

## **The 24th (2nd Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot**

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This Roll is compiled from research undertaken by Julian Whybra and Norman Holme and is largely based on the Chard and Bourne Rolls. Biographical notes on the soldiers of the 24th Foot who were present at Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift 22nd/23rd January 1879 are contained in 'The Noble 24th' by Norman Holme, published in 1999 and obtainable from the Regimental Museum in Brecon.

### **General's Staff**

Mabin, George William. Colour-Sergeant.

### **Royal Artillery N Battery 5th Brigade**

Cantwell, John. Gunner 2076, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal

Evans, Abraham. Gunner. 1643

Howard, Arthur. Gunner. 2077

Lewis, Thomas. Bombardier. 458

### **Royal Engineers 5th Company**

Chard, John Rouse Merriott. Lieutenant., awarded Victoria Cross

Robson, Charles John. Driver. 12046

### **2nd Battalion, 3rd (East Kent) Regiment of Foot (The Buffs)**

Millne, Frederick. Sergeant. 2260

### **1st Battalion, 24th (2nd Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot**

Beckett, William. Private. 25B/135, died of wounds 23rd January 1879

Desmond, Patrick. Private. 25B/568

Horrigan, William. Private. 1-24/1861, killed in action 22nd January 1879

Jenkins, David. Private. 25B/295

Jenkins, James. Private. 25B/841, killed in action 22nd January 1879

Nicholas, Edward. Private. 25B/625, killed in action 22nd January 1879

Payton, Thomas. Private. 25B/372

Roy, William. Private. 1-24/1542, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal

Turner, Henry. Private. 25B/104

Waters, John. Private. 1-24/447

Wilson, Edward. Sergeant. 25B/56

### **2nd Battalion, 24th (2nd Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot**

Adams, Robert. Private. 25B/987 D Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879

Allen, William Wilson. Corporal. 2-24/1240, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross

Ashton, James. Private. 2-24/913, B Company

Barry, Thomas. Private. 25B/1381, B Company

Bennett, William Private. 25B/918, B Company

Bessell, William. Lance-Corporal. 25B/1287, B Company

Bly, John. Private. 2-24/2427, B Company

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Bourne, Frank. Colour-Sergeant. 2-24/2459, B Company, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal  
Bromhead, Gonville. Lieutenant, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross  
Bromwich, Joseph. Private. 25B/1524, B Company  
Buckley, Thomas. Private. 25B/1184, B Company  
Burke, Thomas. Private. 25B/1220, B Company  
Bushe, James. Private. 2-24/2350, B Company  
Camp, William Henry. Private. 25B/1181, B Company  
Chester, Thomas. Private. 25B/1241, B Company  
Chick, James. Private. 25B/1335, D Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Clayton, Thomas. Private. 25B/755, B Company  
Cole, Robert. Private. 25B/1459, F Company  
Cole, Thomas. Private. 25B/801, B Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Collins, Thomas. Private. 25B/1396, B Company  
Connolly, John. Private. 25B/906, C Company  
Connors, Anthony. Private. 2-24/2310, B Company  
Connors, Timothy. Private. 2-24/1323, B Company  
Cooper, William. Private. 2-24/2453, F Company  
Davies, George. Private. 25B/470, B Company  
Davis, William Henry. Private. 25B/1363, B Company  
Daw, Thomas. Private. 25B/1178, B Company  
Deacon, George. Private. 25B/1467, B Company, alias George D Power  
Deane, Michael. Private. 25B/1357, B Company  
Dick, James. Private. 2-24/1697, B Company  
Dicks, William. Private. 2-24/1634, B Company  
Driscoll, Thomas. Private. 25B/971, B Company  
Dunbar, James. Private. 25B/1421, B Company  
Edwards, George. Private. 25B/922, B Company, alias George Edward Orchard  
Evans, Thomas. Private. 25B/954, H Company  
Fagan, John. Private. 25B/969, B Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
French, John. Corporal. 2-24/582, B Company  
Galgey, Patrick. Drummer 2-24/1713, D Company  
Gallagher, Henry. Sergeant. 25B/81, B Company  
Gee, Edward. Private. 2-24/2429, B Company  
Hagan, James. Private. 25B/978, B Company  
Halley, William. Lance-Corporal. 25B/1282, B Company  
Harris, John. Private. 25B/1062, B Company  
Hayden, Garret. Private. 2-24/1769, D Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Hayes, Patrick. Drummer 2-24/2067, B Company  
Hitch, Frederick. Private. 25B/1362, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross  
Hook, Alfred Henry. Private. 25B/1373, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross  
Jobbins, John. Private. 25B/1061, B Company  
Jones, Evan. Private. 25B/1428, B Company, alias Patrick Cosgrove  
Jones, John. Private. 25B/1179, B Company  
Jones, John. Private. 25B/970, B Company  
Jones, Robert. Private. 25B/716, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross  
Jones, William. Private. 2-24/593, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross  
Judge, Peter. Private. 2-24/2437, B Company  
Kears, Patrick. Private. 25B/972, B Company

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Keefe, James. Drummer. 2-24/2381, B Company  
Key, John. Corporal. 2-24/2389, B Company  
Kiley, Michael. Private. 25B/1386, B Company  
Lewis, David. Private. 25B/963, B Company, alias James Owen  
Lines, Henry. Private. 2-24/1528, B Company  
Lloyd, David. Private. 25B/1409, B Company  
Lockhart, Thomas. Private. 25B/1176, B Company  
Lodge, Joshua. Private. 25B/1304, B Company  
Lynch, Thomas Michael. Private. 25B/942, B Company  
Lyons, John. Corporal. 25B/1112, B Company  
Lyons, John. Private. 2-24/1441, A Company  
Manley, John. Private. 2-24/1731, A Company  
Marshall, James. Private. 25B/964, B Company  
Martin, Henry. Private. 25B/756, B Company  
Mason, Charles. Private. 25B/1284, B Company  
Maxfield, Robert. Sergeant. 25B/623, G Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Meehan, John. Drummer. 2-24/2383, A Company  
Minehan, Michael. Private. 2-24/1527, B Company  
Moffatt, Thomas. Private. 25B/968, B Company  
Morris, Augustus. Private. 25B/1342, B Company  
Morris, Frederick. Private. 25B/525, B Company  
Morrison, Thomas. Private. 25B/1371, B Company  
Murphy, John. Private. 25B/662, B Company  
Neville, William. Private. 25B/1279, B Company  
Norris, Robert. Private. 25B/1257, B Company  
Osborne, William. Private. 25B/1480, B Company  
Parry, Samuel. Private. 25B/1399, B Company  
Partridge, William. Private. 25B/1410, G Company  
Pitt, Samuel. Private. 25B/1186, B Company  
Robinson, Thomas. Private. 25B/1286, B Company  
Ruck, James. Private. 25B/1065, B Company  
Savage, Edward. Private. 25B/1185, B Company  
Saxty, Alfred. Corporal. 25B/849, B Company  
Scanlon, John. Private. 25B/1051, A Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Sears, Arthur. Private. 2-24/2404, A Company  
Shearman, George. Private. 2-24/1618, B Company  
Shergold, John. Private. 2-24/914, B Company  
Smith, George. Sergeant. 2-24/1387, B Company  
Smith, John. Private. 25B/1005, B Company  
Stevens, Thomas. Private. 25B/777, B Company  
Tasker, William. Private. 2-24/1812, B Company  
Taylor, Frederick. Private. 25B/973, B Company  
Taylor, James. Lance-Sergeant. 25B/82, E Company  
Taylor, Thomas Edward. Private. 25B/889, B Company  
Thomas, John. Private. 25B/1280, B Company, alias Peter Sawyer  
Thompson, John. Private. 25B/1394, B Company  
Tobin, Michael. Private. 25B/879, B Company  
Tobin, Patrick. Private. 25B/641, B Company

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Todd, William John. Private. 25B/1281, B Company  
Tongue, Robert. Private. 25B/1315, B Company  
Wall, John. Private. 25B/1497, B Company  
Whetton, Alfred. Private. 2-24/977, B Company  
Wilcox, William. Private. 25B/1187, B Company  
Williams, John. Private. 25B/1395, B Company, awarded Victoria Cross, alias John Fielding  
Williams, John. Private. 25B/934, E Company  
Williams, Joseph. Private. 25B/1398, B Company, killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Williams, Thomas. Lance-Sergeant. 25B/1328, died of wounds 23rd January 1879  
Windridge, Joseph. Sergeant. 2-24/735, B Company  
Wood, Caleb. Private. 25B/1316, B Company

**90th Light Infantry**

Graham, James. Corporal. 1123, alias Daniel Sheehan

**Army Service Corps**

Attwood, Francis. Second Corporal. 24692, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal

**Army Commissariat and Transport Department**

Byrne, Louis Alexander. Acting Storekeeper, (civilian attachment), killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Dalton, James Langley. Acting Assistant Commissary, awarded Victoria Cross  
Dunne, Walter Alphonsus. Assistant. Commissary

**Army Medical Department and Army Hospital Corps**

Reynolds, James Henry. Surgeon. BA MB ChB, awarded Victoria Cross  
Pearse, J. Private. 3198. Surgeon Reynolds's servant  
Luddington, Thomas. Private. 3037  
McMahon, Michael. Private. 3359, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal  
Miller, Rowland Herbert. Corporal. 3169

**1st Battalion 3rd Regiment Natal Native Contingent**

Adendorff, Gert Willem. Lieutenant.  
Mayer, Jessy H. Corporal.  
a native of Mkungo's tribe, killed in action 22nd January 1879

**2nd Battalion 3rd Regiment Natal Native Contingent**

Anderson, Michael. Corporal., killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Doughty, William. Corporal.  
Scammell, Carl. Corporal.  
Schiess, Ferdinand Christian. Corporal., awarded Victoria Cross  
Wilson, John. Corporal.

#### **Natal Mounted Police**

Green, Robert S. Trooper.  
Hunter, Sydney H. Trooper., killed in action 22nd January 1879  
Lugg, Henry. Trooper.

#### **Acting Chaplain to the Volunteers**

Smith, George. The Reverend  
The Rev Smith's native servant  
Daniels, Mr

Not included in these figures are those who did not remain to assist in the defence viz. Stevenson's Natal Native Contingent detachment, Henderson's fugitive Natal Native Horse from Isandlwana, Otto Witt and his native companion, Lieutenant Thomas Purvis 1st Battalion, 3rd Regiment, Natal Native Contingent - a hospital patient - who accompanied Witt to safety, Chard's native voodooper, Chard's native waggon driver who hid in a cave on the Oscarberg throughout the attack, and all those fugitives from Isandlwana who stopped to give a warning and rode on. Of all the latter only Adendorff remained to assist in the defence and is thus the only man to have fought in both the Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift actions.

