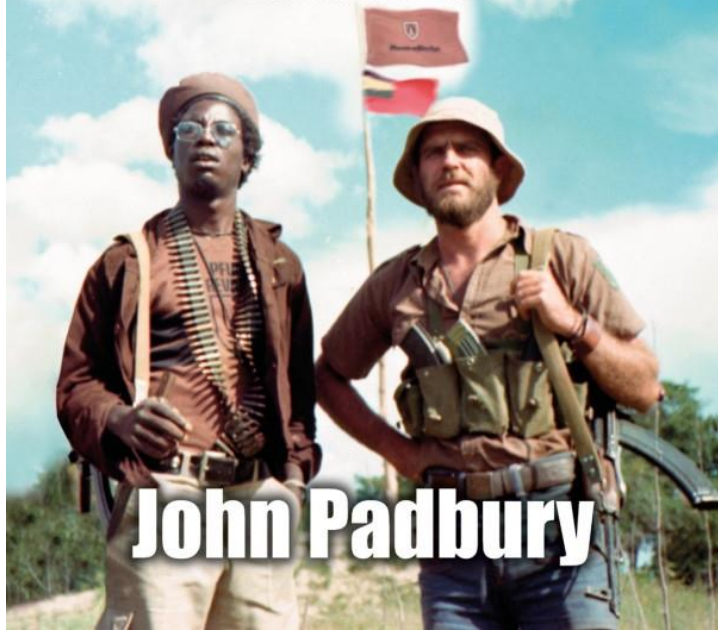


BATTLE FOR HURUNGWE

A Special Branch victory in an unwinnable war
Rhodesia 1965-1979



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