

**Major General Sir John (Hugh Bevil) Acland (1928-2006)****Box List**

Papers re his service as Commander, Commonwealth Monitoring Force, Southern Rhodesia, and Military Advisor to the Governor, 1979-1980

**BOX ONE:**

- Acland's situation reports as head of Commonwealth Ceasefire Liaison and Monitoring Organisation (CLAMOR) to the Ministry of Defence, UK, Dec 1979 – Mar 1980.
- 1:1000 000 scale map of 'Zimbabwe Rhodesia', produced by Government of Zimbabwe Rhodesia 1979, with additional adhesive markers.
- Operation instruction no. 1, issued by HQ CLAMOR, 20 Dec 1979. Operation AGILA to monitor the ceasefire in Rhodesia during elections.
- Notes for talk on the election monitoring operation, 1980.
- Detailed chronology of events, May 1979 – Apr 1980.
- Draft article by JHBA, 'Zimbabwe – the difference Tongogara might have made', with cover note from Henry Stanhope, *The Times*, 12 Apr 1983, declining it for publication. [NB: article is very uncomplimentary about Rex Nhongo (then Commander, ZANLA forces, nowadays former MP for Chikomba, Zimbabwe, under his other name of Solomon Mujuru. Information from Wikipedia, 15 November 2006)]
- Planning and logistical instructions for operation AGILA, November 1979.
- Correspondence relating to the aftermath of operation AGILA, including awards and lessons learned, 1980.
- Paperwork relating to Operation AGILA, including correspondence, minutes, speeches, orders, maps, schedules etc, Nov-Dec 1979.

**BOX TWO**

- 57 slides and 19 photographs, all marked as MoD, Zimbabwe, 1979-1980, uncaptioned, showing deployment during AGILA.
- Correspondence [DO file, GOC], Dec 1979 – Jan 1980
- 'Op AGILA: Main Lessons', paper highlighting the lessons learned during Op AGILA, Dec 79 – Mar 80.

- Correspondence relating to award of medal for Operation AGILA, Jan – Feb 1980.
- Articles relating to Rhodesia, including:
  - ‘Reflections from Rhodesia’ by Brigadier J H Learmont OBE, Deputy Commander Monitoring Force
  - Text of lecture on command and control arrangements (not by Acland), anon.
  - ‘Mission Extraordinary’, anon
  - ‘The Rhodesia Operation’, by Acland, April 1980
  - Account of events from point of view of one part of the Monitoring Force, by Capt JBA Bailey, July 1980
- Copy of Imperial War Museum sound recording (No. 11753/3), made Dec 1990, of Acland’s recollections of Operation AGILA. Audio cassette tape.
- ‘Miracles Take a Little Longer’, audio cassette recording.