

21. To Captain Robinson, R.A., my thanks are due for the energy displayed by him in obtaining information of the gathering of the natives and of their intention to attack.

22. Captain Nixon, R.E., Lieutenant Morshead, 24th, Lieutenant Coghill, A.D.C. 24th, and Lieutenant Hodson, A.D.C. 24th, served on my personal staff, and my thanks are due to them for the assistance they gave me in carrying the various orders to different parts of the field.

23. Lieutenant Main's, R.E., rocket practice was excellent, and under the disadvantage of a defective rocket-trough, his effective fire was worthy of remark.

24. Lieutenant Kell, C.R., and the party of Royal Artillery under his command, worked their guns energetically, and inflicted serious loss on the enemy.

25. The mounted infantry 24th Regiment were well led by Lieutenant Clements, 24th.

26. The troops were ably assisted by the Naval Brigade under Lieutenant Cochran, R.N., and Royal Marine Light Infantry under Lieutenant Dowding; Lieutenant Loring, Naval A.D.C. attached to my personal staff, was also useful.

27. Inspectors Chalmers and Bourne, and the Frontier Armed Mounted Police under their command, did good service in the positions in which I placed them.

28. To Commandant Maclean of the Fingoe Levy, my thanks are due, for his assistance during the engagement.

29. Captain Feldtman and his Levy also rendered me great assistance in following up the retreating enemy.

30. The officers of the Medical Staff rendered every assistance.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. T. Glyn, Colonel, Commanding Transkei Field Force.

From Officer Commanding Head 2nd Column,
to Officer Commanding Transkei Field Force.

*Camp, Croucha Shop,
January 17, 1878.*

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to report that the column* under my command, composed of detachments from 1st Battalion, 24th Regiment, and Royal Marines, Frontier Armed Mounted Police Troop, and Inspector Chalmer's Troop, Frontier Armed Mounted Police, marched from Ibeka at 5 A.M., 13th January. After marching about six miles, halted two hours for breakfast, and then proceeded past the Centain mountain, and had halted and commenced pitching camp and cooking men's dinners, when a messenger from Major Owen, giving information concerning the movements of the enemy, arrived. Tents were at once struck, and column hurried forward.

2. On arrival at camp of right column the troops at once moved forward, with the exception of Frontier Armed Mounted Police Artillery, which remained to protect camp.

3. Inspector Chalmer's troop was ordered to prevent enemy from outflanking our right, which at first it seemed probable would be attempted.

4. The detachment of 24th Regiment and Marines were ordered by Colonel Glyn to be kept in hand, and strike in when required. Soon after hearing the musketry fire, running up from right to left, Captain Nixon, R.E., brought orders from Colonel Glyn to move those troops towards

* Detachment 1st Battalion 24th Regiment, 2 officers, 137 men. Royal Marine Light Infantry, 1 officer, 21 men. Frontier Armed Mounted Police, Artillery Troop, 2 officers, 41 men. Frontier Armed Mounted Police, 4 officers, 94 men.

the left flank. On coming over a sharp rise we could see the enemy in considerable numbers in a strong position; they opened a heavy musketry fire on us, and the 88th Detachment on our immediate right.

5. The detachment extended from its right, and by a rapid advance, firing, succeeded in driving back the enemy in confusion. Inspector Bourne, Frontier Armed Mounted Police, on our left, asking for re-inforcements, Lieutenant Ansty with one company, 1st battalion, 24th Regiment was ordered to strengthen him. Owing to the formation of the ground, we were able to flank the enemy immediately in front of the 88th, and by our cross fire drive the Kaffirs from their position.

6. The men of the 24th Regiment and Royal Marines behaved splendidly; in spite of their long march, they came on for the last quarter of a mile at a steady double, and when hotly engaged did not fire except when ordered.

The total number of rounds fired by the detachment was 1,700. Lieutenants Dowding, Royal Marines, and Ansty, 1st battalion, 24th Regiment, commanded their companies with the greatest coolness and judgment, and both non-commissioned officers and men did their duty right well.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) RUSSELL UPCHER, Captain
1st Battalion, 24th Regiment,
Commanding 1st and 2nd
Column.

Camp, Cologha,

January 17, 1878.

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to report that on Tuesday, January 15th, I left Nynumaxa at 4 A.M., with the columns under my command, with the intention of co-operating in the attack of the Chachaba valley by the columns advancing.

At about 7.30 the column arrived at the point of a ridge overlooking the Kei, and affording a good view of Chachala valley on either side.

I halted the guns under Captain Robinson further back on the ridge, in a position which commanded a long reach of the Kei river.

Kaffirs being reported in the bush below, I ordered one of the guns down, and shelled the bush.

At about 8.30 heavy firing was heard from the other side of the Kei. Kaffirs appeared on the other side driving their cattle along the ridge towards the drift, and soon tried to cross with their cattle, but were driven back by the rocket-party Naval Brigade.

I despatched some Fingoes under Commandant Maclean after the cattle, supported by Inspector Chalmer's troop, Frontier Armed Mounted Police.

They returned in the evening, having captured about 1,000 head of cattle, having killed seven Kaffirs, and losing three Fingoe horses, killed two Fingoes wounded in crossing the drift.

Seeing part of the Komgha column on the other side of the Kei, I requested Commandant Maclean to communicate with them. He did so, and found them to be volunteers under Captain Brabant, from East London, of whose co-operation in the attack I had not been informed.

Of Colonel Lambert's column I saw nothing. Finding I could not be of any further use, I returned to my camp.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. T. Glyn, Colonel,
Commanding Transkei.

To His Excellency General Sir A. T. Cunningham,
K.C.B.