

British Invasion Force
11 January 1879

Commanding General: Lieutenant General Lord Chelmsford

Right Flank (1st) Column: Colonel Pearson

2/3rd Regiment of Foot
99th Regiment of Foot (6 companies)
Naval Brigade (200 men from HMS Active)
Naval Gun Detachment (4-7pdr Guns & 1 Gatling Gun)
Rocket Battery (2 tubes & 1 Trough)
Royal Engineer Company - Captain Wynne
Natal Native Pioneer Coprs (1/2 company)
Det/Mounted Infantry (300 men)- Major Barrow
Detachment of Volunteers
1/2nd Natal Native Contigent (Kaffirs) Major Graves
2/2nd Natal Native Contigent (Kaffirs) Major Beddoes
Total 4,750 combatants of whom 1,852 were Europeans
Staff (20 men)
Artillery (23 men)
Infantry (1,517 men)
Cavalry (312 men)
Native Contigent (2,256 men)
Conductors (622 men, 384 wagons, 24 carts)
Oxen - 3,128, Horses - 116, Mules - 121

Central (3rd) Column: Colonel Glyn

1/,2/24th Regiment of Foot
N Battery, 5th Brigade Royal Artillery (6 7pdr guns, and
2 rocket troughs)
Det/Natal Native Pioneers
Det/Mounted Infantry (at least 1 squadron)
Detachment of Volunteers, including
Natal Mounted Police
Natal Carbineers
Newcastle Mounted Rifles
Buffalo Border Guard
1/,2/3rd Natal Native Contigent (Kaffirs)¹
Total 4,709 combatants of whom 1,724 were Europeans
Staff (20 men)
Artillery (132 men)
Infantry (1,275 men)
Cavalry (320 men)
Native Contigent (2,566 men)
Conductors (346 men, 220 wagons, 82 carts)
Oxen - 1,507, Horses - 49, Mules - 67

Left Flank (2nd) Column: Colonel Evelyn Wood

90th Regiment of Foot - Lt. Col. Cherry
1/13th Regiment of Foot - Lt. Col. Gilbert
6 7pdr guns (110 men) - Major Tremlett)
Det/Royal Engineers (very small detachment)

¹ The 1/3rd NNC had 50 Martini-Henry Rifles & 50 muzzle loaders. The rest of the men were armed with spears and assegais.

Mounted Forces - Colonel Redvers Buller (700+ men)

Mounted Infantry
Frontier Light Horse
Transvaal Rangers
Baker's Horse
Kaffrarian Rifles
Wood's Irregulars
Dutch Burghers (Piet Uys)
Border Horse
Mounted Basutos

Total 2,278 men

Staff (25 men)
Artillery (108 men)
Infantry (1,502 men)
Cavalry (208 men)
Conductors (48 men, 41 wagons, 5 carts)
Oxen - 126, Horses - 20, Mules - 123

Durnford's Column

Staff (5 men)
1/3rd Natal Native Contingent (3 cos)
(Native Contingent) (3,488 men)
Major Russell's Rocket Battery (3 Rocket Troughs)
Sikali's Horse
Edendale Contingent
(Mounted Natives) (315 men)
Conductors (83 men, 30 wagons)
Oxen - 480, Horses - 498, Mules - 30

Colonel Rowland's Column

Staff (15 men)
1 Krupp gun
2-6pdr Armstrongs
80th Regiment of Foot (834 men)
Cavalry (553 men)
Native Contingent (338 men)
Conductors (25 men, 17 wagons, 2 carts)
Mules - 150, Horses - 10, Mules - 12

Clammer, D., The Zulu War, David & Charles Military Book, 1973.