

chief officer, Mr. Woods, late R.N., did good service while attached to the Naval Brigade on shore.

It is my duty to bring to notice the very valuable services of Colonel Mould, commanding Royal Engineers, assisted by Captain Mould and Lieutenant Warburton, R.E. The document from Colonel Mould, which accompanies this despatch, will show how gigantic were the works designed and superintended by him, and the arduous labours of the troops who constructed them for so long a period under daily fire.

The Royal Artillery, under Captain Stover, have, as they always do, rendered most valuable service during the campaign. Latterly the Armstrong Battery, under Captain Mercer and Lieutenant Pickard, showed the power and precision of that arm, though attack on mountains and forest, and an unseen foe, is not the position which shows this powerful weapon to its full advantage. A valuable report on this arm, by Captain Mercer, accompanies this.

I also beg to bring prominently before His Royal Highness the services of the following officers commanding corps and detachments, many of whom have been named before in various actions; and they have one and all done a duty, sometimes very severe, with cheerfulness and alacrity; namely:

1st Battalion, 12th Regiment:

Major Hutchins.
Captain Miller (wounded).

2nd Battalion, 14th Regiment:

Major Douglas.

40th Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie.
Major T. L. R. Nelson, who commanded a detached force at the Waitara for a considerable period.
Captain Bowdler.
Captain Messenger.
Captain Richards. This last officer was wounded.

57th Regiment:

Major Logan.

65th Regiment:

Colonel Wyatt.
Captain Turner, who was wounded.
Lieutenant Urquhart.
Lieutenant Toker.

Taranaki Militia:

Major Herbert.
Captain Stapp.
Captain de Vaux.
Lieutenant A. King, my Militia Aide-de-Camp.

Staff:

Colonel Sillery, D.Q.M.G. (wounded).
Lieutenant-Colonel Carey, D.A.G.
Captain Paul, 65th Regiment, Major of Brigade; and
Lieutenant B. Forster, R.A. and A.D.C.

Deputy-Inspector-General J. Mouat, C.B.; V.C., whose services were at all times most valuable and always available in all positions; and he has brought to my notice—

Surgeon T. E. White, 65th Regiment, and
Assistant-Surgeon B. Styles, 40th Regiment.

Deputy-Commissary-General Jones, and J. P. Du Moulin, Esq., who has acted as Deputy-Assistant-Commissary-General, and has done duty with the troops in the field during the whole period of the service.

D. Hay, Esq., Native Commissioner, who has been attached to the forces whilst in the field, has also rendered efficient and essential service in his department.

There is one staff-officer, however (Lieutenant-Colonel Carey, D.A.G.), who I venture to bring to His Royal Highness's notice as being worthy of some special mark of Her Majesty's approbation. His gallantry and unremitting exertions during the whole of the war have been singularly conspicuous, and have been remarked, not only by myself, but by every member of this force.

And with regard to the soldiery of all arms, it is my bounden duty to point out their arduous and unceasing labour in erecting strong redoubts and pushing forward the sap, always under heavy fire, and driving the enemy from his lines of rifle-pits and strong positions with a loss to us indescribably small, thus showing this wily, brave, and skilful foe that all was unavailing against scientific works carried on by gallant men.

I have, &c.,

T. S. PRATT, Major-General,
Commanding in the Australian Colonies.

To the

Military Secretary,
Horse-Guards, London.

NUMERICAL RETURN of Officers and Men Killed and Wounded in Action near Pukerangura, New Zealand, from the 11th to 31st March, 1861.

Corps.	Killed.				Wounded.				Remarks.
	Officers.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.	Officers.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.	
Royal Artillery ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
14th Regiment ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
40th Regiment ...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	3	
57th Regiment ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
65th Regiment ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	
Total ...	1	...	...	4	2	1	...	11*	

* Includes two rank and file omitted in last return.

R. CAREY, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Deputy Adjutant-General.