

over five rounds of ammunition per man having been expended in the encounter. I have to regret the loss of one man killed,* two men seriously, I fear, dangerously wounded,† and seven men otherwise slightly wounded,‡ in all one man killed and nine men wounded. The enemy were evidently completely surprised, and were so confused by the admirable manner in which Captain Mercer's Armstrong guns were served, that the fire from the rifle-pits was very wild, and it was only at the assault, when the enemy were speedily overpowered by numbers, that the serious casualties occurred.

It is impossible to speak in terms of too high praise of the admirable behaviour of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 57th Regiment engaged.

The Lieutenant-General was himself an eye-witness of the rapid and regular manner in which each party performed the duties allotted to it. I may, therefore, be pardoned from further allusion to the successful result of these operations, in which I naturally, on account of the officers and men engaged, feel such pride; but I trust I may be permitted to bring the names of the following officers and men to the notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, viz.: Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Logan, Captains Shortt and Russell, Lieutenants Brutton and Waller, and Ensigns Duncan and Douglass. I fear, in naming the above, I may be inadvertently doing injustice to others, as it appears difficult to determine whether Captain Shortt or Ensign Duncan was first to jump into the redoubt, and they were closely followed by Privates (2700) J. Donaghy, and (219) B. Stagpool, and by the other officers and men. To Lieutenant and Adjutant C. M. Clarke, I have to offer my best thanks, for his untiring zeal and energy (for a considerable time on foot, his horse having got away in crossing the ford and gully); and I cannot refrain from bringing to the Lieutenant-General's notice the names of three civilians, Ensign Mace, Taranaki Militia, who volunteered his services, and lent me his horse, when mine got away in crossing the gully, thereby enabling me to direct a considerable portion of the operations, which I could not have done on foot. Mr. R. Parris, Assistant Native Secretary, accompanied the advance parties across the ravine and the Katikara river, and remained with me during the day. The other civilian is Mr Arthur Bayley, on whose land the redoubt, now occupied by a portion of the regiment under my command, is built. Mr Bayley's knowledge of the locality enabled Lieutenants Brutton and Thompson, on the 18th instant, to cut off a party of Maories, killing two, and wounding several others. He led the advanced parties across the gullies this morning, and behaved very gallantly. I also beg to bring to the Lieutenant-General's notice Quarter-Master Martindale, who is always ready to accompany the troops into the field, and to whom is due the direction of the transport, and carrying out the details of the Quarter-Master-General's directions regarding the conveyance of ammunition and stores to St. George's Redoubt earlier in the night.

Serjeant Cleary and nine men of the 70th Regiment were attached to Ensign Duncan's party of volunteers, and rendered good service. One of this party was wounded in the attack on the

* Private (No. 11) E. Martin.

† Private (No. 568) H. Shipman; Private (No. 2063) J. Osborne.

‡ Privates D. Hurley, J. Deegan, J. Evans, J. Newton, P. Flacherty, B. Stagpool, M. Fox.

entrenched wharre. Apologising for the length of this report which the detail renders necessary.

I have &c.,

HENRY J. WARRE, Colonel, Commanding 57th Regiment and Outposts.

As I consider Mr Mace's conduct deserves special notice, I beg to state that he has lately been in charge of the Mounted Orderlies, is an Ensign in the Taranaki Militia, and has frequently been of great service to me since I have been in command of the Outposts; his courage is proverbial, and I myself saw him gallop after three or four Maories, and shoot one of them.

I append a sketch of the operations, and short report from Captain Shortt, who led the advance on the left.

H. J. WARRE, Colonel.

True Copy.

J. W. HUTCHINS, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Military Secretary.

The Assistant Military Secretary,

&c., &c., &c.,
Head Quarters.

St. George's Redoubt,

June 4, 1863.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report that I marched with my company, and three others of the 57th Regiment at daybreak this morning, acting as a reserve to the parties under Lieutenants Brutton and Waller. After the guns had fired a few rounds, the companies crossed a deep gully in succession, and ascended the high ground in the direction of the enemy's position. I extended my company, and with other men I picked up, went straight at what appeared to be a small redoubt.

Private Donaghy, of my company, and I, were the first to enter the place, closely followed by Lieutenant-Colonel Logan and Captain Russell.

On our first advance we were received with a very heavy fire, which killed one man, and wounded several of our party. The enemy made a very determined resistance, and stood upon the parapets to receive us, and were bayoneted there by our men.

I have, &c.,

W. A. SHORTT, Captain, 57th Regiment.

True Copy.

J. W. HUTCHINS, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Military Secretary.

Colonel Warre, C.B.,

Commanding 57th Regiment.

INTIMATION.

With reference to the Order in Council, dated 27th July 1863, approved by Her Majesty, regarding "An Act to consolidate and amend the Act relating to the Volunteer Force in Great Britain," and Scheme referred to in said Order in Council, published in this Gazette on 31st July 1863,—Paragraph 9 of said Order should be as follows:—

9. Where the situation and circumstances of a rifle volunteer corps are such as, in the opinion of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to create serious obstacles to the fulfilment by the volunteers belonging to the corps, of the requirement of attendance at battalion drill, such number of times within twelve months as is prescribed upon the annexed forms of certificate, the Secretary of State shall have power to reduce the number of battalion drills, and to increase proportionately the number of company drills requisite to entitle a volunteer belonging to the corps to a certificate of efficiency.