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For those of you who saw the national press ‘discovery’ of a new Rorke’s Drift Defender earlier in the year, I can report that the Private Jenkins saga, ‘was he a Rorke’s Drift man?’ rumbles on. The position of the Society’s consultants is straightforward; in the absence of any actual evidence, we cannot accept the claim. Neither do we follow the logic of those who collectively agree ‘he was there’. The opinion of self-appointed claimants is not history. When we can see one piece of evidence we will cheerfully support their claim. Meanwhile, we follow the logic of Colour Sergeant Mabin, an accredited Rorke’s Drift defender who wrote....

You see, son, there’s a lot of people who say they were at Rorke’s Drift during the Zulu War. They probably were – months after the battle.

On a more cheery note, I am hoping to arrange some lectures in Kent during the Spring of next year. We are looking to do this over a weekend in Tenterden – this small country town has a good and varied selection of restaurants and hotels – and we have the use of the comfortable Town Hall for the lectures and to display our many Rorke’s Drift artefacts. There will also be opportunities to meet a number of published Zulu War authors and the guest speakers.

Meanwhile, this journal contains a number of detailed and informative articles which I am sure will be of interest to you, including...

1. After the Zulu War...
2. The David Smith sale of Zulu artefacts at Lewes on 22nd January 2014.
3. Col. Glyn after Isandlwana.
4. Medical matters, part 2.
5. The Oldham Chronicle.

Finally, I continue to assist students and members with their constant flow of requests for assistance and research. If any member needs such assistance or merely has a question to ask, you are welcome to contact me. The quickest way is to e mail me at info@anglozuluwar.com

I wish you and yours a peaceful end to the year and I hope to see you either at the David Smith auction in Lewes in January or at Tenterden in the New Year. Full details of the Tenterden event will appear on the Society news page at www.anglozuluwar.com in early January.

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