

# UNION DEFENCE FORCES : STATISTICS OF THE WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1939–1945

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In 1943, after active service as RQMS of Die Middellandse Regiment in the Western Desert during which he escaped capture at Tobruk and was present at the battle of El Alamein, S/Sgt later Capt J.E. Loraine-Grews was posted to War Records (now Military Information Bureau SADF) in Pretoria where he was to remain until 1966 when he was transferred to the Military Museum at the Castle in Cape Town.

While at War Records he compiled the *Union of South Africa Roll of Honour 1939–1945*. Capt Loraine-Grews also compiled statistics of the wounded and prisoners of war and since these have never been published, may be of value to researchers and would be a monumental task for a researcher to compile afresh. They are published below.

UNIT	EDP WOUNDED PERSONNEL AND THEATRE OF WAR				
	POW	EAST AFRICA	NORTH AFRICA	ITALY	MISCELLANEOUS
Staff Corps (V)	22				
SA Tank Corps		11			
SAEC	595	9	212	234	16
SAMC	249	3	60	35	4
TSC	598	2	56	53	8
QSC	438	2	60	17	1
SAA	2 326	12	616	269	51
SACS	855	3	99	111	13
GSC	180	1	33	52	3
SA Irish	203	8	45		13
DEOR	114	45	64		1
RB	532	11	177		6
FFB	28	12	198		
TS	913	38	342		9
RNC	104	21	128	359	1
NMR	53	16	160	116	1
ILH	185		155		
RLI	223		185		6
RDLI	736		188	153	15
CTH	63		145		4
RPS	96		64		5
SAP	1 080		103		12
KAFF R	532		42		6
DMR	439		18		4
UMR	532		16		2
SACMP	145		14	12	
Armoured car units	550		222		15
WR/DLR				580	
Seconded personnel					158
FC/CTH				327	
ILH/KR				432	
PR				138	
PAG				124	
SSB				167	
NMR/SAAF				10	
SAAF	866				
SANF	20				
CC	1 032	4	245	69	24
IMC	183		94	61	12
NMC	3 411				223
	17 303	198	3 741	3 319	613