

**Battle of Maiwand**  
**2nd Afghan War**  
**27 July 1880**

British Brigade:

3rd Bombay Light Cavalry (316)  
3rd Sind Horse (260);  
1st Bombay (Grenadiers) (648)  
30th Bombay (Jacob's Rifles) (625)  
British 66th Infantry, minus two companies (516)  
half/2d Company Bombay Sappers and Miners;  
E Battery, B Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery (191) (six 9-pounder  
rifled muzzle loading cannons)

Total British Artillery:

six 9-pounder muzzle-loading rifled guns  
four 6-pounder smoothbore field guns  
two 12-pounder smoothbore howitzers

2,599 combat soldiers and about 3,000 service and transport details.

Afghan Army of Ayub Khan

1st Infantry Brigade

(3 Kabuli regiments, each 500 strong)

2nd Infantry Brigade

(one Kandahari and two Kabuli regiments of 500 men each);

3rd Infantry Brigade

(three Herati regiments each 366 strong)

Cavalry Brigade

(three Kabuli regiments of 300 each)

Artillery

one mountain and four field artillery batteries  
(each battery had 100 gunners and 6 guns)  
Artillery included 6 3" Armstrong guns  
16 6pdr field guns  
1 12pdr howitzers  
2 4.5" howitzers  
4 3pdr field guns

Total of 5,500 regular soldiers.

Herati irregular horsemen numbered 1,500.

500 tribal horsemen defected from sirdar Sher Ali's army and joined

About 1,000 irregular infantry also joined the army in farah, totaling about 8,500.

Copyright GFN 2001