

# THE TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

## FURTHER EMBARKATIONS

The War Office yesterday issued a statement as to the embarkation of Field Force for South Africa, from which it appears that the transports under orders, with the troops they will carry, as are follows:-

**The Cymric, Liverpool, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1900.**

Yeomanry: No.1 Company, Wiltshire (Trowbridge), No.2 Company, Wiltshire (Trowbridge), No.3 Company, Gloucester (Bristol), No.4 Company, Glamorgan (Cardiff), 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Staff (Melksham), Hospital Staff (Melksham), Servants (Melksham), Machine Gun Section (Melksham), No.33 Company, East Kent (Canterbury), No.34 Company, Middlesex (Knightsbridge), No.35 Company, Middlesex (Knightsbridge), No.36 Company, West Kent (Maidstone), 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Staff (London), Hospital Staff (London), Veterinary Staff (London), Servants (London), Machine Gun Section (London), No.20 Company, Fife Light Horse (Cupar). Details.

## THE LOSSES AT RENSBURG

WOUNDED 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1900

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Wiltshire Regiment – Privates:

2896 R. Nash, 5185 F. Tawdervin, 2244 J. Pinchin, 2298 F. Payne, 3025 F. Ponting, 2526 A.G. Noake, 2917 G.J. Love, 4363 E. Dash, 5306 R.A. Storey, 2832 J. Radmore, 4288 F.W. Moss.

## PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS (From "London Gazette" 20<sup>th</sup> February)

### LINE BATTALIONS

The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment): E.D. Bally, in succession to Lieutenant, S.H. Shaw, seconded.

### Excerpts from *The Standard*, Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1900

#### Further Information:



*RMS Cymric at Liverpool with tender SS Magnetic*

*SS Cymric was a steamship of the White Star Line, which was built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast & was launched 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1897. She had originally been designed as a combination passenger liner and livestock carrier, with accommodations for First Class passengers only. During the stages of her design layout, it became clear to the designers that combining passengers & livestock had become rather unpopular, so the spaces designated for cattle became 3<sup>rd</sup> class accommodations. She departed Liverpool on her maiden voyage on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1898, arriving in New York on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1898. She spent the first 5 years of her career on the White Star Line's main passenger service between Liverpool and New York, until 1903 when she was transferred to the less traveled Liverpool to Boston route and continued to do this for 9 years before being returned to the Liverpool route in 1912.*

*During both the Boer War and WWI she was pressed into service as a troop transport ship. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 1916 she was torpedoed 3 times by Walter Schwieger's U-20, which had sunk the Lusitania a year earlier. Cymric sank the next day, killing five people on board, 140 miles northwest of Fastnet.*  
*Wikipedia.*