
Introduction

This update to the Elandslaagte Account and Medal Roll, published in 2003, recognises the fact that publishing a medal roll for the Queen's South Africa (QSA) Medal is fraught with difficulty. New information continually appears and medals come onto the market that can either reinforce the information in the medal roll or sometimes contradict it. As an author and researcher, the temptation is always to delay publication until all the facts can be ascertained. But the truth is that this point is never reached. The decision has to be taken about when to make the research available in order that it can be of benefit and interest to others and also be corrected where it contains inaccuracies.

Since the publication, research on the battle and the Elandslaagte clasp to the QSA has continued. This update makes this information available and also includes other information that was precluded from inclusion in the book. It is planned to release updates on at least an annual basis.

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A new column has been added to the tables in the Medal Roll section. This column explains the change that has been made to the entry. The abbreviations used and their meanings are:

Abbreviation	Change (Δ) to
U	Number
R	Regiment
N	Name
B	Bars
O	Notes
+	New entry

The number of changes made for this update are:

Change (Δ) to	Occurrences
Number	7
Regiment	1
Name	32
Bars	40
Notes	306
New entry	7

Please email elandslaagte@angloboerwar.com if you have any feedback on this update or the book. Also use this email address if you have information that could be included in future updates.

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