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**Aisne 1914** - Paul Kendall 2012-05-01

The Battle of the Aisne fought in September 1914 introduced a new and savage mode of warfare to the soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force, their French allies and to the German Army. Both officers and men were trained to fight mobile wars. When they reached the north bank of the Aisne, the 'Old Contemptibles' would be stopped by the Germans entrenched on high ground, armed with machine guns and supported by heavy artillery. The British commanders would naively send their troops on futile assaults up slopes devoid of cover to attack the German lines dug in on the ridges along the Chemin des Dames and concealed by woodland. The British did not even have grenades. The BEF suffered 12,000 casualties. Their commanders, who were not trained to fight a modern war, were lost for a solution or even a strategy. It was on the Chemin des Dames that the first trenches of the Western Front were dug and where the line that would stretch from the Swiss frontier to the North Sea began. The Battle of the Aisne saw the dawn of trench warfare and a stalemate that would last for the next four years. Wide-ranging archival research by author Paul Kendall makes this the first in-depth study of the battle in print. His correspondence with surviving relatives of those who fought brings a human face to the terrible casualty statistics that would come to define the trenches.

*Krygshistoriese Tydskrif* - 2004

[An Imperfect Occupation](#) - John Boje 2015-10-15

The South African War (1899-1902), also called the Boer War and Anglo-Boer War, began as a conventional conflict. It escalated into a savage irregular war fought between the two Boer republics and a British imperial force that adopted a scorched-earth policy and used concentration camps to break the will of Afrikaner patriots and Boer guerrillas. In *An Imperfect Occupation*, John Boje delves into the agonizing choices faced by Winburg district residents during the British occupation. Afrikaner men fought or evaded combat or collaborated; Afrikaner women fled over the veld or submitted to life in the camps; and black Africans weighed the life or death consequences of taking sides. Boje's sensitive analysis showcases the motives, actions, and reactions of Boers and Africans alike as initial British accommodation gave way to ruthlessness. Challenging notions of Boer unity and homogeneity, Boje illustrates the precarious tightrope of resistance, neutrality, and collaboration walked by people on all sides. He also reveals how the repercussions of the war's transformative effect on Afrikaner identity plays out in today's South Africa. Readable and compassionate, *An Imperfect Occupation* provides a dramatic account of the often overlooked aspects of one of the first "modern" wars.

**The Hall Handbook of the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902** - Darrell Hall 1999

Hall (d 1996), a South African and former member of the British Army, was an amateur authority on artillery. He carried out research in libraries and private archives in South Africa to write this history of the Boer War in South Africa.

### **Lord Kitchener and the War in South Africa**

- Earl Horatio Herbert Kitchener Kitchener 2006  
In 1900 Lord Roberts handed over command in South Africa to Lord Kitchener, convinced that only some 'police work' remained to be done. However, within a fortnight, the war escalated and the new Commander-in-Chief had to make desperate efforts to end the conflict. This new book includes numerous unpublished letters written by or to Kitchener .....

### **Boer War Generals** - Peter Trew 2013-08-12

In the Boer War (1899-1902) the professionals of the British Army fought the gifted amateurs who led the Boer commandos. For the Boers it was a struggle for independence,; for Britain an attempt, once and for all, to achieve political supremacy in South Africa. While sheer weight of numbers and ruthless tactics eventually secured a British military victory, the extraordinary Boer effort won worldwide respect. The Boer War Generals is a study of the principal commanders on both sides, in a conflict which was both 'the last of the gentlemen's wars' and the first modern one. The three British commanders were established regular soldiers who stood high in public esteem when they went out to South Africa. For Roberts the war was a final triumph, albeit tainted somewhat when it dragged on for a year and a half after he left; for Kitchener it was a tedious and exhausting interlude which delayed his appointment as Commander-in-Chief in India; and for Buller, the graveyard of his reputation. The Boer generals were Louis Botha, Christiaan de Wet, Koos de la Rey and Jan Smuts, of whom the first three were farmers and legislators with little conventional military experience. Smuts, after a brilliant academic career at Cambridge, was a senior but very young state official. In the course of the war, these men proved in different ways to have outstanding natural military ability. Peter Trew's detailed narrative examines each personality separately, contrasting the command styles of the experienced professional British generals with the natural ingenuity of the 'amateur'

Boers. Fully illustrated with photographs and maps, the book provides a compelling insight into a war which provoked strong feelings not just from the protagonists but across the world. (First published as a hardback in 1999 by Sutton Publishing Limited)

### **The Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902)** - André Wessels 2010-09-01

Based on many years of research with regard to the Anglo-Boer War, this book is essential reading for anyone who would like to know more about the most devastating conflict that has thus far been waged between white people in Southern Africa. However, with due course, this war also involved more and more black, brown and, to some extent, Asian people.

### A Selected Bibliography of Natal Maps, 1800-1977 - Christopher Edmond Merrett 1979

South African national bibliography - 1999  
Classified list with author and title index.

*The Journal of Military History* - 1989

Includes scholarly articles and book reviews on topics in military history.

*New Contree* - 2000

### **Historical Dictionary of the Anglo-Boer War** - Frans Johan Pretorius 2009

The Historical Dictionary of the Anglo-Boer War presents the history of the war that lasted from 1899-1902. This is done through a list of acronyms and abbreviations, a chronology, an introductory essay, and 600 cross-referenced dictionary entries covering a wide range of military, social, cultural, and political topics, and includes a large number of relevant biographies.

### **The Russians and the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902** - Apollon Borisovich Davidson 1998

Using previously unavailable unique archival materials the authors present an absorbing history of a little known, but very significant aspect of the Anglo-Boer War.

### Ladysmith and the Second Boer War -

*Anglo-Boereoorlog 1899-1902* - 2000

### **The Battle of the Thukela Heights, 12–28 February 1900** - Ken Gillings 1999

### **Lord Roberts and the War in South Africa, 1899-1902** - Earl Frederick Sleigh Roberts

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Roberts 2000

In this Army Records Society Anglo-Boer War centennial commemoration volume, 111 mostly hitherto unpublished letters written by or to Lord Roberts (Commander-in-Chief from 1899) and several other relevant documents are reproduced in full. The book offers an insight into the conduct of the war.

**Joernaal Vir Eietydse Geskiedenis** - 2000

*Recently Published Articles* - American Historical Association 1988

*The Battle of Vaalkrans, 5-7 February, 1900* - Steve Watt 1999

*Indian Army List January 1919 - Volume 4* - Army Headquarters, India 2012-02-06

Volume 4 of 4. The January and July issues of the Indian Army List contain not only the distribution of officers on the active list of the Army in India, including officers of British army regiments, battalions etc stationed in India, but are supplemented by the addition of Orders of Knighthood, Honours and Awards, including Foreign Orders, by the non-effective officer list and the War Services of officers of the Indian Army. Details of each officer include dates of birth (except for wartime commissioned officers), date of first commission, of appointment to the Indian Army and dates of promotion. Officers are grouped according to their rank and by seniority within that rank, and are again shown under their regiments/battalions. In the case of British units, their date of arrival in India is shown, and with Indian units their date of formation and changes in title since, plus details of the backgrounds of men recruited, e.g. Sikhs, Punjabis, Dogras, Rajputs, etc. This army list also includes all native Viceroy Commissioned Officers - Subadar Majors, Subadars and Jemadars - and their war services, Major HQs and their staffs, divisional and brigade commanders and their staffs, schools, colleges, Administrative Departments of the Army are all shown. Non-regular Indian Defence Force units such as 22nd Bengal and North-Western railway Battalion, and the Indian Army Reserve of Officers are all there, along with British Warrant Officers serving in departments of the Indian Army. In 1914 there

were 116 Indian and 10 Gurkha Regiments, all with one battalion apart from the cavalry, 32 Indian and one Gurkha regiment had been formed and the majority of the original regiments had raised second and sometimes third battalions. This splendid four-volume work reflects the tremendous contribution made by the Indian Army to the Empire's war effort. A full index is included.

*Brothers in Arms* - Chris Schoeman 2011

By far the most comprehensive account of the Hollander volunteers' participation in the Anglo-Boer War in South Africa.

*Kaapse bibliotekaris* - 2000

Issues for Nov. 1957- include section:

Accessions. Aanwinste, Sept. 1957-

Scientiae Militaria - 2000

*South African Panorama* - 1980

**The Living Bread** - Thomas Merton 1915

The whole problem of our time is the problem of love. How are we going to recover the ability to love ourselves and to love one another? We cannot be at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we cannot be at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God. There is a distinction between a contrite sense of sin and a feeling of guilt. The former is a true and healthy thing, the latter tends to be false and pathological. The man who suffers from a sense of guilt does not want to feel guilty, but at the same time he does not want to be innocent. He wants to do what he thinks he must not do, without the pain of worrying about the consequences. The history of our time has been made by dictators whose characters, often transparently easy to read, have been full of repressed guilt. They have managed to enlist the support of masses of men moved by the same repressed drives as themselves. Modern dictatorships display everywhere a deliberate and calculated hatred for human nature as such. The technique of degradation used in concentration camps and in staged trials are all too familiar in our time. They have one purpose: to defile the human person.

**A Russian on Commando** - Boris Gorelik

2022-08-15

In January 1900, galvanised by the daring of the Boers in taking on imperial Britain, the young

Russian officer Yevgeny Avgustus set off for the Transvaal to fight in the Anglo-Boer War. Like most of the foreign volunteers who flocked to the Boer cause, he ended up on the Natal front. Avgustus and his companions joined the Krugersdorp Commando, and their experiences in the field are portrayed in vivid detail. The central part of this gripping account covers the Battle of the Tugela Heights in February 1900 and the Boers' subsequent retreat. The immediacy of Avgustus's writing captures his trepidation and excitement as he approaches the battlefield for the first time, as well as his experience of life on commando. The keen eye of this foreign volunteer brings to life a turning point in South African history. Avgustus is a gifted writer, and his narrative offers both acute observation and thoughtful introspection. A gripping portrayal of human frailty and courage in the face of mortal danger, *A Russian on Commando* highlights both the strange attraction and the absurdities of war.

**Memoirs of the Boer War** - Jan Christiaan Smuts 1994

On the afternoon of Monday 4 June 1900, the young State Attorney of the South African Republic bade a sad farewell to his wife and child whom he was never to see again and left Pretoria to join the Boer commandos. He had braved shot and shell to put the government's sole source of finance for the continuing war - less than half a million pounds sterling in gold and coins - on a special train to President Kruger in the Eastern Transvaal. The next day, Lord Robert's army entered the capital. Jan Smuts came to play an important role in the South African war of 1899-1902. His memoirs are recorded here, and they present an account of the critical events from the fall of Pretoria to the reorganization of the commandos in December that year.

**Guide to Sieges of South Africa** - Nicki von der Heyde 2017-07-01

In this companion volume to the highly successful *Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa*, the pivotal sieges that characterised the Cape Frontier, Anglo-Zulu, Basotho and Anglo-Boer wars are brought together in one volume. Accounts of 17 sieges over the last two centuries explore in detail the historical context in which they occurred, the

day-to-day military actions that sustained the investments and the conditions both soldiers and civilians faced while defending their territory against a hostile force. The siege descriptions are animated by maps, timelines and a variety of information boxes and human-interest stories, gleaned mainly from diaries, letters and eye-witness accounts, while long-form features focus on the practical aspects of siege warfare, such as artillery, medicine, food, and the psychological effects of besiegement. The book also provides practical information for visitors who wish to explore these historical sites. A fascinating read that will appeal to anyone interested in the volatile history of the country - armchair historians and travellers alike.

**Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa** - Nicki von der Heyde 2013-12-09

Expert battlefields guide Nicki von der Heyde presents 71 battles covering three wars and a series of conflicts that shaped the course of South Africa's history - from the colonial clashes that characterised the 18th and 19th centuries through to the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879 and the 2nd Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902. Informative and lively accounts of the engagements are provided, with special attention given to the context, action, outcomes and principal combatants involved. Arranged in provincial and regional order, the *Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa* includes an array of special features that allow for an enthralling and multi-layered account of the battles: • 580 images • 80 illustrated timelines • 60 fact and feature boxes • 16 annotated battle maps • 10 regional locator maps • Detailed directions to each site • GPS co-ordinates for inaccessible locations. Comprehensive, compelling and vividly illustrated, the *Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa* is an indispensable tool for professional and amateur military historians as well as anyone interested in exploring South Africa's fascinating history.

**Current Military & Political Literature** - 1989

*Been There, Done That* - David Bristow 2013-02-20

At the age of 14, author David Bristow stuck a large touring map of South Africa on his bedroom wall, determined to mark off every road one day. It was the start of a life-long love

affair with the land – indeed, in 40 years of dedicated travelling David has pretty much 'been there, done that', visiting almost all of South Africa's game parks, nature reserves, mountain ranges, beaches, towns and dorps, as well as hiking and biking countless trails. This book is the accumulated knowledge of all that exploration: the very best (and sometimes the worst) of everything this country has to offer: wildlife, history, geography, art and culture, things to do, places to stay and routes and trails to be discovered by car, bike and on foot ... Anyone who's ticked off more than a tenth of the entries in this book is, according to the author, qualified to wear the T-shirt. David Bristow began his writing career as a news journalist before reading for a Master's Degree in Environmental Sciences. Although he claims to prefer riding his mountain bike, surfing and playing with his children to working, he has written around a dozen books for Random House Struik alone and spent 13 years as the editor of Getaway travel magazine.

Term Paper Resource Guide to Nineteenth-Century World History - William T. Walker 2009-07-08

With this guide, major help for nineteenth-century World History term papers has arrived to enrich and stimulate students in challenging and enjoyable ways. • Each event entry begins with a brief summary to pique interest • Each entry offers original and thought-provoking term paper ideas in both standard and alternative formats that often incorporate the latest in electronic media, such as the iPod and iMovie • The best in primary and secondary sources for further research are annotated • Vetted, stable website suggestions and multimedia resources, usually videos, are noted for further viewing • Alternative term paper suggestions encourage role-playing to personalize the learning experience

**Public School Literature, Civic Education and the Politics of Male Adolescence** - Jenny Holt 2016-12-05

During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, British society gradually began to see 'adolescence' as a distinct social entity worthy of concentrated study and debate. Jenny Holt argues that the social construction of the public schoolboy, a figure made ubiquitous by a huge

body of fictional, biographical, and journalistic work, had a disproportionate role to play in the development of social perceptions of adolescence and in forming ideas of how young people should be educated to become citizens in an age of increasing democracy. With attention to an admirably wide range of popular books as well as examples from the periodical press, Jenny Holt begins with a discussion of the ideas of late-eighteenth-century social radicals, and ends with the First World War, when the more 'serious' public school literature, which sought to involve juvenile readers in complex social and political issues, declined suddenly in popularity. Along the way, Jenny Holt considers the influence of Victorian Evangelical thought, Social Darwinism, and the early-twentieth-century National Efficiency movement on concepts of adolescence. Whether it is shedding new light on well-known texts by Thomas Hughes and Rudyard Kipling, providing a fascinating discussion of works written by boys themselves, or supplying historical context for the development of the concept of adolescence, this book will engage not only scholars of childhood and children's literature but Victorianists and those interested in the history of educational practice.

Leaders of the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 - Gilbert Torlage 2001

The Boer War 1899-1902 - Gregory Fremont-Barnes 2014-06-06

Victorious in its previous campaigns in Africa against native armies, Britain now confronted an altogether different foe. The Boers proved to be formidable opponents, masterfully compensating for inferior numbers with grim determination, resourcefulness and strong religious faith. Their mobility, expert use of cover, and knowledge of the terrain, in which they employed powerful long-range magazine rifles, gave them initial advantages. By contrast the British suffered from inadequate transport, insufficient mounted troops and poor intelligence. Despite marshalling the immense resources of their empire, the British were to be severely tested in a war which one general described as 'the graveyard of many a soldier's reputation'.

**Letters from Ladysmith** - Edward Spiers 2010-11-30

Edward Spiers, a leading authority on the Victorian British army, presents here a select edition of letters from the siege of Ladysmith (1899-1900) that have not been seen since their original publication in metropolitan and provincial newspapers. The 250 letters were published in different British newspapers and provide crucial insights into contemporary perceptions of the battles that preceded the siege, the onset of the siege itself, and the desperate and bloody attempts to relieve the town. Subsequent efforts to defend Ladysmith – and to march to its relief – became the great dramatic saga of the early phase of the Anglo-Boer War, providing the context for a series of dramatic battles that embarrassed the Empire and destroyed established reputations. Much has been written about the failings of the British commanders but it is clear that in no other theatre in the war were the practical difficulties so real – or the stakes so high. These letters reflect vividly the feelings of junior officers and other ranks as they struggled to cope with the demands of modern warfare. These eyewitness testimonies provide first-hand commentary upon the events in Natal that shattered the pre-war confidence in Britain.

The Boer War - John Gooch 2013-10-23

This collection of essays by leading British and South African scholars, looking at the Boer War, focuses on three aspects: how the British Military functioned; the role of the Boers, Afrikaners and Zulus; and the media presentation of the war to the public.

**The Battle of Vaalkrans** - Steve Watt  
2014-10-19

Battles of the Anglo-Boer War series provides an accessible guide to some of the major campaigns, battles and battlefields of this historic conflict in KwaZulu-Natal. The books are written for the general reader as well as for historians seeking fresh insights into the events leading up to, during and after the battles. The text is supported by contemporary accounts and photographs, some of which have never previously been published. Maps show in detail

the routes and dispositions of the opposing forces for each battle. With Ladysmith weakening daily, Buller made a third attempt to relieve the beleaguered town. Inspired by his optimism, the British soldiers made an unusually feint attack on the weakly held Boer position. Although achieving partial success, Buller failed to capitalize on it and ultimately abandoned Vaalkrans.

**Silence of the Guns** - Louis Changuion 2001  
After the unsuccessful Jameson Raid of 1896 the Kruger government realized how vulnerable the South African Republic was. Four forts were therefore built around Pretoria. For each fort a 155-mm gun was bought from the firm Schneider et Cie in Le Creusot, France. When the Anglo-Boer War erupted in 1899 these guns were taken from Pretoria to be used against the British at the sieges of Ladysmith, Mafeking and Kimberley. After the relief of these towns and especially after the Boers adopted guerrilla tactics, the Long Toms became a burden, because they could not easily be moved about. The result was that the Boers destroyed the Long Toms to prevent the guns being taken by the enemy. Several myths and legends about these four guns had their origin during the war. And, as is so typical with folklore, it is often difficult to distinguish between what is fact and what is fiction about the Long Toms, especially as accounts have come to us through the years by means of oral tradition. Were they really as formidable as the Boers made them out to be? Did they really outclass the British guns - in range as well as in accuracy and effectiveness? And what happened to them eventually? Why are there today no Long Toms to be seen anywhere? How did they disappear? Were they destroyed by the Boers themselves and, if not, what happened to them after the war? Is there, as rumor has it, one lying somewhere in a hidden kloof where it was dumped by the Boers - still waiting to be found? What happened to their remains? Why are the remains nowhere to be seen? Is there still a complete Long Tom somewhere in England?