

NOMINAL RETURN of the Killed and Wounded of the Troops at Au-Au, on the 24th, and Kaitake, on the 25th March, 1864.

Corps.	Regimental Nos.	Rank and Names.	Years of		Date of Wound.	Place of Wound.	Nature of Injury.
			Age.	Service.			
57th	3188	Private Thomas Bishop	35	17	24th Mar.	Au-Au	Gunshot wound of right fore arm; severe
"	3549	" Michael Hynes	27	9	"	"	Gunshot wound of left elbow; severe
"	2086	" William Neary	33	17	25th Mar.	Kaitake	Gunshot wound of left thigh; severe, ball extracted
T.R.V.	...	Serjeant James Appleby	27	8 mos.	"	"	Gunshot wound of right thigh; severe

(Signed) J. E. YOUNG, M.D.,
Staff-Surgeon.
J. MOUAT,
Deputy-Inspector-General, P.M.O.

Head Quarters, Pukerimu,
MY LORD, *April 4, 1864.*

IN continuation of my despatch of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that an attempt having been made by a body of about 300 rebel natives to re-occupy the village of Orakau, Brigadier-General Carey, Commanding at Te Awamutu, marched against them in the night of the 30th March, and succeeded in completely surrounding their position which they had strongly fortified. Having failed in an attempt to carry it by assault, General Carey advanced against it by sap, and compelled the natives to abandon it in the afternoon of the 2nd April, inflicting a very heavy loss upon them in their retreat.

The enclosed report of General Carey contains a detailed account of his operations.

The skill with which the enemy's work was suddenly invested on every side, reflects great credit on General Carey, who, by the manner in which he has conducted previous operations entrusted to him in this war, has proved himself a very able and zealous officer. I beg to recommend him to your Lordship's favorable consideration.

I would also beg to draw your Lordship's attention to the services of the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers reported by General Carey as having distinguished themselves in this attack, particularly Captain Baker, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Captain Greaves, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, and Lieutenant Hurst, 1st Battalion 12th Regiment, Assistant Engineer.

Our loss has been severe; and your Lordship will regret to see in the list of killed the name of Captain Ring, 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, a brave and promising young officer, whose gallant conduct I have brought to your notice on two previous occasions.

I think it right to mention, that on arriving at the scene of action, and seeing the hopeless situa-

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tion of the natives, and the probable destruction of the greater part of them if they withstood an assault from such overwhelming numbers, I directed the message—mentioned by General Carey—to be sent to them; and it is to be deeply regretted that they did not accept the terms thus offered. I cannot, however, in justice refrain from paying a tribute to the heroic courage and devotion of this band of natives, who, without water, and with but little food, for more than two days, and deprived of all hope of succour, held out so long against a vastly superior force; and, at last, disdaining to surrender, silently and deliberately abandoned their position, under a terrific fire from our troops.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. A. CAMERON,
Lieutenant-General.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary-of-State for War,
War Office, London.

Camp Te Awamutu,
April 3, 1864.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to state, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, that about mid-day on the 30th ultimo, it was reported to me by Lieutenant-Colonel Haultain, Waikato Militia, commanding at Kihī Kihī Redoubt, that natives were seen in force at the village of "Orakau," about 2½ to 3 miles distance from his post.

I immediately rode over and made a reconnaissance, found that the natives were engaged building a Pah, and as it was then too late in the day to attack at once, I returned to this camp, and made arrangements to march on the enemy's position during the night.

Captain Baker, 18th Royal Irish, Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General, fortunately found two