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INFORMANT : MAJIBHINI NGCAMPHALALA

REGIMENT : MLONDOLOZI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM: SIKHULU.

AREA: ENGEVINI

The first chief was Maphanga - followed by

~~Nekkiba~~
Mgulugulu
Nqiliba
Sibethsaphi
~~Mthethwa~~
Mshikashika.

Maphanga left a place called Ntabande to seek protection ~~from~~ from the Swazi nation. Mgulugulu was the first chief to stay isolated with the Ngcamphalala. Maphanga settled at Lubulini and went to ask for permission to settle there from the Swazi king. Soon afterwards the Zulu attacked the Swazi from where the Ngcamphalala were, and so Mshikashika sent Maqandijaha to the Swazi king. The Zulu king detached and split the Ngcamphalala apart, who then crossed the Nyetane river. The Swazi warriors then came from the royal ~~home~~ village under Mswati. The Zulu captured some Ngcamphalala girls. They attacked the Swazi more than once. They killed the Ngcamphalala and captured their girls and children. At the time of the Zulu wars Mshikashika was the chief of the Ngcamphalala. The Zulu wars began when Mthethwa was chief. When the Zulu wars came to an end Mbandzeni was the Swazi king.

The Ngcamphalalaland is now very much smaller. Many people have come down from the Lebombo mountains. These were the Mamba, the Mngometfulo. The Mathenjwa did come over but remained on the hills. The Mngometfulo came down recently. The Mamba people were nearer the Ngcamphalala along the foothills of the Lebombo. The Mngometfulo formerly stayed with the Mathenjwa. There was later some ~~intra~~ intermarriage between the Ngcamphala and the Mngometfulo. The Mathenjwa and the Ngcamphalala did not intermarry except when Mshikiashika married a Mathenjwa woman. The Mngometfulo are now claiming land that formerly belonged to the Ngcamphalala.

The Mamba, Ngcamphalala the ~~Mkhweli~~ Mkhweli used to meet under their respective chiefs whenever they went to the king's homestead. They used to meet at Ludzidzini and were known as - of ~~Max~~ Makhaleni's family. At Ludzidzini all chiefs met. They had Swazi medicine (tinthseleti). Madlenya, Mkhweli surrounded the Ngcamphalal clan.
