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**D**ESPACHES, of which the following are copies, have been received by the Secretary of State for War from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces in South Africa:—

*Durban, Natal,  
March 20, 1879.*

SIR,

IT is my sad duty to report to you that on the morning of the 12th March a convoy of wagons halted on its road from Derby to Luneberg, on the left bank of the Entombi River, was attacked by the Zulus, and, with the exception of some 10 men who escaped by swimming the river, the whole of the escort who were within the wagon laager on that bank are reported to have been killed.

The officer in command of the detachment on the right bank, Lieutenant Harward, 80th Regiment, appears to have done his utmost to assist his comrades in their unequal struggle, as soon as he was aware of what was occurring.

I have the honour to forward the report from this officer, and that of Major Tucker, 80th Regiment, commanding at Luneberg.

I have desired Colonel Wood to make further inquiries into the matter. His report, when received, shall be forwarded.

As I am leaving for the frontier at the Lower Tugela to-morrow, I have desired my Deputy Adjutant-General, pending the arrival of a general officer, to forward you any reports that may arrive during my absence.

The reports enclosed are printed, as I considered it advisable to communicate the reports received to the public through the press.

I have, &c.,

**CHELMSFORD,**  
Lieutenant-General.

SIR,

*Luneberg, March 12, 1879.*

I HAVE the honour to report as follows from the camp from Intombe River, where an escort of

the 80th Regiment, under Captain Moriarty, were laagered on the 12th March, 1879:—

Being awake during the night I heard a shot fired in the distance. I got up and ordered the sentry to rouse the detachment on the side of the Intombe Drift nearest Luneberg, and to apprise Captain Moriarty of the fact, and ask for his orders; these were that the escort should remain under arms. I afterwards found that this shot was fired about 4 A.M.

I retired to my tent close by, where I waited, dressed, and about an hour afterwards I heard "Guard, turn out!" I instantly turned out and saw, as the fog lifted, a dense mass of Zulus about 200 yards from the wagon laager, extending all across the valley with a front of some two or three miles apparently. I immediately put my men (35 of all ranks) under a wagon near our tents, and directed their fire on the flanks of the enemy, who were endeavouring to surround our wagon laager on the other side of the river. I next observed that the enemy had gained full possession of the camp, and were driving off the cattle. Our men were retiring on the river, which was now full of human beings. On seeing this, I directed my fire entirely with a view to covering the retreat of our men. This fire was well sustained, and enabled many to get over the river alive.

The enemy were now assegaing our men in the water, and also ascending the banks of the river close to us; for fear, therefore, of my men being stabbed under the wagon, and to enable them to retire before their ammunition should have become exhausted, I ordered them to retire steadily, and only just in time to avoid a rush of Zulus to our late position. The Zulus came on in dense masses and fell upon our men, who being already broken gave way, and a hand-to-hand fight ensued.

I endeavoured to rally my men, but they were too much scattered, and finding reformation impossible, I mounted my horse and galloped into Luneberg at utmost speed, and reported all that had taken place,

I estimate the strength of the enemy at not less than 4,000 men.

I beg to draw attention to the good service rendered by Sergeant A. Booth, and the men of the party on the Luneberg side of the river, whose steady fire was instrumental in saving many lives.

H. H. HARWARD,

Lieut., 80th Regt.

To the Officer Commanding the Troops  
at Luneburg.

N.B.—The sketch attached shows the position of the camp on either side of the river, indicating tents, wagons, &c.

The cattle were at the time of the attack kraaled inside the laager.

C. TUCKER, Major 80th Regiment,  
Commanding Troops.

*Luneburg March 12, 1879.*

From Major C. Tucker, 80th Regiment, Commanding Troops, to Assistant Military Secretary, Head-Quarters, Pietermaritzburg.

I HAVE to report, for the information of his Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding, that on the 7th instant a party, consisting of 104, all ranks, under command of Captain D. B. Moriarty, 80th Regiment, left Luneburg, with a view of escorting and bringing into Luneburg eighteen wagons, variously loaded, on their way from Derby. Some of these wagons were reported as broken down on the Little Intombe River. Captain Moriarty's orders were to bring these wagons, or their loads, into Luneburg; but if this was impossible, owing to the fearful state of the road, he was to laager his wagons at the Intombe River, and wait until he should be able to cross. During the 8th, 9th, and 10th the river was so very high from the constant rains, that nothing could be done. On the 11th the river lowered some four feet; but the stream was so rapid nothing could be got across. A light raft, consisting of planks and empty barrels, had been made, but would carry very little weight.

On the morning of the 12th, about 6.30, Lieutenant Harward arrived at Luneburg from the Intombe River, reporting that the camp and wagons were in possession of the enemy. I enclose copy of a report from this officer.

As I have no mounted men under my command, I at once ordered all the horses belonging to the officers of the regiment to be saddled, and proceeded to the camp at the Intombe River, leaving orders for 150 men of the 80th Regiment to follow. On approaching Meyers' Mission Station, we observed, extending for about two miles under the brow of Umbeline's Hill, a long thick line of Zulus making eastward. I computed the body of the enemy in view at not less than 4,000. There were undoubtedly many more, as we could see no cattle being driven. These Zulus were evidently making a hurried retreat. Arriving at the Intombe River, I found the laager completely wrecked, the cattle being taken, and the contents of the wagons strewn about the place; and from the bank of the river we could see the dead bodies of our men lying about on the opposite side of the river.

On the arrival of the men of the 80th from Luneburg, the bodies were collected and interred on this side of the river.

I regret to report that Captain D. B. Moriarty was killed, together with Civil Surgeon Cobbin. Out of a total of 104 officers and men of the 80th Regiment, 40 are known to be killed, 20 are still missing, and 44 have escaped to Luneburg—one man slightly wounded. In addition to the above,

Mr. Whittington, wagon conductor, a volunteer named Campbell, late of Ferreira's Horse, and a native driver, have been killed.

With regard to the 20 men reported missing of the 80th Regiment, I fear most of them have been drowned or assaiged in the river, which was running swiftly, and was exceedingly high at the time.

A list of the wagon employes will be sent as soon as possible.

It is impossible to ascertain the loss of the enemy. Twenty-five bodies were found at the scene of action, principally on the bank of the river, and doubtless many more were drowned.

Two Zulus have been taken prisoners, both wounded severely. From one I gathered the information that the "impi" which attacked the laager was headed by Umbeline, who was instigated to bring this force by Maunyanyobe. This prisoner distinctly stated twice that there were 9,000 Zulus present, and that they were collected from all parts of the surrounding country; he further stated that Umnyamana was asked to assist, but refused to send his men.

From all information I can gather on the subject, the camp was evidently surprised, the enemy taking advantage of the mist to approach the camp unseen. I consider the men fought well and bravely, but were completely outnumbered. The small party under Lieutenant Harward, on this side of the river, rendered to a hopeless cause valuable assistance in covering the retreat across the river of such men as were able to reach it; and I am of opinion that but for those on this side of the Intombe River, not one man would have escaped, and that had the escort been double its number, the result must have been the same.

The river having subsided about midday, I was enabled to bring across the rockets, gun ammunition and powder untouched by the enemy.

C. TUCKER, Major,  
Commanding 80th Regiment and Troops.

*RETURN of Killed and Missing of 80th Regiment at Intombe River, March 12, 1879.*

**KILLED.**

Captain D. B. Moriarty, E Co.  
544 Lance-Sergeant Ernest Johnson, E. Co.  
1726 Lance-Sergeant George Sansam, C Co.  
733 Corporal John McCoy, F Co.  
585 Private John Anthony, A Co.  
203 Arthur Banks, A Co.  
745 George Broughton, A Co.  
488 Henry Brownson, A Co.  
1797 James Christie, A Co.  
260 Henry Dutton, A Co.  
1465 William Fox, A Co.  
500 Edward Gittings, A Co.  
1696 Joseph Green, A Co.  
227 George Haines, A Co.  
709 Thomas Hodges, A Co.  
902 John Ingham, A Co.  
1865 John Laffarty, A Co.  
1976 George Mitchell, A Co.  
2048 Robert Moore, A Co.  
1032 William Moran, A Co.  
1926 Henry Night, A Co.  
587 Joseph Tibbett, A Co.  
716 Joseph Weaver, A Co.  
48 James Brown C Co.  
222 William Findley, C Co.  
1919 Henry Jacobs, C Co.  
999 Ralph Leese, C Co.  
2063 Arthur Middow, C Co.  
2070 Henry Ruffe, C Co.

546 Private Jonah Adey, E. Co.  
 1290 John Chadwick, E Co.  
 104 Thomas Tucker, E Co.  
 John Robinson, E Co.  
 370 James Vernon, E Co.  
 1021 Henry Hill, B Co.  
 1499 John Hughes, B Co.  
 1378 Bernard McSherry, B Co.  
 220 William Phipps, B Co.  
 520 Henry Meaxious, F Co

MISSING.

459 Colour Sergeant Henry Frederick, A Co.  
 1647 Drummer John Leather, A Co.  
 943 Private John Banner, A Co.  
 1042 Alfred Day, A Co.  
 753 John Dodd, A Co.  
 1028 William Farrell, A Co.  
 176 William Flyfield, A Co.  
 1925 John Fourneaux, A Co.  
 526 George Hadley, A Co.  
 999 Eli Hawkes, A Co.  
 743 Thomas Healey, A Co.  
 1931 Henry Lodge, A Co.  
 1770 Joseph Silcock, A Co.  
 510 Henry Smith, A Co.  
 2008 Julien Hart, C. Co.  
 2085 Charles Pritchard, C Co.  
 1163 Arthur Pummell, E Co.  
 1291 Richard Tomlinson, E Co.  
 1705 George Tucker, E Co.  
 1605 Herbert Woodward, E Co.  
 615 Michael Sheridan, B Co.

C. TUCKER, Major, 80th Regiment,  
 Commanding Troops.

Durban, Natal,  
 March 24, 1879.

SIR.  
 IN the absence of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, who proceeded on the 21st instant to the frontier posts on the Lower Tugela, I have the honour to report for your information the following occurrences :—

1. Colonel Wood, V.C., C.B., writing on the 16th instant from Kambula Hill, reports to the following effect :—

Ohamu, having requested him to endeavour to get in his wives and family, he (Colonel Wood) sent off 20 men of Ohamu's on the 12th to collect them ; leaving the camp at 5 A.M. on the 14th, he accompanied a patrol consisting of 360 rifles, under Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, C.B., 30 burghers, under Mr. Piet Uys, and 200 of

Ohamu's men, under the direction of Mr. Lloyd, and reached the caves near the Inhlangawine mountains, twelve miles east of the source of the Umkosi, about 45 miles from the camp, at 9.30 P.M. The last seven miles across a very difficult hill occupied three hours ; they shot a few Zulus, and took some head of cattle that had formerly belonged to Ohamu. James Rorke and Calverley, who accompanied the party, having reported that all the women and people had been collected out of the caves, they started back at nine the following morning, reaching the Zunjen range the same evening, and Kambula camp at 1 P.M. the 16th.

A few shots were fired at long range at the party from the Inhlangawine : a strong position, where there appeared to be from 800 to 1,000 men.

2. The troops, &c., per Her Majesty's ship "Tamar" from Ceylon, and steam ship "Pretoria," "Dublin Castle," and "Manora" from England, have been landed. The 57th and 91st Foot are now at the Lower Tugela, and the 3rd Battalion 60th Regiment, on the march there.

M Battery 6th Brigade Royal Artillery has disembarked, with the horses in fair condition, and allowing the latter about a week's rest here, will proceed to the Lower Tugela.

The "City of Paris" and the "Queen Margaret" are reported to have reached Simon's Bay. The purport of this was telegraphed to you via Madeira.

3. I enclose a list of some further casualties discovered to have taken place at Isandhlawana action. These were some men of the 90th Foot, who were temporarily attached to the 1st Battalion 24th Foot, and awaiting an opportunity of joining the head quarters of their battalion.

I have, &c.,  
 W. BELLAIRS, Colonel,  
 Deputy Adjutant-General.

Supplementary Return of Casualties at Isandhlawana, on 22nd January, 1879.

KILLED.

Private Edwards, 90th Foot.  
 Private Walsh, 90th Foot.  
 Private Healey, 90th Foot.  
 Private Broadhurst, 90th Foot.  
 Private Wickham, 90th Foot.  
 Private Puttick, 90th Foot.

W. BELLAIRS,  
 Deputy Adjutant-General.

Durban, March 22, 1879.  
 The Military Secretary, Head Quarters.

