

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 August 1899  
Arrived 20 September 1899  
1/Munster Fusiliers (790) Embarked from Home 24 August 1899  
Arrived 16 September 1899

Reinforcements - Second Group:

Cavalry:

5th Dragoon Guards  
9th Lancers  
19th Hussars

with detachments Total 1,564

All embarked from India Between 21 September 1899 and  
8 October 1899  
Arrived between 5 October 1899 and 25 October 1899

Artillery:

21st Battery R.F.A.

42nd Battery R.F.A.

53rd Battery R.F.A.

All embarked from India 17 September 1899 to 19 September 1899

Arrived between 2 October 1899 and 5 October 1899

18th Battery R.F.A.

62nd Battery R.F.A.

75th Battery R.F.A.

all embarked from Home 28 September 1899

Arrived between 25 October 1899 and 30 October 1899

Total 1,350

Infantry:

1/Devonshire

1/Gloucestershire

2/KRRC

2/Gordon Highlanders

All embarked from India between 18 September 1899 and

24 September 1899

Arrived between 5 October 1899 and 13 October 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 September 1899 and 2 October 1899

Arrived between 7 October 1899 and 26 October 1899

Grand Total 10,263 including support troops

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

Royal Commission on the South African War, 1903, App. 5