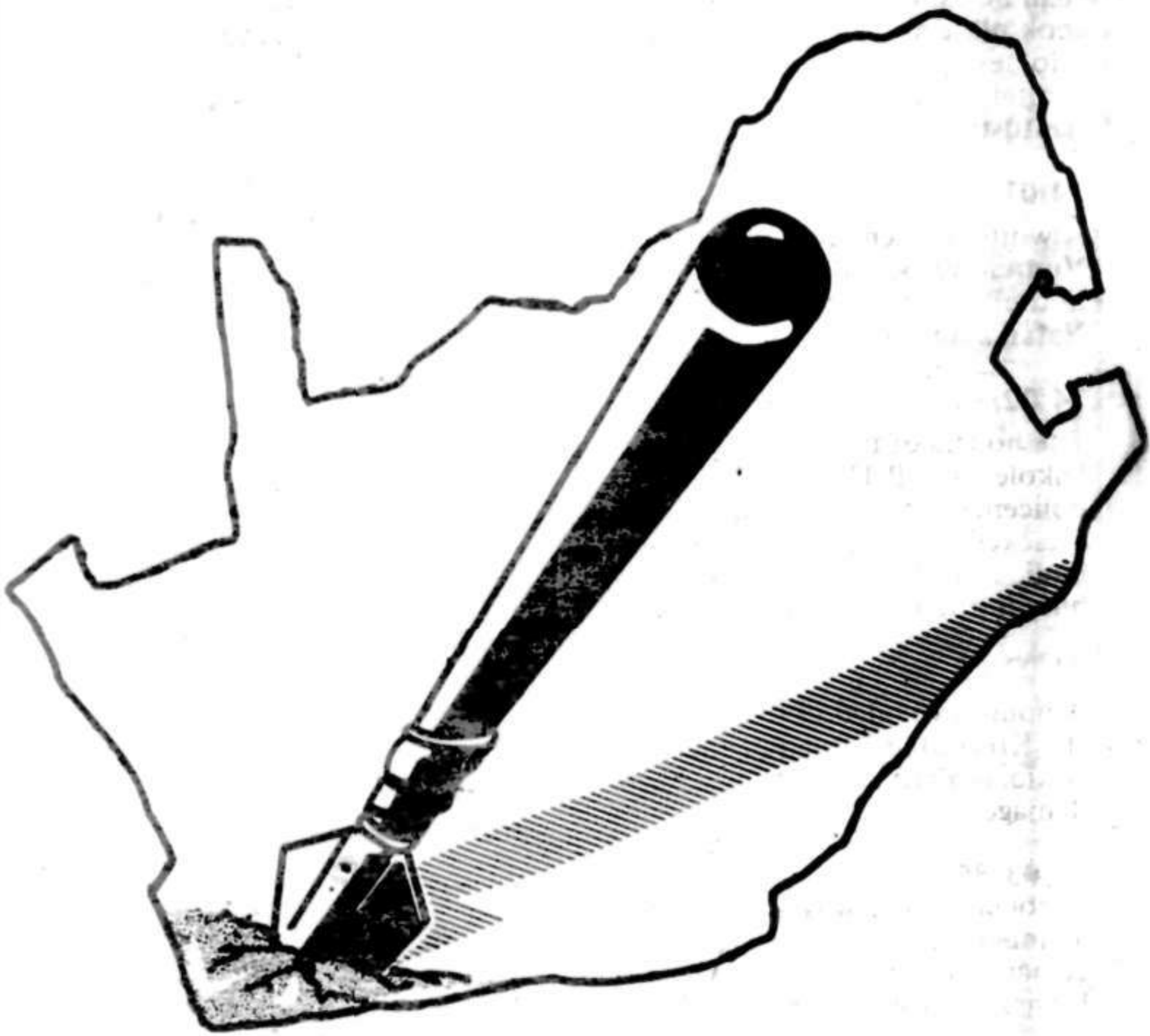


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# IN COMBAT

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**02/01/85**

Our combatants carried out a series of daring raids to free comrades held by Swazi police.

**05/01/85**

Major Loubser and constable Tlou of the Bophuthatswana police force were killed while two other policemen sustained injuries following a confrontation with one MK combatant, Jerry Nene, who subsequently took away his life with an explosive device rather than be captured. The battle took place at Sewedingstad, five kilometres from Mmabatho, the capital of the Bophuthatswana bantustan.

**14/01/85**

A white policeman, Lt Janse van Vuuren was killed in a shootout in the Nongoma area, Northern Natal, about 50 km from Vryheid.

**24/02/85**

The houses of two councillors J Dikole and P Thiba, and one policeman's were simultaneously attacked by hand grenades in Huhudi, a black township near Vryburg in the north-western Cape.

**04/03/85**

A bomb exploded in the office of the Kroonstad branch of the National Party, causing extensive damage.

**17/03/85**

A police vehicle was devastated by a limpet mine in Mamelodi. A policeman, a member of the security branch, narrowly escaped death.

**22/03/85**

Two hand grenades were hurled at the Jabavu Administration Board

building in Soweto. In another incident, a government building in Soweto was sprayed with ANC slogans before it was damaged by two hand grenade explosions. About 10 window panes and a netting wire over one of the windows were damaged.



Vincent Tshabalala (Mike Mkhari), fell bravely in a violent shootout in Alexander township.

**14/04/85**

Three powerful explosions shook Brakpan, a small town in the East Rand. The blasts, a few hours before the funeral of trade union leader, Andries Raditsela, occurred at the police barracks single quarters, the commissioner's court and the Messenger of the court offices. All three buildings are situated within a 500 metre radius. The explosions damaged roofs, ceilings, windows, doors and window frames.

**18/04/85**

The Spar Foodliner Supermarket in Trustbank Building, Smith street, Durban, was rocked by an explosive. Automatic fire sprinklers went off soon after the explosion, soaking most of the food items, causing extensive damage.



**28/04/85**

All 10 offices of the Southern Transvaal Medical Command headquarters in Johannesburg were wrecked by a bomb blast. Sixteen people were injured and all the office windows were shattered, doors ripped from their hinges, part of the ceiling collapsed and office furniture was strewn about. The SADF offices are on the first floor of Nedbank East City in End street.

**29/04/85**

Bomb blasts rocked the head offices of the Anglo American and Anglo-Vaal gold mine empires in Johannesburg. Extensive damage was caused to several floors of both office blocks and to shops facing the building.



Livingstone Tom Gaza (Peter George Johnson) fell in Bophuthatswana in 1984 after fighting heroically against the security forces of the fascist regime.

**26/05/85**

A Tembisa policeman's family narrowly escaped death when a hand grenade was hurled through a bedroom window of his house.

**27/05/85**

Two combatants of our army open-

ed fire at a house in De Wildt, near Ga-Rankuwa, killing one South African police detective and injuring another.

**30/05/85**

An explosion shattered the first floor of the United Building Society building on the corner of Commissioner and Rissik streets in Johannesburg. The building harbours the Southern Cross Fund which provides financial and material assistance to the regime's security forces.

**12/06/85**

The homes of two coloured MPs were attacked with grenades in Cape Town. The two MPs are members of the coloured house of representatives. One was wounded in the back by shrapnel and had to undergo an emergency operation.

**15/06/85**

Two MK combatants clashed with an SAP patrol north of the Kruger National Park. One policeman lost an eye from shrapnel resulting from a hand grenade hurled at them. In another incident, the home of the chairman of the Cape Town community council was attacked with a grenade.

**16/06/85 – 9th Anniversary of the Soweto Uprising.**

1) A limpet mine damaged the Natalia Development Board Offices at Lamontville, south of Durban. The explosion smashed several windows in the main administration block and damaged two offices and several doors.

2) Two explosions occurred near the Umlazi police station, damaging the outside wall.



3) A Bophuthatswana police constable was shot dead when police opened fire on a stone-throwing crowd in Mapopane and a person in the crowd fired back.

4) The home of the vice-chairman of the Cape Town community council was attacked with a hand grenade.

**19/06/85**

A Durban beachfront tearoom was destroyed by a bomb blast. In another incident three policemen were injured when eight policemen stopped an MK combatant for 'questioning' on the corner of NY1 and NY117, 500 metres from the Gugulethu police station. The combatant hurled a grenade at them and withdrew from the battle unscathed.

**21/06/85**

A limpet mine rocked the electricity sub-station in the Woodlands suburb of Durban. In another incident two limpet mines exploded, one at the City Hall and the other at a nearby petrol station in East London. In another incident three police officers were injured in a grenade attack in Cape Town.

**24/06/85**

A bomb exploded at the AECI offices in Johannesburg, causing extensive damage.

**26/06/85 – South Africa Freedom Day**

A massive fire caused by a limpet mine explosion destroyed 11 fuel tanks at a petrol station and a waterpipe in Umtata. Another limpet mine destroyed one of the main electricity sub-stations supplying the city. A third blast destroyed a water pipeline between Umtata dam and the water purification plant. The capital of the Transkei bantustan was left without power for days.

**31/07/85**

In a clash on the old highway between King Williams Town and East London, a policeman was shot dead and another wounded, according to enemy reports. Two of our combatants – Lucas and Eldridge –



*Lucas Njongwe*

lost their lives. In another incident a bomb explosion caused extensive damage to four flour-holding silos, rendering them inoperable, at the Umlazi bakery, near Durban.

**04/08/85**

The home of Amichand Rajbansi, the chairman of the minister's council in the house of delegates (the new Indian dummy chamber in the tri-cameral parliament) was attacked with a hand grenade.



*Eldridge Yakithi*

**August 1985**

At the funeral of Sithembiso MATHISO in Gugulethu, a hand grenade was thrown at the police, injuring seven cops. Among the injured policemen was Western Cape police divisional commissioner, Major Dolf Odendaal.

**August 1985**

Ciskei riot cop, V W Sokupa, was found dead in Zone 9, Zwelitsha, King Williams Town.

**27/09/85**

Three limpet mines exploded in major chain stores in West street, Durban. The blasts were at Ok Bazaar, Game Discount World and Checkers.

**September 1985**

A bomb rocked the boycott-stricken Executive Hotel in Umlazi,

**12/10/85**

In Mamelodi, Pretoria, a policeman and his wife were injured in a grenade attack on his home.

**13/10/85**

Mamelodi prison warder Sgt. Moses Nowatha was shot in the head while watching television at his home.

**17/10/85**

Gun battles broke out between police and 'rioters' in Athlone, Cape Town. One white police sergeant was injured by a 'heavy calibre' bullet.

**24/10/85**

A school on the Bluff was blown up by a powerful bomb. The school was to be a polling booth in a by-election the following week.

**October 1985**

Shots were fired at police in two separate incidents in Soweto.

**01/11/85**

A bomb exploded on the third floor of Franwell House on the corner of Eloff and President streets, Johannesburg, causing extensive internal damage. In another incident, in the centre of the same city, a bomb exploded in a tower block, causing damage to the offices of the Institute of Banking.

**02/11/85**

Three shots were fired at a riot patrol in Soweto. In another incident, constable P Malebane was gunned down whilst guarding the house of a Soweto councillor in Jabulani. His two firearms and 16 rounds of ammunition were captured.

**06/11/85**

The body of Rifleman Jacobus Daniel de Bruyn of the S A Cape Corps was found dumped near Mitchell's Plain. He had a bullet wound in the back of his head.



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## Fearless Fighters

**15/11/85**

A Gugulethu woman lost her eye in a grenade explosion. The grenade was tossed into her backyard house after a cop was seen visiting her.

**16/11/85**

Bellville cop Lt A Plaatjies' wife was injured by shrapnel after a grenade was thrown into their house.

**17/11/85**

Two hand grenades were thrown in the grounds of Mannenburg police station.

**21/11/85**

Three Cape Corps soldiers were injured in a grenade blast while standing next to their parked armoured personnel carrier near Crossroads.

**26/11/85**

A driver of a heavy vehicle was seriously injured and a farmer escaped serious injury, his driver losing a leg when landmines exploded in two separate incidents in the Soutpansberg military area west of Messina.

**28/11/85**

A fierce gun battle took place between our combatants and Bophuthatswana police at Tlhabane, near Rustenburg. In another incident, a daring unit of our army attacked the SASOL complex with a Grad P (122mm rockets). Five rockets were fired and all landed in the complex. In the skirmish that ensued, three comrades who were in the unit – Richard Molokoane, Victor Lunga Khayiyane and Vincent Sekete – fell in what the enemy described as a violent shoot-



*Richard Molokoane*



*Victor Lunga Khayiyane*



*Vincente Sekete*

**The spate of hand grenade attacks in the Western Cape has had the cops worried. The number of hand-grenade attacks in the Peninsula has risen to 21 in the past 5 months.**

out. Others managed to retreat safely to base with the weapon.

In the Northern Transvaal a police vehicle and an army one detonated landmines. In the latter explosion, four soldiers were wounded. The regime claims that in a follow-up operation two more landmines were defused.

### **November 1985**

A blast hit an Umtata power substation, depriving the city of power for five hours. This was the second attack on the power station in six months.

**03/12/85**

An army vehicle was attacked with a hand grenade in Soweto.

**05/12 85**

There were two hand grenade attacks on the Reef, one seriously injuring a policeman. He was injured after a grenade was hurled at a police vehicle in Soweto. In the other incident three policemen were injured, one badly.

**The number of armed insurgency attacks in South Africa in the first nine months of this year - 93 up to the end of September - is more than double the tally 44) recorded in 1984. (Financial Mail 15th November 1984).**

**08/12/85**

The Mobeni Post Office was badly damaged by a limpet mine, putting it out of action for more than a week. Many documents, correspondence and mail were destroyed and many of the post boxes were ripped off from their fittings. Damage was estimated at R200 000. Two police personnel were injured.

**12/12/85**

An armoured troop carrier detonated a landmine in the Messina area. One soldier was injured.

**15/12/85**

Six whites were killed and five were injured seriously when their truck detonated a landmine near the border with Zimbabwe.



**Linda Fikekahle Khuzwayo fell in Ingwavuma in 1984.**

**17/12/85**

A Komatipoort farmer was killed in his farm. Nine empty cartridges were discovered the following day.

**21/12/85**

A hand grenade was hurled at a minibus in Pine street, Durban. The minibus was torn apart. Ten people were injured.

**23/12/85**

A bomb rocked a massive shopping centre at the Amazimtoti beach resort, south of Durban. Seven whites were killed and 46 others injured, many critically.