

**Strength of the South African Garrison
and
Reinforcements Before the Declaration of War
1 August 1899 - 13 October 1899**

Garrison on 1 August 1899

Cavalry:

5th Lancers
18th Hussars

Total 1,127

Artillery:

13th Battery R.F.A.
67th Battery R.F.A.
69th Battery R.F.A.

Total 503

Mountain Artillery:

No. 10 Mountain Battery

Garrison Artillery:

No. 14 Western Division
No. 23 Western Division

Total 532

Infantry:

1/Liverpool
1/Leicester
1/North Lancashire
2/Berkshire
2/Yorkshire Light Infantry (Battalion)
1/KRRC
2/Dublin Fusiliers

Total 6,428 (including mounted infantry)

Grand Total 9,622 including support troops

Reinforcements - First Group:

1/Manchester (954) Embarked Gibraltar 23/8/1899 Arrived 20/9/1899
1/Munster Fusiliers (790) Embarked from Home 24/8/1899
Arrived 16/9/1899

Reinforcements - Second Group:

Cavalry:

5th Dragoon Guards
9th Lancers
19th Hussars

with detachments Total 1,564

All embarked from India Between 21/9/1899 and 8/10/1899
Arrived between 5/10/1899 and 25/10/1899

Artillery:

21st Battery R.F.A.

42nd Battery R.F.A.

53rd Battery R.F.A.

All embarked from India 17/9/1899 to 19/9/1899

Arrived between 2/10/1899 and 5/10/1899

18th Battery R.F.A.

62nd Battery R.F.A.

75th Battery R.F.A.

all embarked from Home 28/9/1899

Arrived between 25/10/1899 and 30/10/1899

Total 1,350

Infantry:

1/Devonshire

1/Gloucestershire

2/KRRC

2/Gordon Highlanders

All embarked from India between 18/9/1899 and 24/9/1899

Arrived between 5/10/1899 and 13/10/1899

1/Northumberland Fusiliers (from Home)

1/Border regiment (from Malta)

1/Irish Fusiliers (from Egypt)

2/Rifle Brigade (from Crete)

2/Yorkshire Light Infantry (Bn from Mauritius)

All embarked between 16/9/1899 and 2/10/1899

Arrived between 7/10/1899 and 26/10/1899

Grand Total 10,263 including support troops

Note: The 5th Dragoon Guards were delayed by an outbreak of anthrax.

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