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INFORMANTS : (1) MSINDVO SIMELANE
REGIMENT : MLANDOLOZI
HEARD FROM: FATHER, SOKHEPHU SIMELANE
(2) MDOKWANE SIMELANE
REGIMENT : MASOTSHA
HEARD ~~KOK~~ FROM :
(3) MQINISI KUNENE
REGIMENT :
HEARD FROM :

AREA : KAZANDONDO

They came from KoNtshingila. The mother of Mdokwane Simelane was good at Swazi witchcraft and she used to treat the warriors ~~walk~~ well whenever they went to fight, and they were always victorious. So she was granted favour by King Mswati. With the Ndwandwe lan they crossed the Komati river and settled at a place known as KaZando today. For some time they stayed at peace with the Ndwandwe. Later they separated. Mdokwane's mother wanted the Ndwandwe to give her some of the cattle which they had got because they helped with the war medicines. The Ndwandwe refused to give her any and Mdokwane's mother went to King Mswati. She asked for land to settle on. She sent Mgudlula, Majozi ~~n~~ and Gininda (of Moneni) to ask for land. They were given land by the king, Mswati, and so that land was known as KaZandondo. At that time the head of the Ndwandwe clan was Madanga Ndwandwe.

When Mdokwane left KoNtshingila Bhozongo Simelane was chief in charge. At KaZandondo the chiefs were:- Mdokwane; Mshada, Mdokwane- all Simelane. Mdokwane was under Mgudlula Mthethwa, who was the king's induna. Neighbouring chiefs of KaZandondo area were Madlangempisi Magagula and Guquka.
