

# Journal of

## ***THE ANGLO ZULU WAR***

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#### **Polizeiliche Ausschreibung.**

Christian Ferdinand Schieß von Herisau, geb. den 7. April 1856, hat sich von seinem Arbeitsherrn heimlich entfernt, und es werden die Lit. Polizeistellen hiemit höflichst ersucht, im Betretungsfall ihn der Waisenbehörde von Herisau zuführen zu lassen. Schieß hat dunkelblonde Haare, ovales Gesicht und ein spitziges Kinn; bei seiner Entfernung trug er dunkelgraue Hosen und Weste, einen hellgrauen Paletot, einen braunen Hut und Bottinen.

Herisau, den 27. September 1871.

Die Kantonspolizeidirektion.

Where is Christian Schiess?

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# Editorial

Welcome to Journal 55!

I must admit that when the idea of the Society first came to me – at Fugitives Drift, I had no idea how popular and successful it would become. I clearly remember my first mention of the idea to David Rattray – which elicited the thoughtful reply “there’s only one thing wrong with it, I didn’t think of it first!” And the rest, as they say, ‘is history’ and I am eternally grateful for David’s full support for the venture, all those years ago

The summer months are traditionally quiet in the Society office but you can judge how busy we have been by the size of this journal. We have had more members join from the southern hemisphere, due to Cam Simpson actively promoting us, and we are increasingly used by university students tackling their academic research. The article about Schiess is an example – and involved some effort to obtain an accurate translation from the Swiss/German original. There is much more to Schiess than we first thought, including him being presented to the visiting Royal family in India at a time when authors conventionally report him as being destitute on the streets of Cape Town. The full report of our Schiess findings will be ready for publication in the coming months.

Otherwise, school talks and similar presentations still keep us busy and I am especially grateful to Dr David Payne for leading this busy venture.

I hope you enjoy this summer,

Yours,

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