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The 2/21<sup>st</sup> disembarked at Durban on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1879, being detailed to Newdigate's Div for the second invasion of Zululand. Two cos. of the regt. were left in Fort Newdigate, where they remained until the conclusion of the war. On the 20th June two cos. were left in Fort Marshall, with Col. Collingwood in command of the garrison. At the battle of Ulundi the regt. formed a portion of the right of the hollow square, and, with the 58th, bore the brunt of the first desperate onslaught of the enemy, large numbers of whom got to within thirty yards of the line before the galling and destructive fire which was poured into them could stay their advance. The battalion later took a prominent part in the attack on Sekukuni's Stronghold in November 1879 and later on in the 1<sup>st</sup> Boer War, being one of the few Battalions still serving in South Africa at the outbreak of the War.



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