

assisting to bring out a wounded man. I then sounded the halt and officers' call, and tried to form the retreat into some order. Whilst doing this I took some men with me to bring in the bodies of Captains Buck and Palmer; whilst so engaged Lieut. Hastings, Corporal Russell, and four men were killed; Lieut. Hastings I felt a severe loss, he proving himself a cool and efficient officer, even after being hit requesting Ensign Hirtzel to hide the circumstance from the men, dreading to create further panic. Corporal Russell's death also proved to me a severe loss, his service being most efficient, doing his duty coolly and bravely throughout.

Having got the men extended I recommenced my retreat, trying to force a junction with you. Failing in this I pushed for the Waingongora, halted at dark in the bush, and remained quiet until 2 a.m., when the moon was sufficiently high to give me light and guidance through the dense bush. I was not again attacked by the enemy, and arrived in camp about 8 a.m. on the morning of the 8th. I succeeded in bringing ten wounded men with me—unfortunately one man, just expiring, I had to leave behind.

I wish to bring to your notice the great assistance I received from Ensign Hirtzel all through the most trying march, and beg to mention the cool and gallant conduct of Volunteer Sergeant Livingstone, to whose untiring efforts I owe, in a great measure, my being able to bring the wounded through the bush, as also Sergeants Anderson, Toovey, and Fleur, who were conspicuous for the assistance they gave me.

I must also bring before your notice the valuable assistance of five of the Native Contingent as trackers in my retreat through the bush.

Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell,
Commanding Patea District.

I have, &c.,

J. ROBERTS, Sub-Inspector,
No. 5 Division, Armed Constabulary.

Enclosure 2 in No. 94.

RETURN of OFFICERS and MEN of the PATEA FIELD FORCE KILLED and WOUNDED in ACTION, at
TE NGUTU-O-TE-MANU, 7th September, 1868.

KILLED.

Rank and Name.	Name of Corps.	Remarks.
Constable R. Darlington	No. 2 Division, A.C.	
Corporal James Russell	No. 3 Division, A.C.	
Constable Alexander Elkin	" "	
Constable Richard Fennessy	" "	
Constable Richard Hart	" "	
Inspector G. F. Von Tempsky	No. 5 Division, A.C.	
Constable Joseph Gilgan	" "	
Constable Israel Davis	" "	
Constable E. G. Farraud	" "	
Constable H. Downs	" "	
Lieutenant H. Hunter	Wellington Rangers.	
Lieutenant H. C. H. Hastings	" "	
Private George Hughes	" "	
Captain George Buck	Wellington Rifles.	
Lance-Corporal George Lumsden	" "	
Private Thomas Grant	" "	
Private J. H. Deeks	Taranaki Volunteer Militia	
Private George Wells	" "	Mortally wounded; since dead.
Captain A. S. Palmer	Patea Rifle Volunteers.	

WOUNDED.

Assistant-Surgeon W. Best	Staff	Severely.
Constable W. O'Brien	No. 2 Division, A.C.	Slight.
Constable J. Houston	" "	Severely.
Constable J. O'Connor	" "	Severely.
Constable P. Burke	" "	Slight.
Constable J. Hogan	No. 3 Division, A.C.	Severely.
Constable T. Walton	" "	Severely.
Constable W. Fulton	" "	Slight.
Sergeant J. Toovey	No. 5 Division, A.C.	Slight.
Constable James Shanaghan	" "	Severely.
Constable B. Gemmell	" "	Slight.
Private McGenniskin	Wellington Rangers	Slight.
Private G. H. Dore	" "	Arm amputated.
Private D. M. Harris	" "	Severely.
Private W. Caldwell	" "	Slight.
Private M. McManus	" "	Slight.
Private John Goddard	" "	Slight.
Lance-Corporal James Walden	Wellington Rifles	Severely.
Private John Griffiths	" "	Severely.