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THE ORDINARY FACES OF WAR. Fortunate survivors.
British soldiers, captured at Spion Kop, under guard in a cattle truck.
(Photograph from the collection of the Natal Museum.)

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The Cattle Guard

C.M.D.

Editorial

Natalia 29 is an Anglo-Boer War commemoration edition, with all five of its substantial articles related in some way to that conflict, and its book reviews reflecting at least some of the many publications marking the centenary.

When battlefield tours are the growth industry of the moment, it is easy to look no further than the Boer invasion of Northern Natal and the famous engagements that ensued. To balance that tendency Professor Bill Guest provides an authoritative account of the overall impact of the war on the Colony of Natal, whose economy did not reap lasting benefits from the temporary urgencies of wartime demand and supply.

In our Reprint section we reproduce an extract from the campaign journal of Lt. R. Ernest Reade DSO who, hardly out of his teens, experienced the Battle of Talana and the retreat to Ladysmith, survived the prolonged siege of that town but died in action in the Transvaal in the later stages of the war. Dr Sylvia Vietzen provides commentary and notes on a previously unpublished letter of the Pietermaritzburg teacher and headmistress Mary Moore. Moore's spontaneous responses to the unfolding events of 1899 (including the Battle of Talana) show how fierce patriotism and 'instant' unconfirmed information in wartime can influence the attitudes and utterances of ordinary civilians.

A description of how some of the last Bushmen families from the Natal Drakensberg became involved in the Anglo-Boer War is the subject of Frans Prins's article. It is based on field work he has done among descendants of those Bushmen, most of whom are now employed as farm workers in the Ermelo district.

Bill Bizley's selections from and comments on *The Natal Witness* columns during the first six months of the war provide an interesting and often amusing account of life in the colony's capital under the threat of invasion.

The year 2000 will see a new editor of *Natalia*. Mr Moray Comrie, a long-serving member of the editorial committee, has agreed to take over from the present editor, who about a year ago indicated that he wished to lay down the office. Mr Comrie's willingness to do this is much appreciated by the editorial committee, which will remain unchanged next year, and by the Council of the Natal Society, in whose name *Natalia* is published.

J.M. DEANE

Frontispiece: THE CATTLE GUARD. One of the drawings of Capt. C.M. Dixon, 16th Lancers, contained in the album *The Leaguer of Ladysmith, Nov. 2nd 1899 – Feb. 28th 1900*. (Eyre & Spottiswoode. London, 1900.) The caption to this picture reads: 'Our slaughter cattle and treck [*sic*] oxen (before they were all eaten) were sent out to graze just outside our defences, under small escorts, whose duty was to prevent the Boers from rounding them up and driving them off. These escorts were usually found by the Natal Volunteers or Imperial Light Horse.'

(Picture reproduced from the book in the special collections of The Natal Society Library.)

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