

mishers they had thrown out, I extended the 43rd and a portion of the 68th in their front and on the flanks as far as practicable, and kept up a sharp fire for about two hours, while I sent back for reinforcements as per margin.† As soon as they were sufficiently near to support, I sounded the advance, when the 43rd, 68th, and 1st Waikato Militia charged, and carried the rifle-pits in the most dashing manner, under a tremendous fire, but which was for the most part too high. For a few minutes the Maoris fought desperately, when they were utterly routed. 68 were killed in the rifle-pits.

The position was a very favourable one for their retreat; otherwise few could have escaped.

The Defence Force pursued them several miles, but could not get well at them, owing to the deep ravines with which the country is everywhere intersected.

The infantry pursued as long as they could keep the Maoris in sight. All did their duty gallantly.

The 43rd was under the command of Major Synge, (whose horse was shot); the 68th under Major Shuttleworth, the 1st Waikato Militia under Captain Moore; and they each led their men well.

It is impossible for me in this hurried report to do justice. I will therefore have the pleasure, in a supplemental report, to bring those to your notice who more particularly distinguished themselves.

I marched the men back to camp this morning.

107 Maoris were found and carried up to the rifle-pits, and we have brought in 27 wounded, all severely, and ten prisoners.

Many more must have been killed in the ravines, whom we did not find.

I enclose a Return, which shows that a large number of chiefs have been killed, including Rawiri.

I am happy to say our casualties have been comparatively small.

I enclose a Return of the killed and wounded.

I must not conclude without remarking on the gallant stand made by the Maoris at the rifle-pits; they stood the charge without flinching, and did not retire until forced out at the point of the bayonet.

The name of the position which the Maoris occupied is "Te Ranga."

I have thought this of sufficient importance to request Captain Phillimore to take my report up in the 'Esk.'

The Deputy-Quarter-Master-General,
Head Quarters.

I have, &c.,
H. H. GREER.
Colonel Commanding Tauranga District.

MEMORANDUM.

The Casualties among the rebels in the engagement fought this day at Te Ranga were

Killed	...	...	...	...	105*
Wounded	...	...	...	...	27
Prisoners	...	...	...	...	10

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Among the former are Rawiri Tuaia, the principal King of Chief Tauranga, and the leader of the rebels at the Gate Pa; Poihipi, of the Whahatohea Tribe (Bay of Plenty); Henare Taratoa, the writer of the first challenge, and much respected by the rebels for his education and ability; Timoti a man of note in Tauranga; Kaingarara of the Ngatimataku, a man of great influence in that locality.

Among the wounded is Te Tera, of the Ngaiterangi, Tauranga; and among the prisoners Ihaia Motuiti of Te Arawa, Potoma, claiming to be a chief of rank.

It will be seen that a severe blow has been given to the rebel force in Tauranga, nearly the whole of their leaders being killed. And I do not think that there are any men left of sufficient energy or influence to carry on the war among the Ngaiterangi (Tauranga) Tribe.

Camp Te Papa, Tauranga,
21st June, 1864.

WILLIAM B. BAKER, R.M.

TAURANGA DISTRICT.

RETURN OF KILLED AND WOUNDED, AT CAMP TE PAPA, 21ST OF JUNE, 1864.

CORPS.	KILLED.					WOUNDED.					REMARKS.
	Captains.	Subalts.	Sergts.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Captains.	Subalts.	Sergts.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	
											Names of Officers Wounded.
43rd Lt. Infnt.					5	2				13	43rd L.I. Capt. F.A. Smith.
68th " "					4	2	2	2		18	43rd " " H. Berners. 68th " " H. W. J. Trent. 68th " " T. Casement. 68th " Lieut. H. J. R. Villiers Stuart.
Total.....					9	4	2	2		31	68th " Ensig. W. H. F. Palmer.

(Signed)

H. H. GREER, Colonel,
Commanding Tauranga.

† 1 Gun, 220 Men.

*107 were reported to me.—H. H. Greer, Colonel;