

evidence to be taken and every enquiry to be made, and as this is still incomplete, I must claim the Lieutenant-General's indulgence until the next mail, when I hope to be able to report more fully all particulars.

As some rebel Maoris are stated to have arrived from the north, I have strengthened the outposts, and depend entirely on the Militia and Volunteers for the defence of the town. The regular troops are severely overworked by constant long marches on occasion of alarms, for which reason, and to

spare them as much as possible, I have placed them at the out-stations.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) H. J. WARRE, Colonel,  
Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

I enclose Casualty Return, furnished by Dr. Young, the Principal Medical Officer, who, with the other Medical Officers, rendered every assistance to the wounded men.

The Deputy Quartermaster-General  
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*NOMINAL RETURN of the Killed and Wounded at Ahu-Ahu, on the 6th April, 1864.*

Corps.	Regimental Number.	Rank and Names.	Age.	Service.	Date and place of Death.	Nature of Injury.
57th	...	Capt. T. W. J. Lloyd ...	34	...	6th April at Ahu-Ahu	Killed.
"	2079	Private Jeremiah Dooley ...	35	17	6th April at Ahu-Ahu	Killed.
"	281	" George Sadler ...	29	5	6th April at Ahu-Ahu	Killed.
"	453	" Lawrence Cronin ...	23	4	...	Severely wounded.
"	470	" Andrew Collins ...	28	4	...	Slightly wounded.
"	2071	" Charles Keane ...	37	17	...	Slightly wounded.
"	223	" John Kirby ...	25	5	...	Slightly wounded.
"	3466	" Peter Murray ...	36	8	...	Slightly wounded.
"	486	" Isaac Smith ...	22	4	...	Slightly wounded.
"	707	" John Holden ...	30	9	...	Slightly wounded.
Militia	12 Co.	Corporal John Banks ...	23	2-12	6th April at Ahu-Ahu	Killed.
"	"	Private James Neagel ...	29	2-12	6th April at Ahu-Ahu	Killed.
"	"	" Charles Hartley ...	22	2-12	6th April at Ahu-Ahu	Killed.
"	"	Colour-Serj. George Bentley	38	...	...	Dangerously wounded.
"	"	Corporal Robert Stoke ...	30	...	...	Slightly wounded.
"	"	Private Edward Whatmore	33	...	...	Wounded - not dangerous.
"	"	" Francis Tomlins ...	22	...	...	Dangerously wounded.
"	7 Co.	" James Mc Kenna ...	27	...	...	Dangerously wounded.

H. J. WARRE, Colonel,  
Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

J. E. YOUNG,  
Staff-Surgeon.

SIR,  
*Camp, Puki Wharangi,*  
May 1, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to state, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, that in compliance with his instructions, I marched out of Camp with the 68th Light Infantry (strength as per margin\*), carrying one day's cooked rations and a great coat each, on the 28th ultimo, at a quarter to seven o'clock, P.M., my object being to get in rear of the enemy's position by means of a flank march round their right. To accomplish this it was necessary to cross part of a mud flat (at the head of a bay) about three-quarters of a

mile long, only passable at low water, and then nearly knee deep, and within musketry range of the shore, in possession of the enemy, rough high ground, covered with ti-tri and fern.

2. At the point at which I got off the mud flat, there is a swamp about 100 yards broad, covered with ti-tri about 5 feet high, on the opposite side of which the end of a spur (which runs down from the high ground in rear of the pah) rose abruptly: this was also covered with high fern and ti-tri.

3. It being of the first importance that this movement should be accomplished without attracting the attention of the enemy, my instructions were to gain the top of the spur alluded to, during the darkness, and remain there until there should be sufficient light to move on.

\* 3 field officers, 6 captains, 15 subalterns, 3 staff, 34 serjants, 21 drummers, 650 rank and file (including 1 assistant-surgeon, 43rd Light Infantry).