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Richard Hamley : The Regiment: A History and the Uniforms of the British South Africa Police before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Regiment: A History and the Uniforms of the British South Africa Police:

The BSAP held the honour of occupying the Right of the Line - one of the finest police forces of the British Empire and Commonwealth. In 1889 Cecil Rhodes was granted a royal charter by Queen Victoria to settle Mashonaland, in what was to become Southern Rhodesia. So was formed the British South Africa Company; its regiment of troopers raised to protect the occupying Pioneer Column dubbed the British South Africa Police, the BSAP. From the 1893 Matabele War, the 1896 Mashona Rebellion and the Jameson Raid, the Anglo-Boer War, through both world wars and finally to the Rhodesian bush war of the 1960s and '70s, troopers and officers of this fine regiment of policemen, both black and white, were proudly to the fore, in civilian and military roles ... until the disbandment of the Force in 1980. Covering, in meticulous detail the 90 years of the force's existence, it is a connoisseur's dream and will be hard to emulate. Although the book has a scholarly approach, it is written in an entertaining easily-accessible style. We are given details of the formative years of the force with its hard-bitten band of colourful adventurers from all strata of society. The men who became the bedrock of civilian authority within the territory and who brought about the

occupation of Matabeleland, men depended upon by that icon of imperialism, Cecil Rhodes - who sought the expansion of the British Empire and would-be builder of a railroad from the Cape to Cairo.