

Intaba Ka Udoda and Perie Bushes. I fixed my headquarters between them at Bailie's Post.

9. By my direction Colonel Wood has commenced an earthwork (Fort Evelyn on map) for a garrison of two companies and two guns on the Gozo Heights, this will effectually prevent the plateaux being again occupied by the rebels. An earthwork has likewise been made to the east of the Intaba Ka Udoda for a garrison of two guns and one company; the presence of artillery there will render (as already proved) the occupation by the rebels of the Zanykive Valley and its Kloof impossible.

10. On the 11th May, parties of rebels, unaware of the return of our forces, had reassembled in this valley and its vicinity, but were dispersed by the guns, Royal Artillery, under Major Harness: Commandant Allan Maclean's Fingoes cleared the valley the same day.

11. On the 12th, the rebels were not to be found in their usual haunts when the forces of the Intaba District proceeded from their various posts at daybreak to seek for them. Commandant Von Linsingen, however, came across them about eleven a.m. in the bush to the east of the Makabalele Ridge. Here he attacked them, and, with the forces as per margin,\* dispersed them with a loss of 33 killed. The Commandant speaks in high terms of the manner the force under his command behaved, and of the assistance he received from Commandant Maclean; 18 of the enemy were killed by that officer's Fingoes; 96 women and children were captured, who said that Tini Macomo was present at the fight.

12. On the same day Colonel Wood reports that Commandant Lonsdale, with his Fingoes Levy, left camp on the Gozo Heights at three a.m., and, descending the mountain to Haines Mill, proceeded to beat up the eastern valley of the Buffalo Poort. Captain Harber, commanding the left company, supported by a company under Lieutenant Duncombe, ascended to the stony precipice to the left (Sandilli's Krantz on map), and came upon 500 Kaffirs. In the engagement that ensued he inflicted on the enemy a loss of 44 killed; 18 women surrendered.

13. The loss of Lonsdale's Fingoes was 1 killed and 5 wounded. I consider this engagement reflects great credit on all concerned.

14. The prisoners taken speak of the rebels being greatly disheartened and straitened for food. I myself cannot but feel that the severe losses they have suffered during the past three weeks must have a great effect in shortening the present war; and I was not surprised at hearing from Mr. Brownlee to-day that Sandilli had sent in to ask what terms would be offered him.

15. The instructions given to the forces under my command are not to cease harassing them day or night, and the officers in command are not likely to lose sight of these orders.

16. From the Transkei I have only received private advices from Colonel Glyn, by which I gather he had, up to the time of his writing, not met with any resistance, or, indeed, any of the enemy.

I have, &c.,

**FRED. THESIGER,**  
Lieutenant-General.

\* Buffalo Volunteers, Fort Elizabeth Horse, Buffin Horse, Bowlers Hovers, Beauport Volunteers, Ronald Maclean's Fingoes, Siwani's Kaffirs.

Enclosure A.

Colonel Wood, V.C., C.B.—2 7-pounder guns, R.A.; 36 Infantry; 5 Companies 90th Regiment, 540; Lonsdale's Fingoes, 760; Somerset Horse, 175. Total Europeans 751, natives 760.

Lieutenant-Colonel Degacher, 2nd Battalion 24th Regiment—2 Companies 2nd Battalion 24th Regiment, 175 Infantry; Maclean's Fingoes, 550. Total Europeans 175, natives 550.

Commandant Von Linsingen—Buffalo Volunteers, 105; Vincent's Horse, 40; Panmure Horse, 39; Fingoes, 500; Siwani's Kaffirs, 300. Total Europeans 184, natives 800.

Commandant Schermbrucker—Wodehouse True Blues, 75; Kaffrarian Rangers, 93; Jansinville Yeomanry, 70; Stutterheim Police, 47. Total Europeans 285 (Horse).

Major Buller, 2 Companies—2nd Battalion 24th Regiment, 175; Frontier Light Horse, 118; Streatfield's Fingoes, 500. Total Europeans 293, natives 500.

Captain Surplice's Detachment—1 Company 2nd Battalion 24th Regiment, 80; Hayne's Fingoes, 200. Total Europeans 80, natives 200.

Major Harness, R.A.—2 7-pounder guns, R.A.; 36 Infantry; 1 Company 2nd Battalion 24th Regiment, 80; Hottentots, 80; Atwell's Horse, 40. Total Europeans 156, natives 80.

Grand total—4 7-pounder guns; Europeans 2,042; natives 2,890.

F. GRENFELL, Captain,  
Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

From Colonel Evelyn Wood, Commanding Forces on the Buffalo Range, to the Deputy-Adjutant General.

SIR,

Camp, Gozo Heights,  
May 8, 1878.

IN pursuance of my instructions, I arrived before daylight this morning on these heights with 4 Companies 90th Light Infantry; the two Royal Artillery guns, and escort of 1 Company 90th Light Infantry, arriving at 6.40 a.m., though with some difficulty, and in each gun there is a broken shaft from the guns turning upside down.

Major Buller's column debouched exactly at break of day; Colonel Degacher's column was a little late, the Fingoes being very stiff and cold from the heavy rain last night.

Commandant Schermbrucker arrived about nine a.m., and Von Linsingen about noon. The bush towards Frost's Plateau was beaten according to my orders by Fingoes, and 2 Companies 90th Light Infantry, but there were few Kaffirs north of Frost's Plateau. Some three hundred passed down the Buller-Haine's Mill Bush Path before Maclean's Fingoes reached the mouth of the path.

To ascertain in which direction the Kaffirs had gone, Major Buller led a reconnaissance to the path after Maclean's Fingoes had passed it, and turned northwards.

The Kaffirs held the rocks, as they did on the 29th March, when I reconnoitred in the same direction, and I deeply regret to have to report Captain McNaghten, Adjutant and second in command, Frontier Light Horse, was killed while placing his men in position. This officer served for some time under my orders during the last operations, and gave continued attention to his duties. At the same time also, Captain Whalley, of the Frontier Light Horse, was wounded, Corporal McCabe was killed, and also Private