

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

13. This very successful affair cost the Maories 28 men killed (counted), and two wounded and prisoners in our hands. Both these are said to be chiefs. Our loss was five killed and six wounded (one since dead).

The effect on the Maories of their insidious attempt at ambuscade being thus promptly met, and signally and completely frustrated, with their heavy loss in dead, cannot but be salutary.

* Present :—Brev.-Major Bowdler, 40th Regt. ; Capt. Hon. F. le P. Trench, 40th ; Capt. Fisher, 40th ; Lieut. Simeon, 40th ; Ensign King, 40th ; Capt. Doran, 50th ; Lieut. Leach, Acting Staff Officer to Colonel Waddy, C.B., 50th ; Ensign Campbell, 50th.

14. * It becomes my pleasing duty as senior officer, accidentally on the spot, to report that nothing could have been better than the behaviour of men and officers engaged. Where the forwardness of all was distinguished it is enough to name the officers present.

15. But I would beg specially to bring to notice Assistant-Surgeon Stiles, 40th Regiment, to whose assiduity in caring for the wounded, in the most exposed situations, and under sharp fire, their safe and early removal to camp is mainly attributable.

16. Captain Heaphy, Auckland Rifle Volunteers, took charge of a party, and ably directed it. In gallantly assisting a wounded soldier of the 40th, who had fallen into a hollow among the thickest of the concealed Maories, he became the target for a volley at a few feet distant. Five balls pierced his clothes and cap, and he is slightly wounded in three places. Though hurt himself he continued to aid the wounded to the end of the day.

Captain Jackson, Forest Rangers, gave great assistance ; and Captain Von Tempsky, when I directed him to relieve the soldiers, who had been skirmishing for hours, covered the extreme rear of our march with much coolness and judgment.

I have, &c.,

H. M. HAVELOCK, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General.

CAPTAIN JACKSON TO THE ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY.

Camp Te Rore, February 12th, 1864.

SIR,—

In accordance with instructions, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Lieutenant-General commanding, that yesterday morning, in company with Captain Heaphy, I started to look at the enemy's position at Paterangi; that, whilst in Lieutenant-Colonel Havelock's tent, we heard some heavy firing on the Mangapiko. We immediately proceeded to the scene, and I led a party of soldiers to the rear of the enemy, and thus cut off their retreat. Whilst there we shot several natives. Some of them drifted down the river, and three I pulled on shore. One of the natives snapped both his barrels at me, and I shot him with my revolver, took his gun, and brought him across the river. Whilst there, I noticed several natives concealed in the thick scrub on the edge of the river, and thought that a few of the Forest Rangers would be useful in driving them out of it. I therefore, with the permission of the Lieutenant-General, sent for all who were in camp, about thirty-five, and they arrived about four or five o'clock p.m., under the command of Captain Von Tempsky. I took them to the place where the enemy were concealed, and instructed them to go down and search for the natives, which they did, and in about ten or fifteen minutes they brought up five natives, whom they had killed, and two who were wounded. The wounded were carried to the nearest camp.

I have, &c.,

Captain J. D. Baker,
Acting Assistant Military Secretary.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
Captain Commanding Forest Rangers.

CAPTAIN VON TEMPSKY TO THE ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY.

Camp Te Rore, February 12th, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report, for the information of the Lieut.-General commanding the Forces, that on the 11th instant, at three p.m., an orderly arrived in camp with orders for the Forest Rangers to proceed immediately to the front. Forty men of the two companies being absent on duty (burning fern), and Captain Jackson being at the front already, I proceeded with 35 men of both companies to the scene of action on the Mangapiko creek. On arriving at the extreme right flank of our position, I met Captain Jackson, who informed me that there were natives in a thicket on the river bank. Colonel Havelock then ordered me to dislodge these natives. My men, with promptitude, surrounded the thicket, and entering the same, revolvers in hand, extracted in a short time seven natives which they had killed at close quarters, after a good deal of a resisting fire from those same natives. We carried seven bodies up to the bank, laying them in a heap. Two of the same number, showing signs of life, were carried to our nearest redoubt, one of them dying on the road; the latter was laid with nine bodies brought in previously by the regulars. My men behaved with coolness, judgment, and alacrity, particularly in covering the orderly retreat of the forces.

I have, &c.,

Captain J. D. Baker,
Acting Assistant Military Secretary.

D. G. F. VON TEMPSKY,
Captain Forest Rangers, No. 2 Company.