

A VERY SCARCE SOUTH AFRICA 1877-9 TO A CAPTAIN OF THE 99TH FOOT WHO BELONGED TO ONE OF JUST THREE COMPANIES OF HIS REGIMENT WHO WERE BESIEGED AT ESHOWE BETWEEN 27 JANUARY AND 3 APRIL 1879 DURING THE ZULU WAR



SOUTH AFRICA 1877-9, CLASP 1879 'CAPT C. C. NEVILLE. 99th FOOT'

Captain Nevile served with the 99th Regiment in the Zulu war, including the investment of Eshowe being in one just 10 Officers of HQ and 3 Companies of the 99th that were besieged there between 27th of January and 3rd April 1879. Throughout the rest of the War the Regiment was split up and stationed at various forts and garrisons within Natal. 6 companies of the 3rd Foot (The Buffs) were also present at the siege of Eshowe

Charles Cavendish Nevile was born in Leamington Spa on 8 September 1846 and was Commissioned Ensign in the 71st Foot on 17 November 1869 but immediately transferred to the 2nd West India Regiment. Promoted Lieutenant, 22 March 1871, he exchanged to the 99th Foot on 27 October 1871. Promoted Captain, 2 July 1879, Captain Nevile died of Brights Disease whilst on home Service on 18 February 1882.

Service abroad

West Indies – 17 July 1870 – 9 August 1871
Natal – 2 December 1878 – 30 October 1879
Bermuda – 22 June 1880 – 7 March 1881
South Africa – 8 March 1881 – 20 June 1881

Regarding the epic siege at Eshowe, I can highly recommend the outstanding *'Fearful Hard Times The Siege And Relief of Eshowe 1879'* by Castle and Knight.

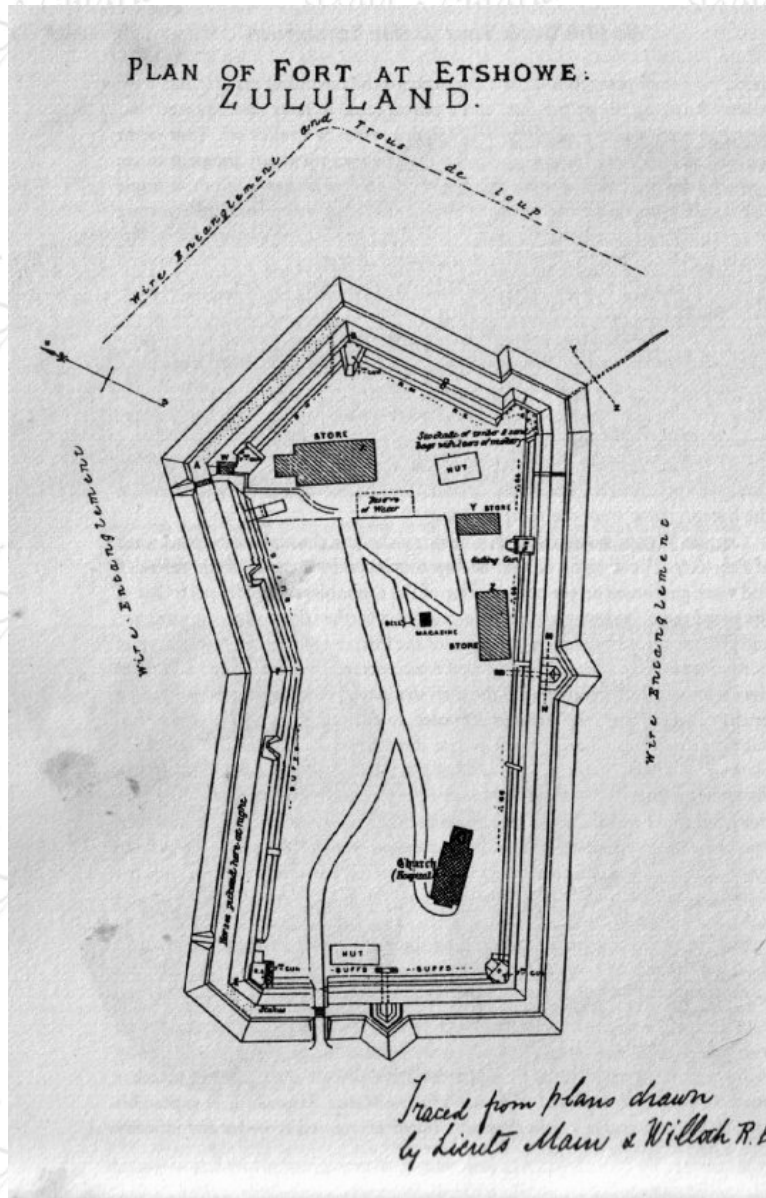


PORTRAIT OF CAPTAIN NEVILLE

99TH (DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S REGIMENT.

This regt. was quartered at Chatham when, about the end of Nov. 1878, orders were received for it to embark for active service at the Cape. Two cos. sailed on the 2nd Dec. in the s.s. Walmer Castle, four cos. on the 5th, in the s.s. American, and HQ and two cos. on the 6th, in the s.s. Asiatic. The cos. from the Walmer Castle and American landed at Natal on the 3rd and 4th Jan. 1879, respectively, and proceeded up the coast, leaving Durban on the 6th Jan., and arriving at the Lower Tugela on the 11th, one co. having been left to garrison Durban, and another, en route, at Stanger. The HQ, leaving women and children at Cape Town, disembarked at Durban on the 10th Jan. on the 15th they reached the Tugela, and, leaving one co. to garrison Fort Tenedos, and three cos. to bring on a convoy, marched on the 19th. The convoy left on the 22nd, and arrived at Eshowe on the 28th (the day the Mounted Infantry and Native Contingent were sent back to the Tugela). The two cos. which advanced on the 19th joined Col. Pearson on the 20th, were present at the battle of Nyezane on the 22nd, and were sent back to the Tugela with a convoy of waggons, arriving there on the 27th. The HQ and three cos. were in Eshowe during the investment until relieved on the 3rd April. The cos. from Durban and Stanger were eventually concentrated at the Lower Tugela, and, with the three cos. already there, formed part of the Relieving Column under Lord Chelmsford, and were present at the battle of Gingindlovu on the 2nd April. After the relief of Eshowe the regt. was stationed at the Lower Tugela, and, with the Buffs and Connaught Rangers, formed the 1st Brigade of Crealock's Div. Convoy duty was the principal occupation of the regt. until the middle of June, when three cos. proceeded up country to garrison Fort Crealock. HQ and four cos. occupied Fort Chelmsford from the 28th June till the 31st July, when they were relieved by the Rangers, and marched down country. HQ and two cos. were subsequently stationed at

Fort Napier, Pietermaritzburg, having arrived there on the 14th Aug.; two cos. at Greytown; one at Rorke's Drift; one at the Lower Tugela; one at Durban; and one at St. John's River. In Sept. orders were received for the regt. to proceed to Bermuda. It was concentrated at Pine Town at the end of Oct., and, on the 31st Dec., embarked in H.M.S. Himalaya.



Condition some edge bruising, NVF or better. Sold with a large amount of copied research, including service record and much other research.

A very scarce medal to a Captain of the 99th Foot who was besieged at Eshowe