

## Editorial Journal 33.

Dear members,

This edition hinges on the central question of who was present, or not, at Rorke's Drift during the engagement.

By coincidence, I had already written the article on the enigma of the Chard Report as had Sam Stopps who considers Adendorff's position. Then, on the 5<sup>th</sup> April this year, the national press reported the discovery of a new 'Rorke's Drift' defender – Pte. David Jenkins. This press interest appears to have been initiated by a family member of Pte. David Jenkins, even though I had advised him that we had yet to find evidence of his claim.

Accordingly, there has been much correspondence and interest from Society members, and the press, asking how and why no one knew of this man – while a number of our members and researchers thought the claim was, at best, dubious.

So, this edition gives members all the material so far known to this Society, and to Dr David Payne of the Anglo Zulu War research Society. It may well be that someone knows more about Pte David Jenkins than we have been able to uncover.

I would like to make it clear that I would be truly delighted if evidence can be found that puts this soldier 'at the scene'. Meanwhile I have serious doubts about the Jenkins story, and I publish this edition in the hope that someone knows more than I can establish. After all, if he was there, then he deserves our acknowledgement and respect.

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**Pte. David Jenkins with his South Africa campaign medal.**

Cover picture – *Relief of Rorke's Drift* by Jason Askew.