

until their two wounded officers had been safely conveyed to the rear, and how they, within ten yards of the enemy, who were firing at them from the bush, covered up with fern the body of one of their number who was killed, and then retreated in good order, carrying some wounded men with them. Too much cannot be said in praise of the non-commissioned Officer in charge and of the men themselves for their gallant conduct on this trying occasion.

Captain Swift, when he left his post, must have been convinced that the enemy were in force or they would not have dared to attack what was considered a fortified post, still, notwithstanding the difficulties of the road, and the small number of his party, he pushed on to the assistance of the friendly Natives, and lost his life while leading his men in a most gallant manner against a force vastly superior in number to his own, and posted in a strong position.

I beg to bring to the notice of the Lieut.-General Commanding the very excellent manner in which the expedition in search of the missing men was conducted by Lieutenant Warren and the Officers and men under his command.

I have, &c.,  
G. R. GREAVES,  
Captain, Acting Deputy Assistant Quarter-  
Master General.

The Deputy Quarter-Master General, Queen's Redoubt.

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### No. 26.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,  
15th September, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward for your Excellency's information, copies of reports from the Officers named in the margin,\* relative to the attack by the Natives on the Pukekohe Stockade.

The conduct of all the detachments who went to the relief of that post was most praiseworthy, particularly that of Captain Inman, 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, and the Officers and men under his command, for the gallant manner in which they charged the enemy, driving him back into the bush, with severe loss, from the position he had taken up near the Stockade.

The enclosed return, I regret to say, shews several casualties, among whom is Captain Saltmarshe, 70th Regiment, who was severely wounded when leading on his men to the attack.

I have, &c.,  
D. A. CAMERON,  
Lieut.-General.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

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### Enclosures to No. 26.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. A. CHAPMAN TO THE DEPUTY QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

Camp, Drury,  
14th September, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward the reports of Major Ryan, 70th Regiment, and Captain Inman, 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, respectively commanding the two reinforcements alluded to in my letter of this day's date, ordered by me to proceed to the relief of Captain Moir, commanding detachment Pitt's Volunteer Militia, as per margin,† which marched this morning for service at Pukekohe, and from whom I received a report at about 11 a.m., of the two carts with seven days' provisions, for two officers and twenty-five men, having broken down near the Stockade. Captain Inman returned at 6.40 p.m., having left Ensign Phillips and twenty men in the Stockade, at the earnest request of Captain Moir. Major Ryan states that he would have brought this detachment back to this Camp in conformity with my orders to that effect, but for the request of Captain Moir that the men should be permitted to remain there to-night.

I beg to forward the report of Lieutenant Rait, R.A., who returned to Camp soon after dusk, having brought in the settlers and their wives and families from Burt's farm, according to my instructions, also the boy of fourteen years of age, reported to have been killed, but who is severely wounded and is now in the hospital here under medical treatment. As from what I can hear there appears to be a very limited supply of ammunition at Pukekohe, as well as of provisions, I have the honor to request I may receive instructions whether the detachment of twenty men under Ensign Phillips is to remain at Pukekohe, or whether I shall despatch a force to-morrow to march in with them.

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\* Lieutenant-Colonel Chapman, 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, 14th September, 1863; Major Ryan, 70th Regiment, 14th September 1863; Captain Inman, 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, 14th September, 1863; Lieutenant Rait, Royal Artillery, 14th September, 1863.

† 1 Captain, 1 Sergeant, and 25 Rank and File. 1 Sergeant and 12 Rank and File to return to this camp in charge of the C.T.C. carts but subsequently remained at Pukekohe. Total force of Militia in Stockade: 1 Captain, 2 Sergeants, and 37 Rank and File.