

Commandeer—To call out for military service.

Commando—A military force. The word conveys no meaning as to numbers. A commando may consist of a hundred men, or a thousand or more.

Donga—Ravine.

Dorp—Village.

Drift—Ford.

Droogeveld—Dry pasture country.

Duin or Dune—Sandhill.

Fontein—Fountain or spring, as Bloemfontein (fountain of flowers).

Heuvel—Height, or hill.

Hoek—Corner, or secluded valley.

Hoogte—Height; Hoogteveld, the high ground.

Inspan—To harness up. Outspan or uitspan, to unharness or untether.

Karoo—Desert land covered with scrubby plants.

Klip—Rock.

Kloof—Mountain pass, or gully.

Kop—(Literally a head), hence an isolated hill.

Kopjie—Little hill.

Kraal—Collection of native huts; also a cattle enclosure.

Krantz—Cliff.

Laager—A fort, or an enclosure for defense; often made of a circle of trek wagons.

Laagte—Low land or valley, as Elandslaagte (Eland valley).

Mafeking (Maff-fe-king)—Capital of Bechuanaland.

Nachtmaal—(Literally night meal), the quarterly communion service.

Nek—Neck, applied to a depression between two mountains.

Raad—An assembly; the legislature.

Rand—Highland; as Witwatersrand (the White-water-highlands).

Slim—Cute, cunning.

Sluit—An artificial water course.

Spruit—Creek.

Trek—To travel; to move; hence voortrekkers (literally fore-runners), pioneers.

Uitlander—(Pronounced as nearly as possible ate-lont-er), outsider; alien.

Vlei—Shallow pan or valley, sometimes covered with water.

Veld or Veldt—(Literally a field), an extent of country.

Veldtschoen—Sort of moccasin.

Volksraad—The national council, or parliament.

Vryburg (Fray-burg)—Town in Bechuanaland.

Witwatersrand—See Rand.

Zarp—Policeman.