

**Estimate of Boer Forces  
31 May 1902**

The Transvaal:

Transvaal burghers between the ages of 18 & 35	17,101	
Transvaal burgher between the ages of 35 & 50	9,526	
Transvaal burghers under 18 & over 50	5,078	
Three yearly increments of boys becoming of age (16)	2,988	
Staats Artillerie of the Transvaal	400	
Z.A.R. Police	800	
Goldfield burghers not included above	800	
Unregistered & unaccounted for	6,713	
		43,406
Prisoners of War up to 31/12/1901	12,954	
Surrendered up to 21/12/1901	13,780	
left country via Delagoa Bay	800	
Killed up to 31/12/1901	1,540	
Died of disease &c	700	
Casualties since 1/1/1902	2,400	
		32,174
In the Field in the Transvaal		11,232

Orange Free State:

Orange Free State burghers between the ages of 16 & 60	22,905	
Orange Free State Artillery	400	
Three yearly increments of boys becoming of age (16)	2,000	
Unregistered & unaccounted for	4,264	
		29,569
Prisoners of War up to 31/12/1901	12,358	
Surrendered up to 21/12/1901	8,318	
Killed up to 31/12/1901	1,110	
Died of disease &c	450	
Casualties since 1/1/1902	1,500	
		23,736
In the Field in the Orange Free State		5,833

Rebels:

Total rebels taken the field in the war	13,000	
		13,000
Convicted, awaiting trial & disposed of to 31/12/1901	7,587	
Lefty Transvall in 1900 via Delagoa Bay	400	
Left for German South West Africa	200	
Made prisoners of war in error	136	
Killed & died of disease	700	
Casualties since 1/1/1902	403	
		9,426
Rebels in the field		3,574

Foreigners:

The Irish brigade	300	
Scandinavians	150	
Hollanders	150	
Germans, Italians &c	2,800	3,400
Left country via delagoa Bay in 1900	1,300	
Prisoners of War	160	
Killed & Died of disease	300	
Served & posed as neutrals	1,500	3,260
Foreigners in the Field		140
Grand total in field 31/5/1902		20,779

Summary:

Available:

Transvaal	43,406
Orange Free State	29,569
Rebels	13,000
Renegades and Foreigners	3,400
89,375	

Casualties:

Transvaal	32,174
Orange Free State	23,736
Rebels	9,426
Renegades and Foreigners	3,260
	68,596

In the Field 31/5/1902:

Transvaal	11,232
Orange Fre State	5,833
Rebels	3,574
Renegades and Foreigners	140
	20,779
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