

L/Cpl Bheki Cele is finally laid to rest!

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A moving funeral service was held on Sunday 21 April 2013 for L/Cpl Bheki Petrus Cele in Dududu, Kwa-Zulu Natal. He was part of the fallen heroes of the Augusta A109 light utility helicopter which crashed in the Kruger National Park while trying to curb rhino poaching. The Officer Commanding, Col Siphiso Ngqokuvana, Officer Commanding 7 Medical Battalion described L/Cpl Cele as a hero whose name will be written in the great books of the military, while the Deputy Surgeon General, Maj Gen Lourens Smith, paid tribute to L/Cpl Cele and described him as a dedicated soldier who gave his life not only for the nation but for the protection of our natural heritage.