Sources for the Study of the Boer Wars









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Detail from York and Lancaster memorial, Weston Park (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield S07644)

Detail from biscuit tin given to soldiers serving in South Africa (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sheffield at the Front (968.2 SF))

Extract from newspaper report on a secret Pro-Boer meeting, c. 1899-1900 (Sheffield Archives: MD2517/4)

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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of the Boer Wars.

It is not a detailed history of British involvement in South Africa or of 19th century imperial battles. It merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research to what is available within Sheffield Libraries and Archives for studying Sheffield's involvement in the Transvaal War of 1880-1881 and the South African War of 1899-1902 (collectively known as the Boer wars).

In 1877 the British Government annexed the independent Transvaal republic in southern Africa. The Transvaal was heavily populated by Boers (Dutch farmers), many of whom had withdrawn to that area to escape British domination (the British had taken control of Cape Colony (also heavily populated by Boers) earlier in the century). This led to the first Boer War. With British defeats the war ended and an uneasy peace ensued.

The second Boer War was fought between Britain and the republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Its immediate origins lay in the large influx of foreigners (mainly British) after the discovery of large gold deposits in the Transvaal. The Boers were concerned that they were being outnumbered by the British. With Britain keen to form a federation of South African states under its control, negotiations over the rights of foreigners and Boers came to nothing. Both sides issued ultimatums in 1899 - the British for full rights for its settlers resident in the Transvaal and the Transvaal for the British to remove its troops from its borders. Neither side complied and war was declared.

Following just over 2 ½ years of often fierce fighting the British defeated the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, both of which became British colonies.

Sheffield men fought in the 1st Battalion of the York and Lancasters, which was involved in the assault on Spionkop and the relief of the town of Ladysmith. Many also served in the Imperial Yeomanry. Volunteers served in the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the York and Lancasters.

The war was followed with great interest back in Britain, mainly through newspaper reports. Boer War battles such as that at Spionkop are remembered in football stadiums which took the names for parts of their stadium. Ladysmith Avenue and Mafeking Place commemorate the famous sieges of those towns.

401 Sheffield volunteers died in the war (in total approximately 20,000 British and Colonial troops died). Their names are listed on the memorial in the entrance to the Town Hall. Regular soldiers are commemorated on a memorial in Weston Park.

Though the war was portrayed as a success for the British Imperial forces there was considerable criticism over the use of 'concentration camps' by the British authorities. The war also realized the need to improve the fitness of army recruits, many of whom failed their medicals upon enlistment.

Timeline showing key dates

1880-1881	The first Boer War (also known as the Transvaal War).	
11 Oct 1899	The Second Boer War (also known as the South African War) began.	
13 Oct 1899	Siege of Mafeking in South Africa began.	
14 Oct 1899	Siege of Kimberley in South Africa began.	
30 Oct 1899	Siege of Ladysmith in Natal began.	
1 Jan 1900	1 st battalion of the York and Lancasters arrived in South Africa.	
23-24 Jan 1900	Battle of Spionkop, near Ladysmith.	
15 Feb 1900	Siege of Kimberley ended.	
28 Feb 1900	Siege of Ladysmith ended.	
17 May 1900	Siege of Mafeking ended.	
31 May 1902	Treaty of Vereeniging signed. Boer War ends.	

Fighting Men

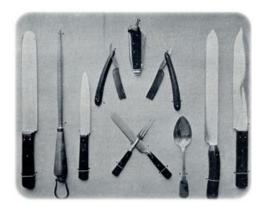




Scenes of Sheffield men on active service in South Africa (Sheffield at the Front, 1900 Sheffield Local Studies Library: 968.2 SF)



Below - Arms and kit made in Sheffield (Sheffield at the Front, 1900 Sheffield Local Studies Library: 968.2 SF)





Did I ever use the bay'nit Sir?
In the far off Transvaal War
Where I fought for Queen and Country, sir
Against the wily Boer
Aye, many a time and oft, sir,
I've bared the trusty blade,
And blessed the dear old homeland, sir,
Where it was carefully made

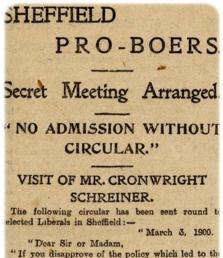
Chorus:

Then here's to the British bay'nit Made of Sheffield steel, And here's to the men who bore it, Stalwart men and leal

P T Ross's *A Yeoman's Letters* (Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, 1901) includes the above poem about his trusty bayonet (an 1888 pattern Lee-Metford bayonet made in Sheffield and issued to all soldiers fighting for the British).

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Other Sources



"If you disapprove of the policy which led to the resent deplorable war in South Africa, you are in ited to meet other friends who hold the same view n the Cutlers' Hall, on Saturday, March 10; te t 5.30 p.m.

"After tea Mr. Cronwright Schreiner will address he gathering, and the meeting will be open fo uggestions as to what, if anything, should be don-o stread our view in Sheffield.

"An early reply is requested to Mr. C. H. Wilson Minna Road.

Newspapers report on the war's development as well as anti-war meetings

(Sheffield Local Studies Library)

AN INSULT TO OUR DEAD.

Is it not about time, asks the "Chronicle," the organ of the Little-Englanders, that Mr. Cronwright Schreiner and his anti-English friends abandoned their persistent attempts to educate English audiences into thinking what they want them to think? The nation has shown unmistakably that it does not want to hear the speeches of Mr. C. Schreiner and his friends, and that its inclination is to take them as an insult to our honoured dead.

There is no doubt that owing to the prevalence of martial law all over South Africe with the exception of Cape Town & one or two other peoports there would be great difficulty in moving about,

The papers of H J Wilson, M.P. include information on his anti-war activities and the campaign to end the use of concentration camps (Sheffield Archives: MD2506-2530)

School log books often record significant events. The example below, from Burgoyne Road County School at Walkley reads '25 May 1900 Holidays. The school was closed on Monday whole day ... in celebration of the Relief of Mafeking." (Sheffield Archives: CA35/776)

1900. 128 may 25th. Holidays. The School was closed on nonday, whole day & Thurse day half day in cele bration of the new , Majekingt The Rozal Birth Day respectively

statistics of Concentration Camps. WHITE ADULTS. 1901. LIVING DEATEL LIVING. DEATES. June - 42355 - 201 - 43075 - 576 July - 47374 - 288 - 86366 - 1,124 52,225 - 1,545 54,326 - 1,964 August - \$3,122 - 333 -55,002 447 (The official esturus from which these figures are taken do not define the ag-which distinguishes children from adults.) DON'T BLAME THE SOLDIERS! They hate it all as you ought to do. Many of them have shared their sc ations with the Women and Children, neither blane the camp Superistens ed their staffs, but write to your Member of Parliament. Tell him you don't effect in children—whatever their fathers may have done—being allowed to perfet What are the remedies P Send all the supplies and assistance asked for by those in charge of th ps, and by those who know about them. And have the camps moved to the coast or to more healthy sites. Urge your Member to support the Government of doing whatever canitary and medical science suggest and Christian love Above all, pray to God that you may know your duty, and remember the eds of Him who said "Insertech as ye did it unto one of these my beethern in these least, ye did it unto me."

Memorials

Reminders of the war are available around Sheffield - the memorial to the York and Lancaster Regiment's Boer War service at Weston Park, Ladysmith Avenue at Nether Edge, Mafeking Place at Chapeltown and Sergeant James Firth's (winner of the Victoria Cross) grave at Burngreave Cemetery are a few examples.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield)















List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information

Photographs

Over 65,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com.

List of volunteers from Sheffield, c. 1900 (Sheffield Local Studies Library Photographic Collection: H 6 5 Large)

Newspapers

Relevant articles and features appear in local newspapers. The main titles available at Sheffield Local Studies Library are *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; Sheffield Independent 1819 - 1938 and the *Star* 1873 - date.

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* (http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/archive/) and *The Guardian* (http://archive.guardian.co.uk)

The British Library British Newspapers 1800-1900 website includes over nine million pages from over 300 national and local newspapers (including the Sheffield and Rotherham Independent 1819-1909, Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1855-1950 and Sheffield Evening Telegraph 1887-1920) (http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/)

Boer War newscuttings, 1899 - 1903 (Sheffield Archives: MD7131)

The Sheffield Register includes many references to the Boer wars, too many to list here. A few examples include:

22 Feb 1881 Public meeting in Sheffield passes a resolution in favour of restoring independence to the Transvaal;

2 Aug 1881 Tory meeting at the Circus addressed by Messrs J Nixon, White (both of South Africa) and others strongly condemns the government's Transvaal policy;

10 Jan 1900 Lady Wilson gives a treat to the families of Sheffield Reservists recalled to the colours;

2 Feb 1900 Mrs Franklin forms a Ladies Working Party to make articles of clothing for the soldiers in South Africa:

18 May 1900 Relief of Mafeking - news received in Sheffield at 9.40pm;

29 Jun 1900 Attempt to hold pro-Boer meeting at Attercliffe Vestry Hall frustrated; 30 Sep 1902 Visit of Lord Kitchener to Sheffield, distributes medals to Sheffield veomen and volunteers who have served in South Africa.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available on CD-ROM at Sheffield Archives)

Obituaries can be a useful source of information. There is an index to selected Sheffield obituaries available on our website www.sheffield.gov.uk/archives (click on 'What collections do we have?' and then 'Obituaries and death notices'). A search on the words 'Boer' and 'South Africa' reveals the following entries:

Anderson, Roland, (Trooper)	Killed in the Boer War	21 Jan 1902
Bennett, James G	Of Sheffield, editor of The Times of Natal [South Africa]	31 Jul 1899
Bennett, H (Trooper)	Killed in the Boer War	6 Feb 1902
Crow, W (Trooper)	Killed in the Boer War	6 Feb 1902
Firth, James (Sergeant)	First Sheffield man to win the Victoria Cross (in the Boer War)	30 May 1921
Furness, Samuel A (Trooper)	Killed in the Boer War	22 Jan 1902
Longbotham, Harry	Boer War casualty	4 Mar 1902
Taylor, S A (Sgt)	Killed in the Boer War	6 Feb 1902
Smuts, Jan (Field Marshal)	South African statesman, Freeman of Sheffield	11 Sep 1950
Wardley, Isaac Oliver	Boer War veteran	10 May 1966
Yeomans, Harris (Trooper)	Killed in the Boer War	9 Jan 1902

50th anniversary of the beginning of the South African War with note on Sheffield memorials

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sheffield Telegraph, 7 Oct 1949, page 2)

Newscuttings regarding Edward Carpenter's views on the Boer War, 1900 (Sheffield Archives: Carpenter/NC/2/77)

Contemporary Documents

Letters from Captain F. W. Spencer-Stanhope to his brother, Rev C. W. Spencer-Stanhope; and his uncle, Philip Spencer-Stanhope, written during F. W. Spencer Stanhope's service in the Transvaal, 1876-1878 (Sheffield Archives: SpSt/60628)

Papers of H J Wilson, MP, (a 'Pro-Boer') including correspondence, leaflets and pamphlets regarding the Boer War and the anti-war movement, 1899 - 1909 (Sheffield Archives: MD1998-2015, MD2017, MD2019-2026, MD2506-2530, MD3983, MD5690-5710 and MD5889-6059)

Sheffield at the Front (Sheffield Independent Press Ltd., c. 1900) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 968.2 SF; also available at Central Library Store: 942.821)

Hallamshire's at the Front, South Africa, 1900 and 1901, composed by C. E. Brown, Segeant, 1st V. B. Y. & L. Regiment, [1901] (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 821 BROW SSTQ)

Letters from Cecil and Oliver Wilson to their father, Henry Joseph Wilson relating to the business [Sheffield Smelting Company], including the flying of a flag for the relief of Mafeking, 1900

(Sheffield Archives: SSC/390)

Burngreave Cemetery, register of burials, entry no. 104054, for James Firth, VC, Jun 1921

(Sheffield Archives: Burngreave Cemetery register of burials, microfilm A437)

Details of how Sergeant James Firth gained the Victoria Cross for two acts of bravery in the Boer War, 1930s (Local Studies Library: MP 3297 M)

Diary of Albert E Theaker, 17th Company of Royal Engineers, 1900 - 1901 (Sheffield Archives: LD2411)

Diary of W H Heward relating to the siege of Ladysmith 1899-1900 and of voyage out to South Africa (photocopy) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 968.2 SSTF)

Diary of Private Edward Shortland, No. 5 191st York and Lancaster Regiment, during the Boer War, 1899-1901 (Sheffield Archives: X576)

Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Volunteers (South Africa) Recognition Committee minutes, 1901-1903 (Sheffield Archives: CA8/24; copy minutes available in CA-MIN/36-38)

Resolution of Sheffield City Council, recognising the service of the South African Volunteers, October 1902

(Sheffield Archives; CA-MIN/37 pages 1462 and 1593)

Conferment of Freedom of the City on General Viscount Kitchener, September - October 1902

(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/37 pages 1299 and 1588; copy available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.03)

Conferment of Freedom of the City on the Right Honourable Lieutenant-General Jan Christian Smuts, K.C., November - December 1917

Note: Though Smuts was a Transvaal commander in the Boer War he went on to serve in the fight against Germany in the First Word War, even serving in the British War Cabinet.

(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/55 page 698 and CA-MIN/56 page 4)

Schreiner, Olive, 'The African Boer' in *The Ethical World*, 1900 (Sheffield Archives: Carpenter/cper/32)

Boers versus Briton, cutting from *The Ceylon Observer*, May 1900 (Sheffield Archives: Carpenter/NC1/76-77)

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School log books were official diaries kept by the head teacher recording events in the school. For instance, Norton Woodseats Infants Board School log book records a half day holiday on 1 March 1900 'in honour of the relief of Ladysmith' and a further holiday on 9 Jun 'to celebrate the proclamation of peace' (Sheffield Archives: CA993/1/1). Sheffield Archives has a comprehensive collection of school log books, almost 100 of which cover the 19th and early 20th century. A full list is available on our website www.sheffield.gov.uk/archives (click on 'What collections do we have?' and then 'Schools').

Sheffield School Board minutes c. 1899 - 1901 refer to:

- 1) Collections in schools for the Lord Mayor's War Fund, (Sheffield Archives: SY350/1/26 pages 352 and 1425; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.4274 SF and 379.4274 S)
- 2) the need for women teachers in the 'Refugee Camps' in South Africa (Sheffield Archives: SY350/1/27 page 714; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.4274 SF and 379.4274 S)

Sheffield Archives has an extensive collection of business archives. A search of directors' minutes and production records may reveal references to the war. Company magazines, mainly at Local Studies, can also reveal useful references. For details of business material you will need to check the computer catalogues and card indexes at both Archives and Local Studies.

Planning applications for the restoration of Weston Park, including the Boer War memorial, 2006

(Sheffield Archives: CA206/2006/376 and CA206/2006/379)

Description of soldiers' uniform by Abigal Slaney c. 1980 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Oral History tape 149)

Canal boat register records a *Mafeking* canal boat registered on 9 July 1900 (Sheffield Archives: SY140/L1/1 page 171)

Military Sources

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Description of the memorial to the men of the regiment who fell in the South African War, on the cathedral wall in Church Street, in Odom, William, *Memorials of Sheffield: Its Cathedral and Parish Churches* (J W Northend, 1922) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274)

Picture of memorial to two Sheffield police constables killed at Modder River [South Africa]: Fred Gosling and Bertram Peart, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, 28 Nov 1899 and also to Arthur Clarke, George Thornton and George Midgley of the 1st (Hallamshire) Volunteers Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment who died in South Africa

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Article and illustration of the York and Lancaster Memorial (Sheffield Local Studies Library: newscuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 4, page 19 942.74 SF)

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(Sheffield Local studies Library: microfilm)

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Useful Websites

Website relating to James Firth, winner of the Victoria Cross: http://www.chrishobbs.com/jamesfirth1901.htm

A transcript of the names on the memorial in Weston Park is available online: http://www.sheffieldhistory.co.uk/forums/index.php/topic/6058-sheffield-boer-war/

The York and Lancaster Regimental Museum:

http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200073/parks_and_open_spaces/578/visit_clifton_park_museum/5

<u>www.findmypast.co.uk</u> has information on over 260,000 names of those who served and were killed or injured.

www.Ancestry.co.uk has details of casualties of the Boer War.

Museum, Library and Archive Collections Held Elsewhere

The National Archives (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. For details of the Boer War see http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-subject/boerwar.htm?WT.lp=rg-3068

The Access to Archives online database (A2A) contains catalogues describing archives held locally in England and Wales http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

The Archives Hub contains catalogues describing archives held in universities and colleges in the UK http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/

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