

- 1st Battalion Connaught Rangers—Officers, 2. Other ranks, 23.  
 2nd Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Other ranks, 28.  
 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers—Other ranks, 8.  
 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers—Other ranks, 13.  
 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers—Officers, 6. Other ranks, 39. Total—Officers, 15. Other ranks, 187.

## PRISONERS.

- 1st Brigade Division Staff, Royal Artillery—Officers, 1.  
 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment—Officers, 4. Other ranks, 33. Total—Officers, 5. Other ranks, 33.

List of Troops engaged in attack on the Boer position at Colenso on the 15th December, 1899:—

## Mounted Troops.

- 1st Royal Dragoons.  
 13th Hussars.  
 South African Light Horse.  
 Natal Carbineers.  
 Imperial Light Horse.  
 Bethune's Mounted Infantry.  
 Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.  
 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps Mounted Infantry.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers Mounted Infantry.

## Artillery.

Two 4·7-inch Naval guns, manned by crews from Her Majesty's ship "Terrible" and Natal Naval Artillery Volunteers.

Two 12-pounder Naval guns, manned by crews from Her Majesty's ship "Tartar."

Ten 12-pounder Naval guns, manned by crews from Her Majesty's ship "Terrible" and Naval Volunteers.

- 7th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.  
 14th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.  
 16th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.  
 64th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.  
 73rd Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

## Royal Engineers.

- 17th Company, Royal Engineers.  
 "A" Pontoon Troop.

## Infantry.

- 2nd Brigade.—Major-General Hildyard, C.B.  
 2nd Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment.  
 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment.  
 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment.  
 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment.

## 4th Brigade.

- Major-General the Honourable N. Lyttelton, C.B.  
 2nd Battalion Scottish Rifles.  
 3rd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry.  
 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade.

## 5th Brigade.

- Major-General Hart, C.B.  
 1st Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers.  
 1st Battalion Connaught Rangers.  
 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers.  
 2nd Battalion Border Regiment.

## 6th Brigade.

- Major-General Barton, C.B.  
 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers.  
 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers (four companies).  
 1st Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.

ORDERS by Lieutenant-General Sir F. Clery, K.C.B., Commanding South Natal Field Force.  
*Chieveley, December 14, 1899, 10 p.m.*

1. THE enemy is entrenched in the kopjes north of Colenso Bridge. One large camp is reported to be near the Ladysmith Road, about 5 miles north-west of Colenso. Another large camp is reported in the hills which lie north of the Tugela in a northerly direction from Hlangwane Hill.

2. It is the intention of the General Officer Commanding to force the passage of the Tugela to-morrow.

3. The 5th Brigade will move from its present camping ground at 4.30 A.M. and march towards the Bridle Drift, immediately west of the junction of Dornkop Spruit and the Tugela. The Brigade will cross at this point, and after crossing move along the left bank of the river towards the kopjes north of the iron bridge.

4. The 2nd Brigade will move from its present camping ground at 4 A.M., and passing south of the present camping ground of No. 1 and No. 2 Divisional Troops, will march in the direction of the iron bridge at Colenso. The Brigade will cross at this point and gain possession of the kopjes north of the iron bridge.

5. The 4th Brigade will advance at 4.30 A.M. to a point between Bridle Drift and the railway, so that it can support either the 5th or the 2nd Brigade.

6. The 6th Brigade (less a half battalion escort to baggage) will move at 4 A.M. east of the railway in the direction of Hlangwane Hill to a position where he can protect the right flank of the 2nd Brigade, and, if necessary, support it or the mounted troops referred to later as moving towards Hlangwane Hill.

7. The Officer Commanding Mounted Brigade will move at 4 A.M. with a force of 1,000 men and one battery of No. 1 Brigade Division in the direction of Hlangwane Hill; he will cover the right flank of the general movement, and will endeavour to take up a position on Hlangwane Hill, whence he will enfilade the kopjes north of the iron bridge.

The Officer Commanding mounted troops will also detail two forces of 300 and 500 men to cover the right and left flanks respectively and protect the baggage.

8. The 2nd Brigade Division, Royal Field Artillery, will move at 4.30 A.M. following the 4th Brigade, and will take up a position whence it can enfilade the kopjes north of the iron bridge. This Brigade Division will act on any orders it receives from Major-General Hart.

The six Naval guns (two 4·7-inch and four 12-pounder) now in position north of the 4th Brigade, will advance on the right of the 2nd Brigade Division, Royal Field Artillery.

No. 1 Brigade Division, Royal Field Artillery (less one battery detached with Mounted Brigade), will move at 3.30 A.M. east of the railway and proceed under cover of the 6th Brigade to a point from which it can prepare the crossing for the 2nd Brigade.

The six Naval guns now encamped with No. 2 Divisional Troops will accompany and act with this Brigade Division.

9. As soon as the troops mentioned in preceding paragraphs have moved to their positions, the remaining units and the baggage will be parked in deep formation, facing north, in five separate lines, in rear of to-day's Artillery position, the right of each line resting on the railway, but leaving a space of 100 yards between the railway and the right flank of the line.