

Major White, D.A.A.G., Lieutenant Burgess, Signalling Officer, and Lieutenant Willows, Intelligence Officer, took down their names and particulars, and at another table I issued licenses to those allowed to retain their arms. The burghers then assembled near a Kraal. Field-Cornet Van Tonder addressed the burghers. I then spoke, administered the Oath, and called for three cheers for the King, General Delarey, and Field-Cornet Van Tonder, all of which were given with the greatest enthusiasm. I then handed over the supplies of food to Field-Cornet Van Tonder, who distributed it, and he and Field-Cornet Van Hereden had lunch with me.

The whole proceedings passed off without a hitch, and with the utmost cordiality.

I would like to bring to your notice Landrost Wannieburg, late of Rustenburg, and formerly of Johannesburg, I am certain he is a very able and very honest man, and judge of the latter by his having asked me where he should hand over a wagon, cart, and nine mules belonging to the late Z.A.R. He is very anxious to get employment for his late Police on the Native Border.

Also Field-Cornet Van Tonder, a young man who has been selected over the head of many others to command. He evidently has a wonderful hold over his people, and should be very useful.

I have, &c.,

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SURRENDERS IN THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

From Major-General Elliot, Commanding Mobile Column, South Africa, to the Military Secretary, Pretoria.

In accordance with your telegraphic communication, I have the honour to report as follows on the method observed in taking the surrenders of the commandos in the Orange River Colony.

Previous to leaving Pretoria, I arranged with General de Wet the most convenient centres and dates to suit requirements, and steps were at once taken to send out the necessary information to the commandos on the Veldt and the General Officers Commanding Districts concerned.

On arrival at the fixed date at the surrender centres, General de Wet and his staff (including a signaller) proceeded at once to the farm where the commandos were assembled.

I had previously arranged with the General as to information required from commandos regarding names and ages of burghers, with details of arms and ammunition to be surrendered. As a rule, these lists were well on the way to completion by the time I arrived.

On receipt of a signal that the commandos had assembled, I proceeded with my personal staff to the meeting. On arrival, General de Wet introduced the Generals and Commandants, and the latter their Field-Cornets. After explaining to these Officers the way in which the details of the surrender were to be carried out, the officers then returned to their commandos and explained to their burghers.

The men were then fallen in, counted, had their arms collected in convenient places. Passes were given to each burgher to the effect that they had surrendered, date and place being noted.

The officers entitled to keep arms were then given the necessary permits.

General Officers Commanding of Districts had arranged for one day's rations for men and horses being sent to the proximity of surrender centres under a small escort.

These escorts were utilised for counting and checking the arms, placing them on the wagons on which the rations had been sent out, and acted as returning escort for arms collected.

After business was over, rations were distributed, including coffee, and a tot of rum per man, and the Commandants and Field-Cornets lunched with me.

The burghers were then assembled, and I addressed them briefly (Commandant Van Niekerk, of Vredefort Commando, acting as interpreter) explaining that the arrangements were with regards to the signing of the Declaration of Allegiance (herewith attached), and the return of the burghers to their families and farms.

After informing them of the King's telegram, eulogising the bravery on the field, and congratulating them on the termination of hostilities, I urged them to be as good and "loyal subjects" to the new Government as they had been to the old. "Hats off, and three cheers for the King" was then called for, and responded to by everybody most heartily.

This concluded the arrangements. The commandos then saddled up and rode back with us to nearest camps.

DECLARATION OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, the undersigned, declare herewith that I signify my consent to the resolution of the representatives of the people, taken on the 31st May, 1902, at Vereeniging, Transvaal, whereby our former Government was empowered to accept the proposals of His Majesty's Government, and I acknowledge herewith His Majesty, Edward VII., as my Sovereign.