

IN THE NEWS

Looking back 100 years

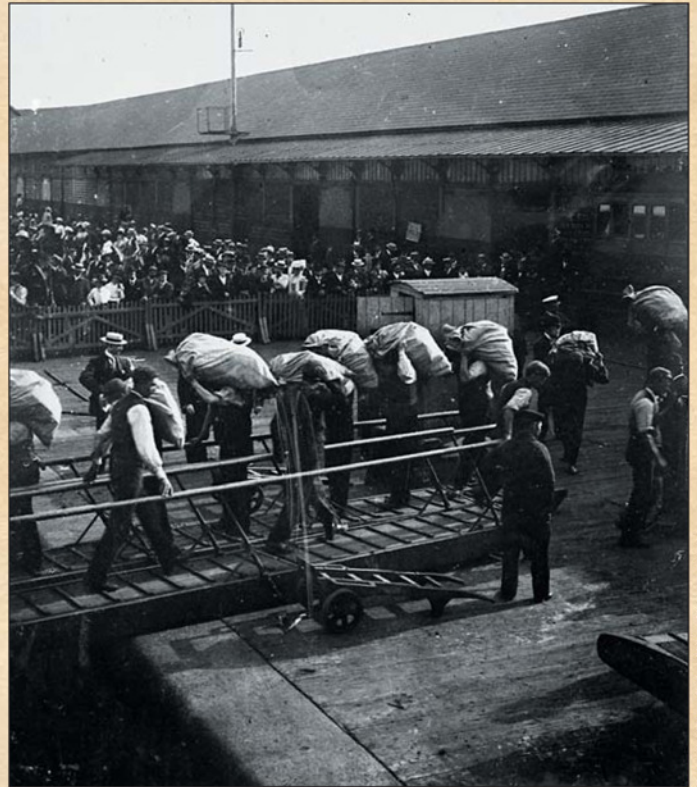
The War Has Ended!

1902



Courtesy of Deanslanger Village Heritage Society

Defending a position near Newcastle, Natal



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HM mailbags being loaded onto RMS Kinfauns Castle in July 1901 bringing letters home from the front.

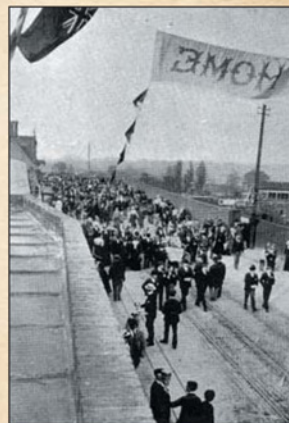
Two 'Boer' Wars have been fought in southern Africa by Great Britain against the Orange Free State and the South African Republic – descendants of Dutch settlers. The first was fought 1880-1881; the second, started in 1899, has come to an end.

When news of the end of the war reached Wolverton...

"... the Railway works were full of singing cheering groups: work stopped for the day, bonfires were lit at night, oxen were roasted whole and the public houses did a roaring trade"

The History of Milton Keynes and District, Sir Frank Markham

Many local men who joined up have come home to triumphal welcomes in their towns and villages.



Crowds waiting at Wolverton Station to welcome the returning troops



Courtesy of Wolverton & District Archaeological & Historical Society

Local Stony Stratford hero Trumpeter Frank Downing was awarded the DCM for great gallantry during the war.