

fallen in the long grass and kloofs, I consider over 200 must have fallen.

Casualties on per return appended:—2 Fingoes killed; 1 European severely wounded (Carrington's Horse), 1 European slightly (Carrington's Horse); 7 Fingoes wounded.

I have, &c.,

RUSSEL UPCHER, Captain 1-24th
Regiment, Commanding Column.

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Captain Upcher, 24th Regiment, Commanding
Column.

Quintana,

February 7, 1878.

SIR,

1. IN accordance with your request, I took command of the force sent to meet the Kaffirs, who attacked on the right of our position.

2. On arriving at the high ground above the kloof, I found Sub-Inspector Hatton and his men of F.A.M.P. hard pressed by a strong body of the enemy, but he and his men held their position with great determination, until reinforced by a troop of Frontier Light Horse under Captain Whalley; the enemy being at one time so close, that one man received an assegai through his clothes.

3. The Frontier Armed and Mounted Police and Frontier Light Horse then attacked the enemy and drove them back.

4. At this time Lieutenant Atkinson and his company was engaged with some Kaffirs, who were retreating along the ridge. I requested him to face his company about and support the police, which he did, charging past under a smart fire.

5. When the attack on the right was made, Commandant Carrington and his Light Horse were engaged with a large body of Kaffirs, who came out of the kloof on the left and tried to out-flank them. He charged with great gallantry close up to the Kaffirs and drove them back again, doing great execution. Here, I regret to say, he had two men wounded, one horse killed, and three wounded—one since shot—his own horse being wounded in the jaw.

6. Captain Rainforth now joined me with his Company, and we pursued the enemy down the ridge the 24th skirmishing in centre, the cavalry on each flank, and Fingoes on the edge of the kloof; in this kloof 60 of the enemy lie dead.

7. I left some Police and Fingoes at the head of the kloof, and proceeded along the neck of the ridge until reaching the end, where we observed the natives swarming up the conical hill in front; but being now out of rifle range, I sounded the retire, and leaving a strong body of Fingoes to watch the enemy and report, I returned to camp.

Mr. Mulroy, Fingoe leader, behaved very well, and was most useful, charging the Kaffirs with his Fingoes, and heading them in the pursuit.

I have, &c.,

F. W. GRENFELL,
Captain, A.D.C.

D.

To Captain Upcher, Commanding Camp,
Quintana.

Camp on Tala Ridge, Quintana,

SIR, February 9, 1878.

I HAVE the honour to report that, in accordance with Colonel Glyn's order, I marched a

detachment as per margin,* to Tutura, on the evening of the 6th instant.

At 6.40 A.M., on the 7th, I received your message that your camp was attacked, and marched off without delay to reinforce, leaving 35 men with the wagons to follow up.

When we arrived within three miles of your camp it was evident that the attack had been beaten off, and that you were operating in the Nyamani Valley. I determined that assistance could be best rendered to you by taking the detachment down the Tala ridge. The advanced guard reporting that a body of the enemy were collecting behind a ridge, apparently with the intention of making an attack on your flank, I advanced Carrington's Horse and my two guns at a gallop to within range, and opened fire at 8.30 A.M. Two shells caused the enemy to retire, and two more sent them flying, leaving many blankets behind. The infantry then came up, and we followed for more than a mile, but with so small a force, I did not consider it prudent to proceed into the Tala bush.

The marching of the 24th Regiment and Puelleine's Rangers was excellent, 7 miles in an hour and a-half and not a straggler.

The Detachment of Carrington's Horse was always in the right place at the right time.

I am much indebted to Lieutenant Morshead, 24th Regiment, of Colonel Glyn's Staff, who rendered me great assistance.

I have, &c.,

J. C. ROBINSON,
Captain R.A., Commanding Artillery.

SIR,

E.

I FORWARD the report of Mr. Lundell, with reference to Mapassa. Veldtman also reports that Mapassa's men fought well.

I have, &c.,

R. UPCHER,
Captain, 1-24th Regiment.

To Captain Upcher, Commanding Column.

SIR,

February 9, 1878.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I yesterday visited the spot where Mapassa's people had engaged the enemy, and found thirteen (13) bodies, two of which I believe to have been either Bomvanas or Pondos.

I have, &c.,

C. LUNDELL,
Agent in charge of Mapassa.

P.S.—In another spot 8 of the enemy were killed by Mapassa's people, together with the Fingoes, and in another 4, making in all 25.

I found no passes or certificates on any of the bodies. C.L.

Mapassa's Location, near Quintana,
February 9, 1878.

Frontier Light Horse.

Return of Horses wounded on February 7, 1878,
at Quintana.

Commandant Carrington's, bullet wound in jaw, severe; Trooper Howard's, killed by bullet in chest; Trooper D. Ewes', bullet wound in hock, severe, destroyed since; Trooper W. Surmon's, bullet wound in fetlock.

FRED. CARRINGTON,
Commandant Frontier Light Horse.
Camp Quintana, February 8, 1878.

* 24th Regiment, 1 officer and 50 men; Royal Marines, 1 officer and 20 men; Puelleine's Rangers, 1 officer and 52 men; Frontier Light Horse, 1 officer and 25 men; F.A.M. Police, 1 officer and 35 men. Total, 5 officers and 182 men.