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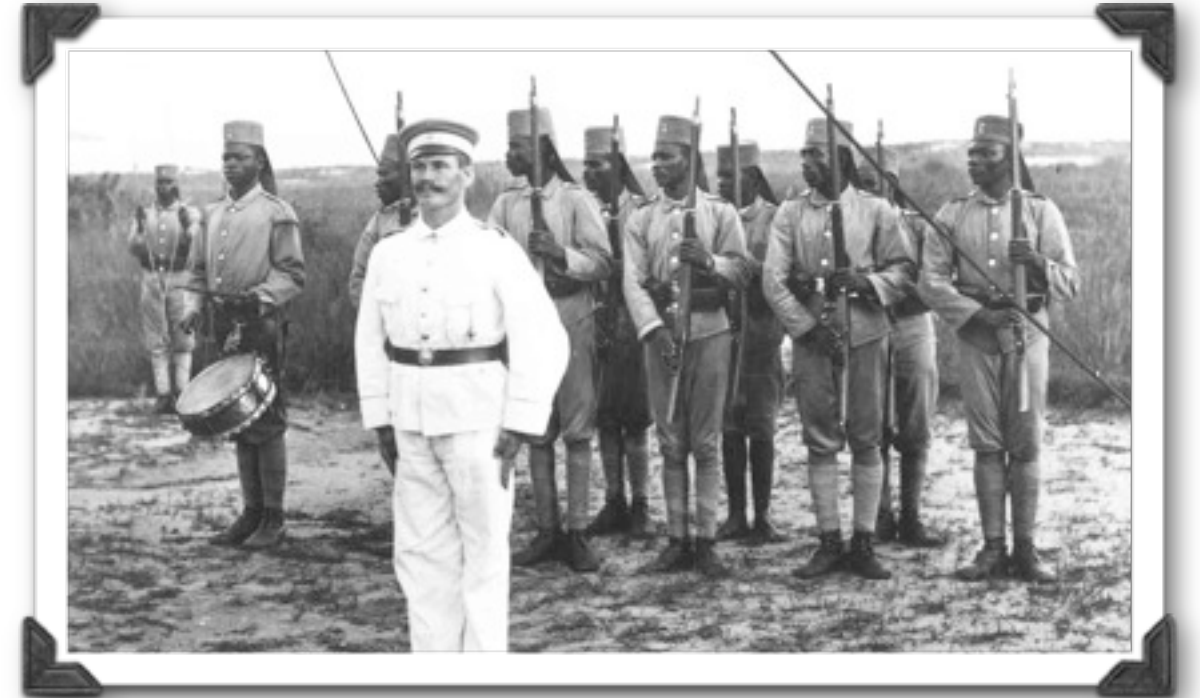
1847

Thomas Savage discovers a gorilla skull and recognizes it as a new species.



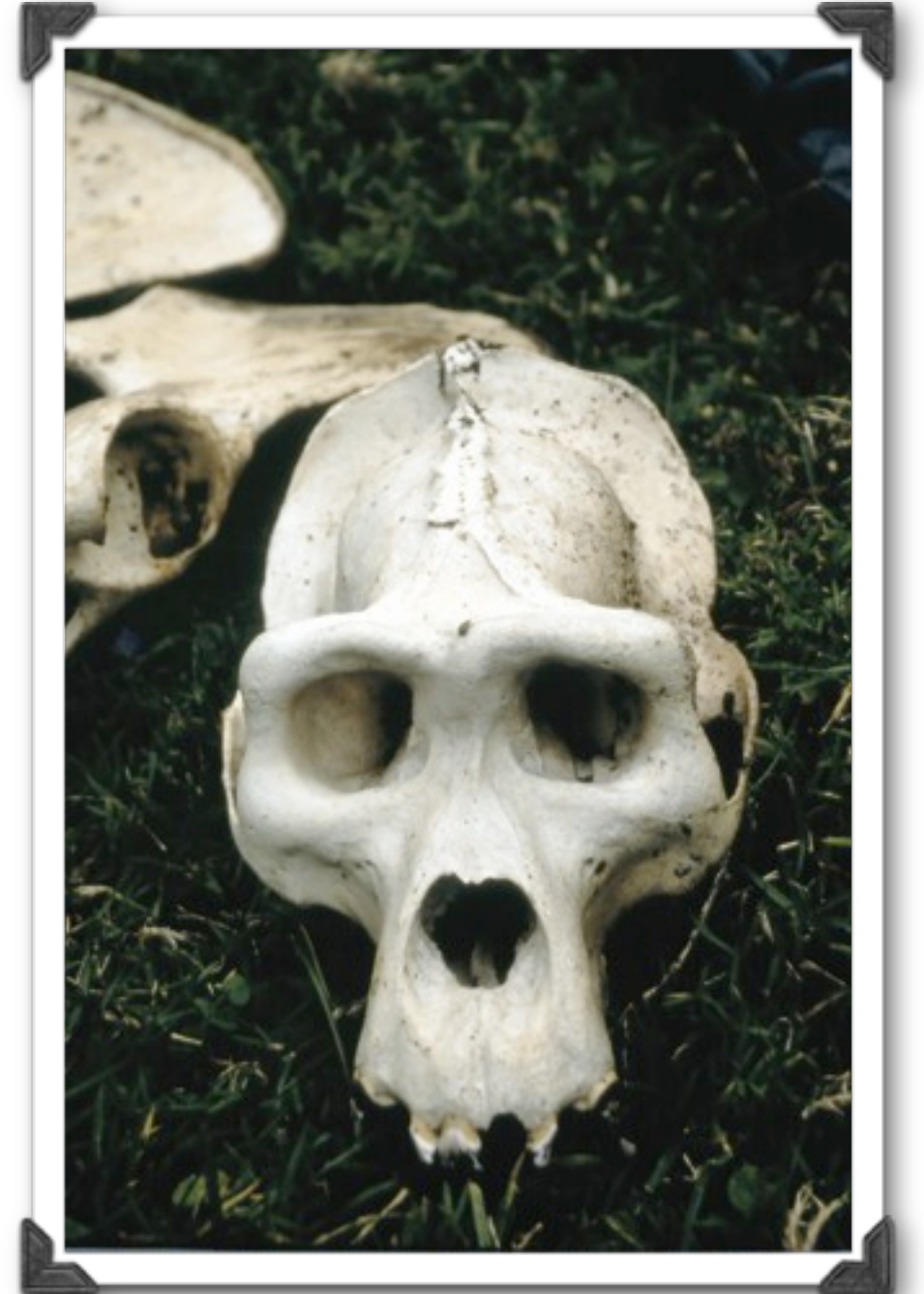
1902

Captain Robert von Beringe from Germany was the first European to identify the Mountain Gorilla on the Sabinyo volcano. Because of him, the Mountain Gorilla is classified as *Gorilla gorilla beringei*.



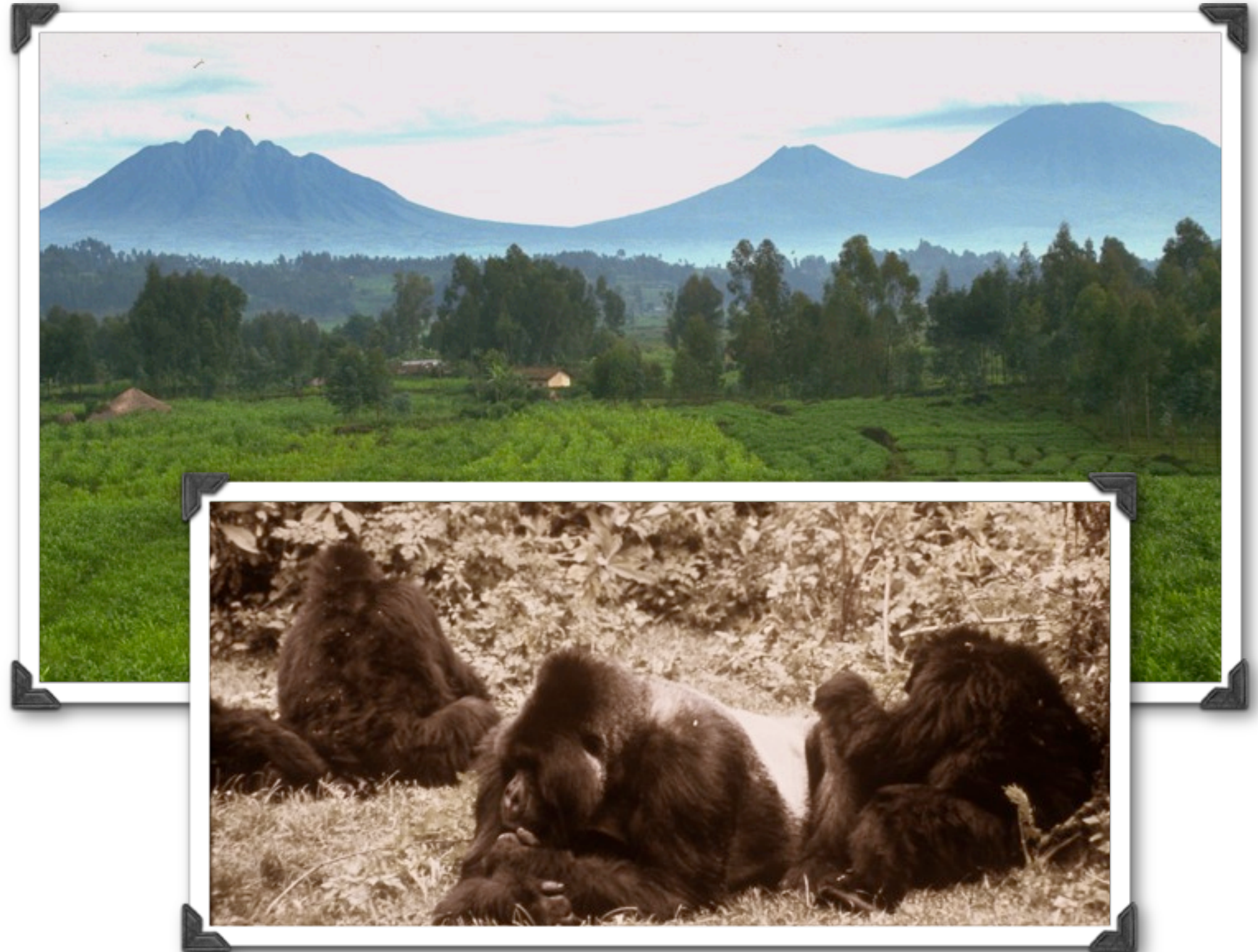
1904

Cross River gorilla
identified from
discovery of skull
bones.



1925

The Albert National Park established as a gorilla sanctuary, later renamed the Virunga National Park.



1933

“King Kong”,
the movie, is
released and
the killing of
gorillas for
sport
increases.



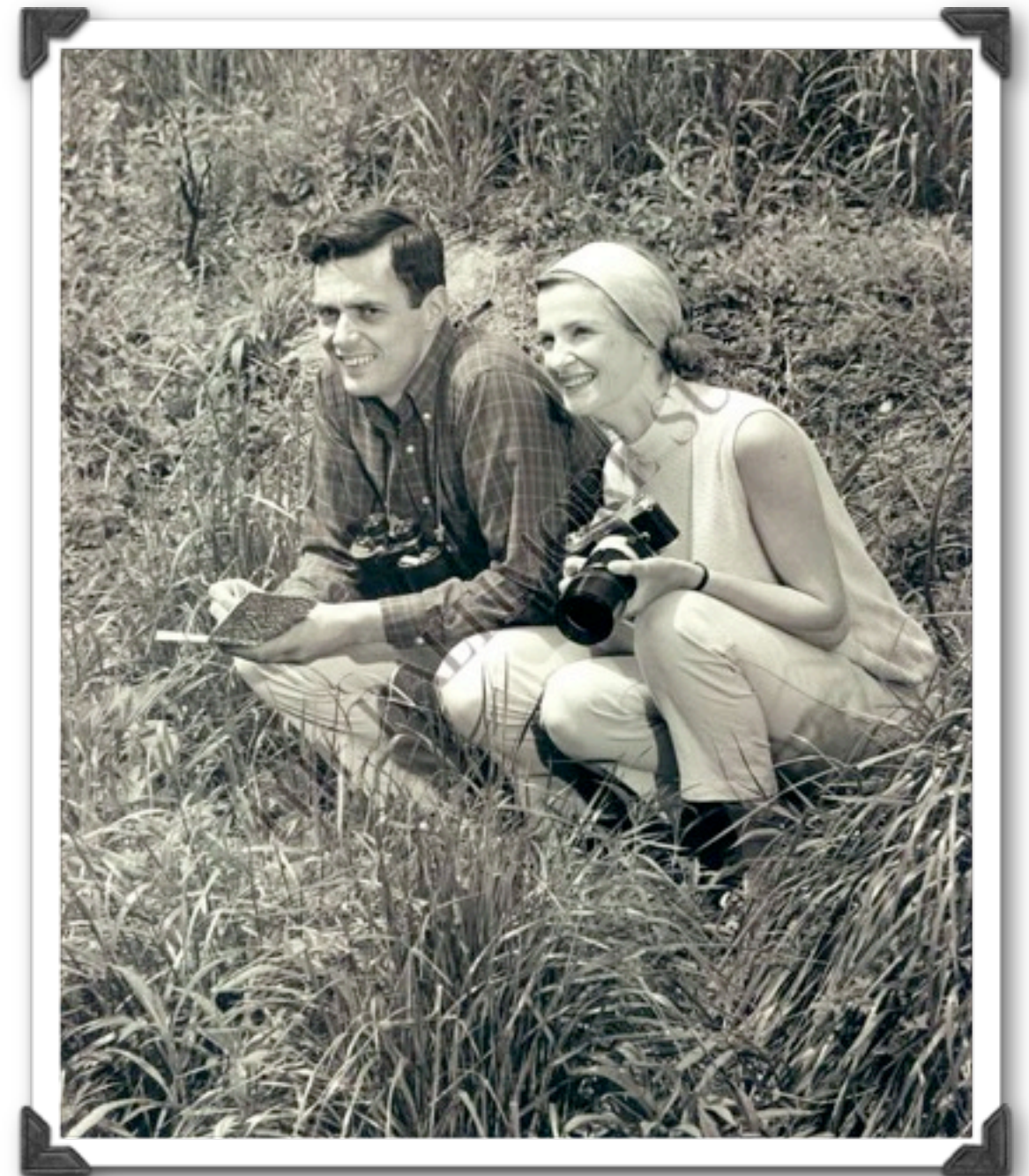
1956

The first ever
gorilla is born
in a zoo,
named Colo.



1959

George Schaller, American zoologist, studied the mountain gorillas.



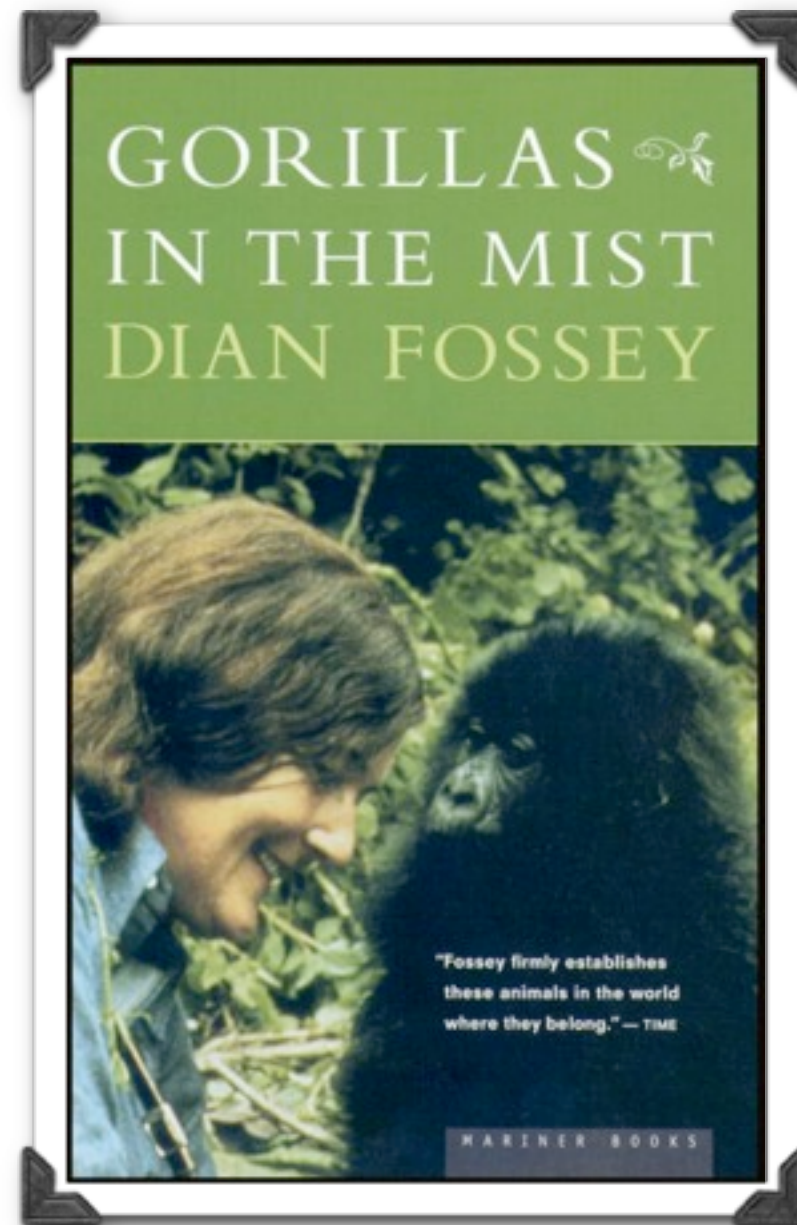
1967

Dian Fossey, founder of Karisoke Research Center, begins her study of gorillas.



1983

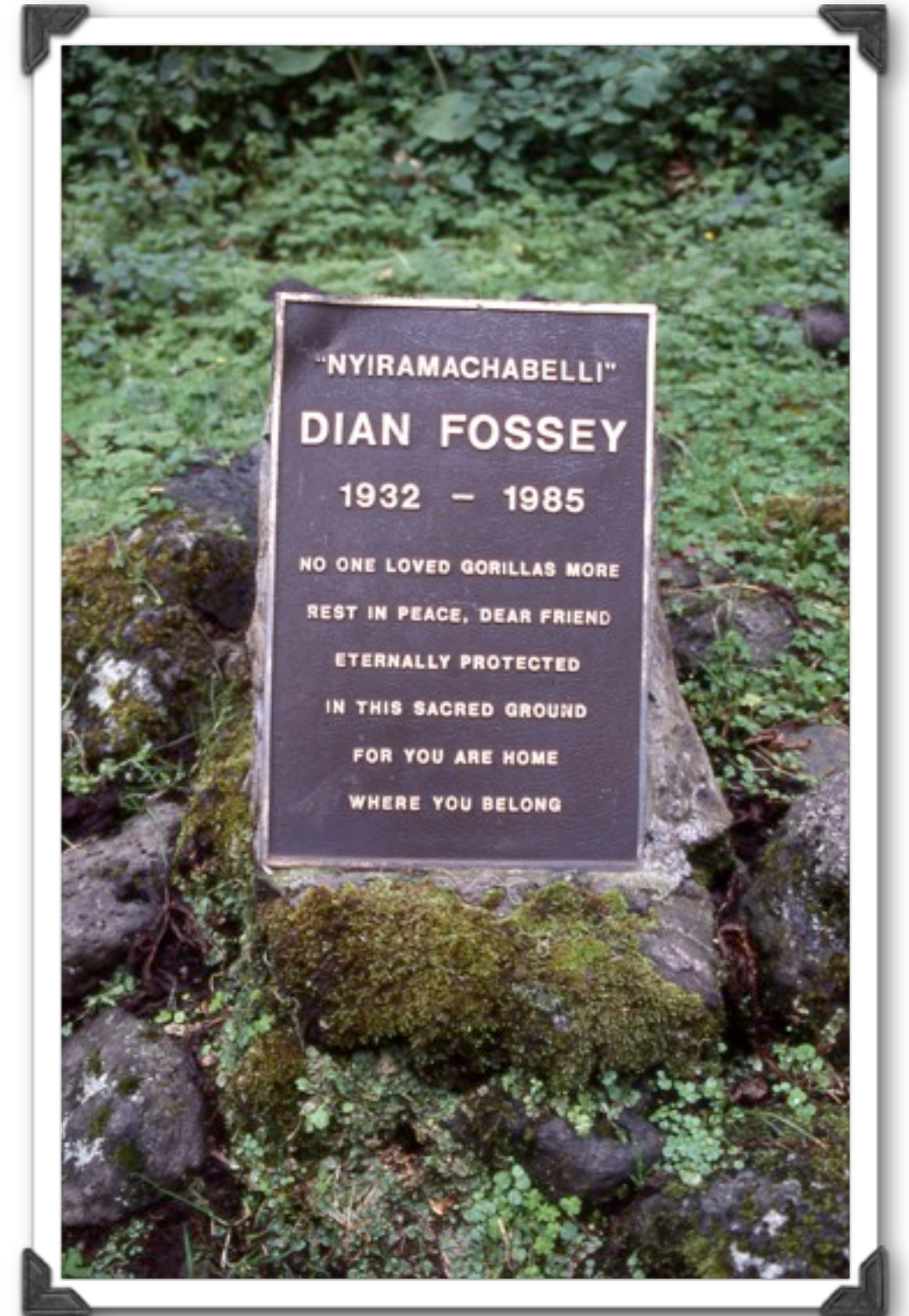
Dian Fossey releases her famous book, "Gorillas in the Mist", which was later turned into a film.



1985

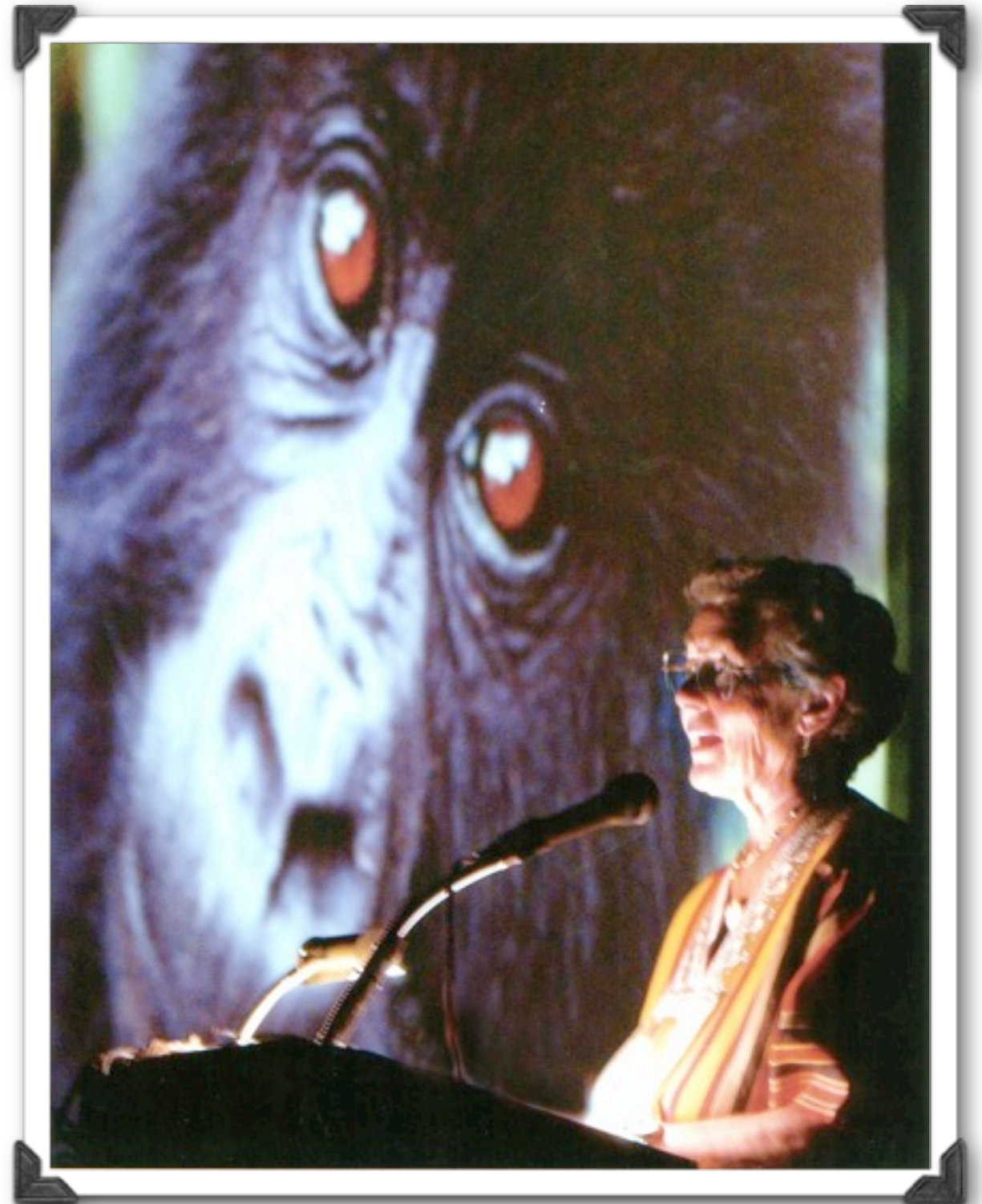
Dian Fossey asks Ruth Morris Keesling to help her save the mountain gorillas and provide veterinary care.

Fossey was later murdered on December 26 in her cabin at Karisoke Research Center, 248 mountain gorillas are alive and none are in captivity.



1986

Dian Fossey's estate votes to transfer the Digit Fund to Englewood, Colorado, USA, to affiliate with Morris Animal Foundation. Keesling elected Digit Fund President and begins global speaking engagements to bring awareness to the plight of the mountain gorilla.



1987

Keesling creates the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project and has a veterinary laboratory built in Rwanda. Dr. James Foster was hired as chief veterinarian. The Digit Fund name was changed to Dian Fossey Gorilla fund.

Keesling opens the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund – Europe office in London.



1994

The beginning of the civil war in Rwanda, 22 mountain gorillas are killed, one million people perish in the conflict.



1996

Keesling
establishes the
WARM
Department at
Makerere
University to
start the
teaching of
wildlife
veterinary
medicine to the
Africans.



2000

Dr. Theogene Rudasingwa, Rwanda's Cabinet Director, appoints Keesling head of a governmental task force.



The Mountain Gorilla Conservation Fund is established to administer projects.



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Gorilla
Conservation
Fund**
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2002

MGCF hosts 100th Anniversary of scientific identification of Mountain Gorillas. Keesling wins Lifetime Achievement Award from British Airways for conservation efforts.

Andreas Von Beringe, Grandson of the late German Captain visits the gorillas for the first time with MGCF.



2005

Gorillas are first observed using tools in the wild.



2009

Named "Year of the Gorilla".



Please help me survive!

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Your donation will assist with projects that directly benefit the highly endangered Mountain Gorillas.

The MGCF is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and protection of the Mountain Gorillas.

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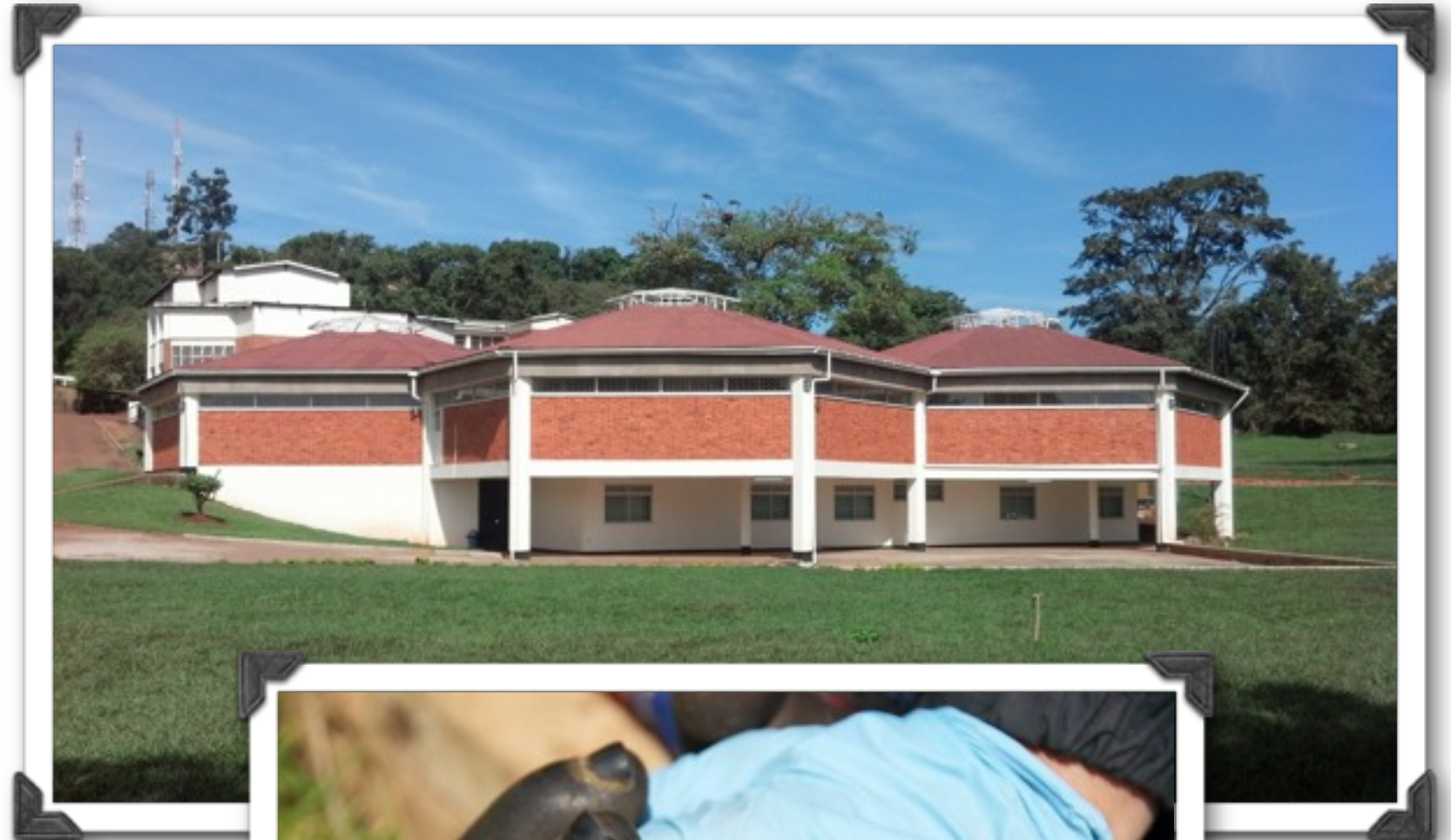
2010

Silverback Pale Ale a hand crafted beer released in Colorado as the first beer to help support the critically endangered mountain gorillas.



2013

Keesling establishes; "Ruth Keesling Wildlife Health and Research Centre" at Makerere University; mountain gorilla population estimate is 880.



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