

Lt. Col Jack Parsonson DSO, South African Airforce War Hero, and Farmer in Trelawney by Doug McClymont in Feb 2025

This is about Jack Parsonson and his contribution to the SAAF in the Western Desert World War II, his exploits in the Great Escape from Stalag Luft III, and his time as a tobacco farmer in Trelawney where Doug knew him well. Good points and bad points, He was a Lomagundi Farming Character that shouldn't be forgotten.

About Doug McClymont

Doug was born 150 metres across the road from the 7th Green at Royal Harare. His love of history came when appointed Officer in Charge of the Trelawney Research Station. His book "Bonanza" covered tobacco advice from the start of the century and he has followed this with several articles for Heritage on early tobacco culture. Being technical correspondent for Tobacco News and the Zambian Farmers Gazette lead to over 350 technical articles on all aspects of agriculture, not just tobacco. At present retired, he is concentrating on recording the magnificent achievements of the early agricultural experts and the rise of the agro-pesticide industry and its contribution to Zimbabwean agriculture. From being an international rugby referee and avid but not very good golfer, he now relaxes watching rugby league (a non-woke man's game) and European Tour golf