P.J. de Beer	24 Aug 80
(l)	78532413BG	L Cpl	J.G. Reynecke	19 Jan 82
(m)	79395984BG	Rfn	D. Nel	19 Jan 82
(n)	78398914BG	Rfn	D. de Klerk	25 Mei 82
(o)	78345949BG	Cpl	E.P. Lombaard	9 Aug 82
(p)	76275536BG	Rfn	A. Kruger	9 Aug 82
(q)	78373362BG	2Lt	P.M. Liebenberg	31 Dec 83
(r)	81312464BG	Rfn	G.P. le Roux	31 Dec 83
(s)	81173254BG	Rfn	D.J. Schronen	31 Dec 83
(t)	81301293BG	Rfn	M.C. Smit	31 Dec 83
(u)	80264575BG	L Cpl	W.T. Steenkamp	4 Jan 84
(v)	80211634BG	Rfn	D.A. Louw	4 Jan 84
(w)	82585233BG	Rfn	H.A. Heyns	4 Jan 84
(x)	80238660BG	Rfn	G.A. Lennox	4 Jan 84
(y)	80490592BG	Rfn	L.F. Pearson	4 Jan 84
(z)	81251506BG	Rfn	B. Geen	4 Jan 84
(aa)	79551099BG	Rfn	P.D. Pretorius	4 Jan 84
(ab)	81059750BG	Cpl	J.H. Roets	23 Jan 84
(ac)	81285504BG	Rfn	J.L. Pretorius	4 Jan 84

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