

# The Petticoat Commando: Boer Women In Secret Service

During the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902), conventional warfare gave way to guerrilla tactics as Boer commandos fought a determined resistance against the overwhelming might of the British Empire. But behind the scenes, a secret army of Boer women played a vital role in the struggle, operating as spies, saboteurs, and couriers.



## The Petticoat Commando Boer Women in Secret Service by Johanna Brandt

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These women, known as the "Petticoat Commandos," were ordinary farm wives, teachers, and nurses who risked their lives to gather intelligence, carry messages, and even engage in armed combat. They operated in small groups, often disguised as servants or farmers' wives, and used their knowledge of the countryside and their social connections to outwit and outmaneuver the British.

One of the most famous Petticoat Commandos was Johanna Brandt, a young woman who disguised herself as a man and joined a Boer commando. She fought alongside the men, taking part in several battles and earning the respect of her comrades. Another notable Petticoat Commando was Sarah Raal, who used her position as a nurse to gather intelligence and smuggle supplies to Boer prisoners of war.

The Petticoat Commandos played a significant role in the Boer War, and their stories are a testament to the courage and determination of the Boer people. In "The Petticoat Commando: Boer Women In Secret Service," author Susan Strydom tells the fascinating and untold story of these remarkable women.

**Here are some excerpts from the book:**

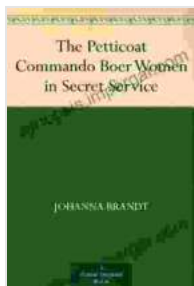
\* "The women of the Petticoat Commando were not simply passive bystanders in the war. They were active participants, risking their lives to fight for their country."

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**If you are interested in learning more about the Petticoat Commandos, I highly recommend reading "The Petticoat Commando: Boer Women In Secret Service" by Susan Strydom. It is a fascinating**

and inspiring story that sheds light on a little-known chapter of history.



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