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INFORMANT : MADABU DLAMINI

AREA : EZULWINI

REGIMENT : LISOTJA

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM : Father and the Prince, both of NGULUBENI Regiment.

We all came from MSWATI's kraal. Mswati's home was the kraal LUDZIDZINI, but the Queen-mother La-MAGENGANE was brought to this kraal from NKHANINI kraal (another kraal of Mswati's). She was sent here to be Queen at this kraal. Her son was Prince MALOYI and he ruled for quite a long time after the death of the Queen. MALOYI's son was MHAWU, who is late and whose mother is now in charge of this place.

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La-MAGENGANE
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MALOYI
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MHAWU
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? ( MHAWU's mother)

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QUESTION A.

Were there any other clans in this area when the queen mother la-MAGENGANE was brought here?

It is said that she found one called MSHIYA in this area, and he was among the people we found here. MSHIYA was his first name and he was a Basuto- I don't know his surname.

QUESTION B.

Did MSHIYA then become a subject of the Queen-mother?

Yes, and he stayed on. The other people who came to settle later on found him in this kraal in the service of the Queen. The late comers also settled inside this kraal, but were later on placed at various strategic points the idea being that they should act as watchmen, always on the look-out for imminent attacks in order to warn the royal family about them in good time.

QUESTION C.

There are kraals where princes are in charge such as Luhlendlweni and Siphocosini, when did these princes come here?

The pince (Prince TFHONTPEHWANA) of LUHLENDLWENI found the Queen-mother when he came here from Ezulwini. The Queen-mother gave him a place to build his kraal, a little distance away from her residence and across the MAGUWA River, so that they shouldn't be too close together. A very late comer to this place is the Queen-mother and wife of MBANDZENI, the mother of JABHANE. She came recently during Prince MALOYI's time, She was given a place near Prince TFHONTPEHWANA's kraal.

QUESTION D.

Were there any famous men from this kraal who are remembered for anything?

My grand-father PHANGWENI. The king placed him at his kraal, LUDZIDZINI The Queen-mother had children but they all died at childhood and PHANGWENI was sympathetic towards the Queen. He therefore gave her some of his own children to adopt for herself. He also appointed some men to be indunas and look after the Queen and kraal.

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QUESTION E.

How many wives did Prince MALOYI have?

He had eleven, one of whom he divorced.

QUESTION F.

Have you ever heard of any battles fought by King MSWATI?

I remember the Battle of MSHADZE, which was fought by the NDLAVELA regiment. The NYATSI regiment fought many battles such as the WULU Battle, which was sent out by the indunas after the death of MSWATI, in which many princes died. The indunas sent it out saying it was a battle for "the washing of the spears". The Queen-mother was against it, but the indunas persisted and sent it out. It was the most tragic of MSWATI's battles (he was dead and this is why it met with such defeat.)

QUESTION G.

Are there still any descendants of the Basuto who were found here by the Swazi?

It seems there ~~aren't~~ aren't any.

QUESTION H.

What about such people as JIYANE, where did they come from?

These came here as a result of the Boer War and since then they have become subjects of the Prince and are old members of the Anglican Church at NDLOZANE. To protect them from the war the Anglican Missionaries took them to Zululand and hid them there. When they returned from Zululand they settled at NDLOZANE and have never left the Anglican Church.

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