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SUBJECT: THE CHIEF SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE DECORATES DESERVING UNITS WITH BATTLE HONOUR AS THE SANDF IS PREPARING FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) General Solly Shoke will on Thursday award Battle Honours to the units that were involved in what became to be known as The Battle of Bangui. The Battle Honours will be conferred to 1 Parachute Battalion, 5 Reconnaissance Regiment and 7 Medical Battalion in a ceremony prior to the Armed Forces Day.

This will allow these units to march for the first time with their battle honours during the Armed Forces Day on 21 February 2014 at Air Force Base Bloemspruit, where the President of the RSA and Commander in Chief of the SANDF will be the main functionary. The Armed Forces Day parade is planned to be a spectacular event where the SANDF will, amongst other events, showcase its capabilities and take to communities in Mangaung.

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