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INFORMANT : MVANDASI DLAMINI

AREA : LUHLENDLWENI / ~~VEZIANWANI~~ .

REGIMENT : MLONDLOZI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM : Father MHOLI of MGADLELEA Regiment.

QUESTION A.

Where did this kraal come from, how and when?

It came from Ezulwini, because some trouble had developed which caused it unhappiness. Four members of this house died and thereupon Prince NCABENI advised the prince of this house to escape further similar trouble by going to, and settling in this area which had been under Prince KUFA previous to our coming to it. KUFA had left it because his fields had been devastated by river floods. King MSWATI was at HHOHHO at this time. So our prince went to the king at HHOHHO to obtain permission to build his kraal here. The King was agreeable and pleased because our prince, TFHONTFWANE, would now keep an eye on the King's cattle which were being stolen regularly by Prince MBILINI in this very area after Prince ~~KNE~~ KUFA had left it. MBILINI stole the cattle and drove them across the border into Zululand. TFHONTFWANE thereupon came here and built. After five years of staying here with no other people in the area there came NKHITSIMANE to build his kraal as our first neighbour. Then other kraals came in and later on, more and more. There came one MADHUNGWANE, whom our prince gave the task of helping him look after the king's cattle by watching out for MBILINI. In order to make this task easier for MAPHUNGWANE our prince placed him beyond the border in the Transvaal - and here MAPHUNGWANE built his kraal, only a few miles from our prince's kraal actually.

QUESTION B.

Were there any attacks by MBILINI on this area after the coming of your grand-father?

Never.

QUESTION C.

What was your grandfather's regiment? ???

I don't know exactly but it was an older regiment than the NDLAVELA (Mswati's regiment).

QUESTION D.

Were there any clans which Prince KUFA found in this area when he came?

I don't know this. Whether or not he found people here I don't know.

QUESTION E.

What made Kufa leave this area?

It was floods; these destroyed his fields, and he abandoned this area because the Usutu River had covered his fields with soil and sand deposits making ploughing impossible. He left for HHOHHO.

QUESTION F.

Are KUFA's grandchildren still in the HHOHHO area?.

Yes, that is the children of MADLIMALI; some have died there.

QUESTION G.

What is KUFA's kraal at HHOHHO?

It is called eSHANGWENI.

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QUESTION H.

Who came first here, is it you or the people of SIGANGENI?

Those of SIGANGENI came before us, and they found KUFA here. We didn't find him.

QUESTION I.

Which King is the father of KUFA?

I don't know. I was too young to remember.

QUESTION J.

How did the Ezulwini kraal come to be?

I really don't know.

QUESTION K.

Do you know of any men here who are remembered for their participation in battle?

They have died - no more left.

QUESTION L.

Who permitted KUFA to build his kraal here?

I don't know whether it was Mswati or not; it was during Mswati's reign however.

QUESTION M.

Who was the Queen-mother who came here from Ezulwini?

It was la-BHEMBE (daughter of BHEMBE) my father's mother. She came with TFHONTFWANE.

QUESTION N.

Your father was TFHONTFWANE?

No, he was my grandfather i.e. father of MHOLI (my father).

QUESTION O.

Your mother's name?

She was a NKAMBULE. The Nkambules were under GAWULELA, and our neighbours.....??

QUESTION P.

Did you or the people under GAWULELA come here first?

I don't know exactly, but I know that one called NDLABO(?) the father of MANCIBANE. These it would seem came at the same time as GAWULELA's people. Both settled near the MBULUZI river, down stream, but MANCIBANE has since moved up here. He was brother of MBAYIMBAYI.

QUESTION Q.

What do you know about MBAYIMBAYI?

I know his son; he is MAKHUBA and lives beyond that river there.

QUESTION R.

What can you tell me about Mswati's battles?

I have never heard about any besides the battle of MSHADZA, whose details I don't know.