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## The Boer as a Fighting Man.

The standing army of the Transvaal consists of 500 men. There is only one regiment, which is called the Staats Artillerie. This is a rough-and-ready body of young Boers and Hollanders, officered by Germans and Hollanders. They are fairly good gunners, but they have been unfortunate in the guns sent out to them, which have not answered expectations. In emergencies, such as the Magato war, the Malaboch campaign, and the Jameson raid, they were found to jam at critical moments. However, very recent advices from Pretoria say that the last guns sent out from Creuzot and Krupp are working satisfactorily in practice. The Staats Artillerie mans the forts at Pretoria, Johannesburg, and elsewhere. Occasionally it is sent up country to aid in the quelling of some native outbreak, such as the two above mentioned.

In the Magato war it was deemed necessary to dislodge certain natives (including women and children) from some caves in the mountain. Other means failing, they were deliberately blown up with dynamite, and those natives who were not killed by falling stones were suffocated by the pestilential fumes. It was Transvaal-made dynamite, of course, and this kind certainly smells much worse than Nobel's.

The main fighting force of the Transvaal consists of the whole of the male adult burgher population. Practically they have universal conscription, and every inhabitant of the state (the exact word used is "ingezetenen," which is of much wider application than burgher), is liable to be called out on command. In 1890 a very badly-taken census gave the number of able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60 as 23,923.

The total army (it is ridiculous to call it an army, but there is no other word) of the Boers has been variously estimated at anything from 20,000 to 40,000. The real truth is that they could certainly not put more than 30,000 men on the warpath, and probably 20,000 would be nearer the mark. Their own figures are never to be believed. A Boer is a born liar; besides, in anything appertaining to warfare they hate the true numbers to be known. For instance, they never divulge how many men they lose in an action. The dead are carried away at night and buried at a distance from the battlefields. The wounded are also hurried off and insulated, so that their losses are never accurately known, and can only be guessed. A Boer commandant once boasted that he had 1,200 men in his "commando." An Englishman had the curiosity to go and count them. There were exactly 207; so the commandant was only a thousand out; but he excused himself by saying that he had no head for figures. A Boer is like a native in that he has very clear ideas of enumeration up to a dozen or a score, but anything beyond that is just "a lot." Of course this refers only to the isolated country Boer farmer—the "Takhaar" Boer, who, after all, constitutes the great majority.

Every Boer has a horse and a rifle, and when the call to arms comes or a mobilization is ordered he is commandeered—that is to say, he must saddle up and be off at once, in his ordinary workaday clothes, and with a piece of "bitong" (dried buck-meat) in his pocket. Six or eight neighbours meet at some appointed farm, and the different parties foregather at the nearest veldt-cornet's farm. He joins them, and they place themselves nominally under the commandant of the district. This fragment of an army, which may number anything from 250 to 600 men, is called a "commando," and on the veldt they are spoken of as the Rustenberg Commando, the Potchefstroom Commando, or the Ermelo Commando, as the case may be. The veteran old General Piet Joubert is Generalissimo of the forces, but the commandants are responsible each for his own men. Discipline is of the rudest. The may and occasionally do, obey general orders, but for the most part it is a case of every man for himself. They dismount, fire, remount, and are off again. Usually dressed in dirty gray or brown, the Boers are like certain birds and animals that assimilate themselves to their natural surroundings. A Boer is of a like shade to the dead brown veldt, and has a marvellous knack of availing himself of the smallest piece of cover. A rock is enough, or even a few stones. They never fight on the open veldt, and such a thing as a charge is unknown to them. Their form of warfare is sharpshooting from behind anything that is capable of being used as cover.

With regard to their shooting, it must not be imagined that the Boer of today is as accurate a marksman as he of twenty years ago. A new generation has arisen, which owing to the influx of Uitlanders' money, has no longer the daily need of "shooting for the spot." That is to say, the former generation depended for their food on their prowess with their "rooier," or gun. To-day they are considerably better off, and can afford—most of them—to buy their still slender wants. There is a story of an Englishman who went for a day's shoot with an old-time Boer. The Englishman was arrayed in full shooting kilt, and had a cartridge belt chock full slung around him. The poor old Boer carefully took three cartridges with him, which he put in his

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his waist-coat pocket. "My friend," said the Englishman. Why do you only take three cartridges? The Boer made answer. "Because I only want three buck." He was a careful shot, wasted no powder, and brought down three buck with a bullet apiece. The Englishman blazed away all day and got nothing.

The young generation is nothing like as good a shot as the older. They have periodical Wappenschouwings, or rifle contests, when they shoot at a running and standing mark. Englishmen during the past few years have often competed with them, and it has been proved that the latter, on the whole, can quite hold their own. It is a perfectly fair assumption that Boer shooting has depreciated at least thirty per cent. As a side-issue, it may be perhaps worth while to mention that the wholesale serving out of arms and ammunition by the Boer Government to the burghers has not been an unmix-ed success. Very many instances have occurred of a man getting a Mauser rifle and Lee-Netford ammunition, and vice-versa.

It was remarked at the disastrous Doornkop engagement with Dr. Jameson's troopers that the Boer's waste of ammunition was something tremendous, considering the total of killed and wounded. They got flurried and lost their heads, certainly, for the Boers, with all their outward phlegmatic calm, are an excitable race; but after the fight enough empty cartridges were picked up to have served for a battle of ten times the magnitude. When the Boers take the field there is no commissariat, no army medical corps, only the roughest hospital accommodation, and no distinction between officers and men. Many waggons accompany the expedition with wives and families of the combatants, and except in forced marches, the rate of progress daily is very slow.

It is not generally known that non residence (absentee landlords), owners of land property in the republic, have to pay a war-tax of £20 for each farm, and £10 for each "erf" or plot they possess. This tax, if enforced, would operate with exceeding severity upon the many owners of large tracts of land, whether private individuals or corporations. The contribution of a single farm under this law might amount to upwards of £5,000.

In accordance with the treaties entered into with Portugal, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland, subjects of these States residing in the republic are exempt from military service, but are liable to payment of the same contributions as are payable by the burghers of the State. This "commandeering" of money, horses, etc., has been exercised most partially and unfairly, and Englishmen have been mulcted in sums varying from £10 upwards for trifling native disturbances. If a field cornet has a grudge against any particular man, he promptly "commandeers" a horse or a couple of oxen, and the unfortunate Uitlander has no redress in law.

In the Magato war of 1894, five Englishmen—Messrs. Reno, Clark, Maynard, Ingle, and Steer—residence in Pretoria, were commandeered to serve. They refused, so they were arrested and taken to the front as prisoners. In the meantime representations had been made to the British Agent; he entered a strong and effectual protest; and unwillingly and insultingly the Boers were obliged to return their prisoners, who were subsequently banqueted at Johannesburg by their sympathisers.—London Weekly Mail.

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