

**Composition of Units which Embarked for South Africa
After the Mobilisation of October 1899**

Numbers are: Total Embarked; Regulars Embarked; Regulars Left Behind- Not fulfilling conditions of age & service; Regulars Left Behind - Unfit; Regulars Left Behind - Absent &c.; Total Regulars Left Behind; Reservists Embarked; Reservists Left Behind - Unfit; Reservists Left behind - Not Required to Complete Unit

With The Field Force:

Cavalry:

1st Cavalry Brigade:

6th Dragoon Guards 558/429/123/0/3/126/129/3/6
10th Hussars 563/418/246/13/4/263/147/21/3
12th Lancers 552/426/255/10/3/268/126/7/2

2nd Cavalry Brigade:

1st Dragoons 558/450/175/15/0/190/108/14/6
2nd Dragoons 558/372/181/9/0/190/186/5/1
6th Dragoons 558/412/273/23/3/299/146/11/5

Infantry Divisional Troops:

Household Cavalry 574/574/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Corps Troops:

13th Hussars 586/431/260/22/4/286/155/19/6

Mounted Police:

77/74/0/0/0/0/03/0/0

Total 4,586/3,586/1,513/92/17/1,622/1,000/99/29

Mounted Infantry:

8 companies 1,163/1,163/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Artillery:

1st Cavalry Brigade:

R Battery R.H.A. 180/134/0/0/0/0/046/0/0
Ammunition Column 83/14/0/0/0/0/0/69/0/0

2nd Cavalry Brigade:

O Battery R.H.A. 180/140/0/0/0/0/0/40/0/0
Ammunition Column 86/18/0/0/0/0/0/68/0/0

Corps Troops:

Brigade Division Staff 15/8/0/0/0/0/0/7/0/0
G Battery R.H.A. 178/131/0/0/0/0/0/47/0/0
P Battery R.H.A. 179/127/0/0/0/0/0/52/0/0

1st Infantry Division:

Brigade Division Staff 12/12/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
7th Battery R.F.A. 183/136/0/0/0/0/0/47/0/0
14th Battery R.F.A. 172/121/0/0/0/0/0/51/0/0
66th Battery R.F.A. 170/117/0/0/0/0/0/53/0/0
Ammunition Column 129/10/0/0/0/0/0/119/0/0

2nd Infantry Division:

Brigade Division Staff 11/11/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
63rd Battery R.F.A. 170/105/0/0/0/0/0/65/0/0
64th Battery R.F.A. 170/133/0/0/0/0/0/37/0/0
73rd Battery R.F.A. 170/83/0/0/0/0/0/87/0/0

Ammunition Column 123/1/0/0/0/0/122/0/0

3rd Infantry Division:

Brigade Division Staff 13/13/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
74th Battery R.F.A. 170/115/0/0/0/0/055/00
77th Battery R.F.A. 170/129/0/0/0/0/0/41/0/0
79th Battery R.F.A. 173/123/0/0/0/0/0/50/0/0
Ammunition Column 128/11/0/0/0/0/0/117/0/0

Corps Troops:

Regimental Staff 1/1/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
Brigade Division Staff R.F.A. 16/16/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
4th Battery R.F.A. 170/121/0/0/0/0/0/49/0/0
38th battery R.F.A. 173/94/0/0/0/0/0/79/0/0
78th Battery R.F.A. 170/85/0/0/0/0/0/85/0/0
Brigade Division Staff R.F.A. 14/14/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
37th Battery R.F.A. Howitzer 194/96/0/0/0/0/0/98/0/0
61st Battery R.F.A. Howitzer 194/197/0/0/0/0/0/97/0/0
65th Battery R.F.A. Howitzer 194/91/0/0/0/0/0/103/0/0
Ammunition Column Gun & Small Arms 158
/10/0/0/0/0/0/254/0/0
Ammunition Column Howitzer 106
Ammunition Park 269/59/0/0/0/0/0/210/0/0
Base 393/0/0/0/0/0/393/0/0

Total 4,917/841/0/0/0/0/0/2,541/0/0

Royal Engineers:

1,600/844/0/0/0/0/0/756/0/0

Infantry:

1st Infantry Division:

1st Brigade:

3/Grenadier Guards 1,084/685/329/31/0/360/399/49/11
1/Coldstream Guards 1,083/737/189/24/0/213/346
/34/239
2/Coldstream Guards 1,089/469/426/27/1/454/620
1/Scots Guards 1,088/640/204/82/1/287/448/6/0

2nd Brigade:

2/Royal West Surrey 1,070/443/227/44/0/271/627/17/0
2/Devonshire 1,037/461/305/0/2/307/576/5/0
2/West Yorkshire 942/555/126/17/2/145/387/0/0
2/East Surrey 1,081/423/305/38/4/347/658/0/93

2nd Infantry Division:

3rd Brigade:

2/Royal Hihlanders 11,013/588/146/31/3/180/425/3/0
1/Highland Light Infantry 1,085/495/206/27/10/243/590/4/34
2/Seaforth Highlanders 927/466/301/13/2/316/461/53/0
1/Argyll & Sutherland H'landers 1,082/533/88/34/5/127/549/10/7

4th Brigade:

2/Scottish Rifles 939/403/269/35/5/309/536/7/0
3/King's Royal Rifles 1,072/438/310/28/2/340/634/66/0
1/Durham Light Infantry 957/430/250/6/1/257/527/12/0
1/Rifle brigade 1,080/467/209/60/0/269/613/33/0

3rd Infantry Division:

5th Brigade:

1/Inniskilling Fusiliers 977/561/197/17/1/215/416/12/0

2/Royal Irish Rifles 889/469/292/6/0/298/420/4/0
1/Connaught Rangers 844/541/266/24/0/290/303/16/0
1/Royal Dublin Fusiliers 922/493/150/85/12/247/429/79/0

6th Brigade:

2/Royal Fusiliers 771/449/227/9/1/237/322/0/0
2/Royal Scots Fusiliers 866/404/274/15/2/291/462/0/0
1/Royal Welsh Fusiliers 1,098/366/145/19/0/164/532/11/0
2/Royal Irish Fusiliers 944/552/297/21/0/318/392/5/0

Corps Troops:

1/Royal Scots 1,013/424/151/24/31/206/589/20/0

Lines of Communication:

2/Northumberland Fusiliers 975/393/413/13/0/426/582/36/23
2/Somersetshire light Infantry 875/452/299/63/1/363/423/45/0
2/Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 940/385/367/9/4/380/565/32/0
1/Welsh 820/500/166/19/0/185/320/30/0
2/Northamptonshire 982/441/215/23/0/238/541/0/0
2/Shropshire Light Infantry 905/532/175/19/0/194/373/29/0
1/Gordon Highlanders 854/363/311/0/0/311/491/9/0
Military Foot Police 82/81/0/0/0/0/1/0/0

Total 31,386/15,830/7,835/863/90/8,788/15,547/644/409

Army Service Corps:

1,194/1,109/0/0/0/0/85/0/0

Army Ordnance Corps:

219/219/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

1,790/1,213/0/0/0/0/577/0/0

Army Pay Corps:

134/134/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Post Office Corps:

92/0/0/0/0/0/92/0/0

Summary of Field Force

Cavalry:

4,586/3,586/1,513/92/17/1,622/1,000/90/29

Mounted Infantry:

1,163/1,163/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Artillery:

4,917/2,376/0/0/0/0/2,541/0/0

Engineers:

1,600/844/0/0/0/0/756/0/0

Infantry:

31,386/15,848/7,835/863/90/8,788/15,538/644/409

Army Service Corps:

1,194/1,109/0/0/0/0/85/0/0

Army Ordnance Corps:

219/219/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

1,790/1,213/0/0/0/0/577/0/0

Army Pay Corps:

134/134/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Post Office Corps:

92/0/0/0/0/0/92/0/0

Total 47,081/26,492/9,348*/1,955/107*/10,410*/20,589/734/438
* Cavalry & Infantry only

With the Reinforcements after "Nicholson's Nek":

Royal Artillery:

No. 4 Mountain Battery 276/276/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Infantry:

1/Suffolk 1,072/560/195/44/1/240/512/14/6

1/Essex 912/443/301/34/1/336/469/1/0

1/Derbyshire 1,081/751/??/?234/330/12/0

Total 3,341/2,030/496/78/2/830*/1,311/27/6

* including 254 left behind reasons not known

5th Infantry Division:

Cavalry:

14th Hussars 562/297/234/21/4/259/265/28/9

Artillery:

Brigade Division Staff R.F.A. 13/13/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

19th Battery R.F.A. 170/72/0/0/0/0/98/0/0

20th battery R.F.A. 170/69/0/0/0/0/101/0/0

28th Battery R.F.A. 170/78/0/0/0/0/92/0/0

Ammunition Column 128/7/0/0/0/0/121/0/0

Royal Engineers:

211/164/0/0/0/0/47/0/0

Infantry:

1st Brigade:

2/Royal Lancaster 1,049/532/255/20/0/275/517/8/0

2/Lancashire Fusiliers 1,084/663/235/112/3/350/421/0/151

1/South Lancashire 1,048/513/250/7/16/273/535/0/0

1/York & Lancaster 838/390/166/11/4/181/448/13/0

2nd Brigade:

2/Royal Warwickshire 1,071/496/417/33/5/455/575/6/0

1/Yorkshire 972/545/88/28/5/121/427/8/0

2/Dorsetshire 944/583/184/27/10/221/361/9/0

2/Middlesex 1,021/521/250/16/5/271/500/0/0

Military Foot Police:

10/10/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Service Corps:

165/147/0/0/0/0/18/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

226/152/0/0/0/0/74/0/0

Army Post Office Corps:

12/0/0/0/0/0/12/0/0

Total 9,864/5,252,2,079/275/52/2,406/4,612/72/160

With Additional Units Mobilised with 5th Infantry Division:

Royal Artillery:

Brigade Division Staff R.H.A. 16/16/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
Q Battery R.H.A. 180/145/0/0/0/0/35/0/0
T Battery R.H.A. 175/129/0/0/0/0/46/0/0
U Battery R.H.A. 178/145/0/0/0/0/33/0/0
Ammunition Column 107/31/0/0/0/0/76/0/0

Army Ordnance Corps:

9th Company 78/48/0/0/0/0/30/0/0

Total 734/514/0/0/0/0/220/0/0

6th Infantry Division:

Royal Artillery:

Brigade Division Staff R.F.A. 13/6/0/0/0/0/7/0/0
76th Battery R.F.A. 170/81/0/0/0/0/89/0/0
81st Battery R.F.A. 170/62/0/0/0/0/108/0/0
82nd Battery R.F.A. 170/64/0/0/0/0/106/0/0
Ammunition Column 123/7/0/0/0/0/116/0/0

Royal Engineers:

210/105/0/0/0/0/116/0/0

Infantry:

2/Bedfordshire 902/422/161/27/4/192/480/14/0
1/Royal Irish 841/530/183/8/1/192/311/48/0
2/Worcestershire 1,054/884/16/81/3/100/170/2/0
2/Wiltshire 822/460/281/13/0/294/362/11/0
2/East Kent 953/507/195/17/0/212/446/81/16
2/Gloucestershire 926/442/199/27/5/231/484/58/0
1/West Riding 979/676/137/42/0/179/303/12/0
1/Oxfordshire Light Infantry 789/438/224/46/0/270/351/56/0
Mounted Infantry 10/10/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Service Corps:

207/190/0/0/0/0/17/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

226/217/0/0/0/0/9/0/0

Army Post Office Corps:

12/0/0/0/0/0/12/0/0

Total 8,577/5,1010/1,396/261/13/1,670/3,476/282/16

7th Infantry Division:

Artillery:

Brigade Division Staff R.F.A. 12/12/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
83rd Battery R.F.A. 169/121/0/0/0/0/48/0/0
84th Battery R.F.A. 170/71/0/0/0/0/99/0/0
85th Battery R.F.A. 170/107/0/0/0/0/63/0/0
Ammunition Column 126/7/0/0/0/0/199/0/0

Royal Engineers:

211/121/0/0/0/0/90/0/0

Infantry:

1st Brigade:

2/Norfolk 969/438/268/28/0/296/531/66/0
2/Lincolnshire 973/543/127/23/1/151/430/49/0
1/King's Own Scottish Borderers 1,099/488/179/39/3/221/611/21/0
2/Hampshire 837/399/234/51/3/288/438/18/0

2nd Brigade:

2/Cheshire 1,025/517/165/62/0/227/508/22/0
1/East Lancashire 947/370/399/19/0/418/577/41/0
2/South Wales Borderers 1,063/455/263/36/0/299/608/107/3
2/North Staffordshire 997/450/210/15/0/225/547/73/0

Military Foot Police:

10/10/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Service Corps:

162/115/0/0/0/0/47/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

226/182/0/0/0/0/44/0/0

Army Post Office Corps:

12/0/0/0/0/0/12/0/0

Total 9,178/4,406/1,845/273/7/2,125/4,772/397/3

4th Cavalry Brigade:

Cavalry:

7th Dragoon Guards 630/318/311/5/1/317/312/25/0
8th Hussars 588/378/415/44/12/471/210/36/31
17th Lancers 592/383/369/8/9/386/209/21/6

Artillery:

M Battery R.H.A. 180/124/0/0/0/0/56/0/0
Ammunition Column: 81/14/0/0/0/0/67/0/0

Mounted Infantry:

1 Company from Home 154/154/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
1 Company from Malta 139/139/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Service Corps:

58/32/0/0/0/0/26

Royal Army Medical Corps: 93/38/0/0/0/0/55/0/0

Total 2,515/1,580/1,095/57/22/1,174/935/82/37

12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Brigade Divisions Royal Field Artillery:

Artillery:

12th Brigade:

Brigade Division Staff 15/15/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
43rd Battery R.F.A. 194/74/0/0/0/0/120/0/0
86th Battery R.F.A. 194/55/0/0/0/0/139/0/0
87th Battery R.F.A. 194/66/0/0/0/0/128/0/
Ammunition Column 108/43/0/0/0/0/65/0/0

13th Brigade:

Brigade Division Staff 12/12/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
2nd Battery R.F.A. 170/85/0/0/0/0/85/0/0
8th Battery R.F.A. 168/53/0/0/0/0/115/0/0
44th Battery R.F.A. 170/96/0/0/0/0/74/0/0
Ammunition Column 87/21/0/0/0/0/66/0/0

14th Brigade:

Brigade Division Staff 12/12/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
39th Battery R.F.A. 170/73/0/0/0/0/97/0/0
68th Battery R.F.A. 167/58/0/0/0/0/109/0/0
88th Battery R.F.A. 170/81/0/0/0/0/89/0/0
Ammunition Column 88/28/0/0/0/0/60/0/0

15th Brigade:

Brigade Division Staff 12/12/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
5th Battery R.F.A. 170/70/0/0/0/0/100/0/0/
9th Battery R.F.A. 170/88/0/0/0/0/82/0/0
17th Battery R.F.A. 170/90/0/0/0/0/80/0/0
Ammunition Column 88/26/0/0/0/0/62/0/0

Total 2,529/1,058/0/0/0/0/1,471/0/0

Siege Train and Heavy Artillery:

Siege Train:

From Home:

No. 15 Company Southern Division 44/219/0/0/0/0/255/0/0
No. 15 Company Western Division

Heavy Artillery:

From Home:

No. 6 Company Eastern Division 156/9/0/0/0/0/57/0/0
No. 10 Company Eastern Division 156/118/0/0/0/0/38/0/0
No. 14 Company Southern Division 152/84/0/0/0/0/68/0/0
No. 2 Company Western Division 153/118/0/0/0/0/35/0/0
No. 6 Company Western Division 154/104/0/0/0/0/50/0/0
No. 10 Company Western Division 153/122/0/0/0/0/41/0/0
No. 17 Company Western Division 152/85/0/0/0/0/67/0/0

From Mediterranean:

No. 5 Company Eastern Division 150/150/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
No. 2 Company Southern Division 150/150/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
No. 16 Company Southern Division 150/150/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
No. 36 Company Southern Division 150/150/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Total 2,150/1,539/0/0/0/0/611/0/0

Not Included in Foregoing:

Royal Engineers:

1,149/1,022/0/0/0/0/127/0/0

Mounted Infantry:

1 Company from Malta 138/138/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Service Corps:

522/522/0/0/0/0/0/0/0

Army Ordnance Corps:

425/255/0/0/0/0/170/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

245/146/0/0/0/0/89/0/0

Army Post Office Corps:

125/0/0/0/0/0/125/0/0

Total 2,604/2,093/0/0/0/0/511/0/0

Reinforcements from the Mediterranean February 1900:

From Malta:

1/Royal Sussex 1,033/497/212/2/0/214/536/0/0

From Egypt:

1/Cameron Highlanders 1,089/695/0/0/0/0/394/0/0

Total 2,122/1,192/212/2/0/214/930/0/0

8th Infantry Division:

Royal Artillery:

Ammunition Column 41/13/0/0/0/0/28/0/0

Royal Engineers:

217/133/0/0/0/0/84/0/0

Infantry:

1st Brigade:

2/Grenadier Guards 1,081/598/168/44/3/215/483/10/221

2/Scots Guards 1,099/635/187/179/0/366/464/127/18

2/East Yorkshire Regiment 927/464/239/19/1/259/463/14/0

1/Leinster Regiment 1,051/766/60/1/4/65/285/23/0

2nd Brigade:

1/Worcestershire Regiment 997/558/201/33/1/235/439/65/0

1/South Staffordshire 1,052/563/223/22/5/250/489/65/0

2/West Kent Regiment 1,066/695/0/0/0/320/371/32/78

2/Manchester 857/505/260/14/0/274/352/48/0

Army Service Corps:

203/143/0/0/0/0/60/0/0

Royal Army Medical Corps:

224/223/0/0/0/0/1/0/0

Total 8,815/5,296/1,338/312/14/1,984*/3,519/365/317

* Includes 320 men left behind reasons not known

Summary:

Cavalry 6,958/4,962/2,842/170/43/3,055/1,996/200/75
Mounted Infantry 1,594/1,594/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
Artillery 12,774/6,643/0/0/0/0/6,131/0/0
Engineers 3,598/2,389/0/0/0/0/1,209/0/0
Infantry 67,936/35,870/14,967/2,043/174/17,758/32,066/1,759/902
Army Service Corps 2,511/2,258/0/0/0/0/253/0/0
Army Ordnance Corps 722/522/0/0/0/0/200/0/0
Royal Army Medical Corps 3,030/2,181/0/0/0/0/849/0/0
Army Pay Corps 134/134/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
Army Post Office Corps 253/0/0/0/0/0/253/0/0

Total 99,510/56,553/17,809*/2,213*/217*/20,813#*/42,957/1,959*/977*

* Cavalry & Infantry only

Includes 574 men left behind reasons unknown

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