

THE STORY OF THE 3-LEG POTJIE



The “Vierkleur” flag painted on pot



Captured to. Letters D.Z W.A
22.12.1914.



Los gelaat Naas? de Unie 6.7.1915



British flag painted on potjie

On 1 April 2024, Wynand Arnoldus Vermeulen D6663 born 23 July 1976 shared this remarkable story of the aforementioned 3-leg potjie with the Bond. Wynand is the fifth generation with the family name Wynand Arnoldus who is now owns the potjie and the original owner was his great-grandfather Wynand Arnoldus Vermeulen, D1672, born 24 September 1883 and died on 26 January 1952. He probably swapped the pot for soap with a fellow inmate.

We are aware that many Boer prisoners of war were held at different camps and places. The Boer War was from 1899 to 1902. It is therefore clear that Wynand was not a prisoner of war of the Boer War if the dates on the pot are taken into account. The other most likely answer is that he fought in the rebellion of 1914 to 1915 and thus served his sentence as a rebel prisoner.