

DATE : 6-5-70
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AREA : MKHITSHINI
REGIMENT :
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QUESTION A

Who was the Zulu king when the Zulu attacked your people?

I can't remember

QUESTION B

Which Swazi king was in power then?

I don't know.

QUESTION C

Did you remain here when the ~~Z~~ Swazi passed on th Hhohho?

Yes.

QUESTION D

Can you tell us all about the Mndzebele chiefs - from the very first one?

The first was Ntshini, then Nkhomtwako, then Zulu, then Mfukama, then another Ntshini and now Cetwayo.

QUESTION E

Who was the chief when you arrived here?

It was Zulu.

QUESTION F

Which clans did you find here?

It was only the Shabangu people.

QUESTION G

What do you know about them?

When we/^{were} attacked the Shabangu people suffered the most because they were almost completely annihilated.

QUESTION H

Where are they now?

They are still with us, but now in this area.

QUESTION I

When you left the place that you had come ~~fr~~ from, did they leave with you or later?

We left at the same time because we were in one regiment with them, all of us under Zulu when we left Ngogweni.

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QUESTION J

Were they under their own chief otherwise?

No they were under the Mndzebele chief Zulu.

QUESTION K

Were they under their own chief before the attack or were they under a Mndzebele chief?

They had Mndzebele for their chief and had no chief of their own.

QUESTION L

How are you related to the Shabangu?

The relationship is that we have always been together ; they are under us.

QUESTION M

Who was your great grandfather?

Nkhomtwako.

QUESTION N

Do you and the Shabangu intermarry ?

Yes because they were our indunas and still are. Even in the old days we intermarried.

QUESTION O

Whom did you find where you are now settled?

There were no ~~xxxx~~ people except the Basuto - the Manana.

QUESTION P

Were there other Basuto apart from the Manana?

I don't know.

QUESTION Q

Which other clans came and settled around you or with you after you came?

I don't know these.

QUESTION R

When did the Nkambule arrive?

The Nakambule and the Mabuza came at the same time as us, and have been our neighbours ever since.

QUESTION S

Did you really arrive at the same time as the Nkambule and other clans?

I ~~sax~~ say so because they have been our neighbours since the early days.

CETJWAYO MNDZEBELE cont...

QUESTION T

Is there any reason why the king gave you this place?

The reason for our settling at this place is that when we came running away from the attack by the Zulu the ~~X~~ Swazi king advised us to come to this place because there were caves in which we would be able to hide ourselves when attacked.

QUESTION U

Can you remember whom this helpful Swazi king was?

No.

QUESTION V

Is there any Mndzebele man or men who is remembered by your people for his achievements such as heroism or cowardice?

I can't remember because this is very very long ago. Those of our people who fought as Mshadza died many years ago - I mean our warriors.

QUESTION W

What were you at that time - Swazi or Zulu or something else?

I really can't tell you which,

QUESTION X

Who was Ntshini's senior wife?

I don't know. * It was Mthimbane, Daughter of Velakubi Dlamini.

QUESTION Y

..... His father's mother?

It was laKunene, my fathers ~~mx~~ mother.

QUESTION Z

What was her name. was it laMgidla?

I don't know it but it is said that she lived at Buseleni kraal ; I know no more about her.

QUESTION A1

Are you perhaps related to the Ndebele clan in the Republic?

We never had any relationship with the Ndebele - we are Mndzebele in our own way and we are, unlike them, Swazi.

QUESTION B2

.....unclear

It was Zulu who married laNgwane.

QUESTION C1

Where were the Mndzebele when Zulu took this princess as a wife?

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The princess was brought to Zulu by the Swazi to be his wife. This happened here after we arrived to seek the king's protection and a place to ~~xx~~ stay.

QUESTION D1

Are you sure that this king was Ngwane I and not Ngwane II?

I can't draw a distinction here.

QUESTION E1

So this princess was Zulu's senior wife?

Yes.

~~Question~~ QUESTION F1

Did any quarrels or misunderstandings develop between the Mndzebele and their neighbours?

No.

QUESTION G1

When did you join the Swazi regiments or warriors?

As soon as we made contact with the Swazi.

QUESTION H1

Do you remember the Zulu and the Swazi fighting each other?

I cannot remember the time, but I know they fought.

QUESTION I1

Who were your neighbours here?

The Nkambule, Mabuza, Nsibande, Dlamini, and the Mdlului.

QUESTION J1

~~What~~ What can you tell us about the coming of the Mdluli?

I cannot; I can't remember.

QUESTION K1

Did they arrive before or after the Mndzebele?

I have forgotten these facts.

QUESTION L1

Did the Nsibande arrive before or after you?

I'm not in a position to say this about any of our neighbours.

QUESTION M1

Did you have any relationship with the Manana?

They are the people we found here.

CETJWAYO MNDZEBELE cont...

QUESTION N1

On your arrival did they receive you kindly?

Yes because they were aware that we were coming in at the King's orders.

QUESTION O1

Who was the chief of the Manana at the time?

I don't remember.

QUESTION ~~P1~~ P1

Was there any Mndzebele woman married to a member of the Swazi royal family?

.....unclear

QUESTION Q1

Do you know of Mndzebele men who were warriors?

I'm not in a ~~position~~ position to know them but our men did fight in the early battles.
