



Anglo Boer War 1899 - 1902

PRACTICALLY OVER ROBIN SMITH

Lord Roberts went back to England in December 1900,
saying the war was 'practically over' - but it wasn't!

Each of the parts of *Practically Over* is an account of a particular action during the Anglo Boer war of 1899-1902. Both English and Afrikaans sources, both primary and secondary, have been used to write the narrative but each and every one of the battle sites of the clashes reported here have been physically visited by the author, in some cases a number of times.

Many of the maps and diagrams have been drawn by hand, but from sources such as the modern survey maps and also from the Imperial maps of 1900 which bear the signature of Colonel G.F.R. "Frank" Henderson.

Political aspects are largely avoided as many aspects of the war remain sensitive for some of South Africa's population groups. Even so not everyone will agree with the conclusions drawn. There are at least two sides to every question – and often many more.

About the author

Robin describes himself as a battlefield collector. He has visited and studied battlefields in his own country, South Africa, as well as in Europe and the USA. Proper understanding of any clash and conflict requires knowledge of the ground on which it was fought. Robin has done a lot of travelling and walking in order to uncover places that have been forgotten and his book will guide you to them. There are many other sites that are better known and Robin's efforts recorded in his book should help their preservation. Many of these places are on private property but the farmers or landowners are usually cooperative.

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