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**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the following Despatch, with its enclosures, from the Major-General Commanding at New Plymouth, to be published for general information.

H. J. TANCRED,  
In the absence of the Colonial Secretary.

Head Quarters,  
Camp Waitara,  
23rd Jan., 1861.

SIR,—In continuation of my Despatch of the 19th instant, No. 15, I have the honor to state, that since that date, the 19th, 20th, and 21st instant, I have been employed in increasing and completing No. 3 Redoubt, and commencing a double sap in a direct line towards the enemy's position in the bush, and on the morning of the 22nd, I proceeded with the Head Quarters of the 40th Regiment to the new Redoubt in order to its occupation with numbers amounting to 290 rank and file.

A little before daylight this morning, 23rd instant, heavy firing was heard from the front, a report soon reached me that No. 3 Redoubt had been attacked by the enemy in great force, and that they had been repulsed with severe loss. I reached the advance with an addition of 120 men, and found that the enemy had made a most daring attack on the advanced redoubt, which had been met in the most de-

termined manner, and a long line of dead and dying Maories lay on the ground,—whilst there is little doubt at least double the number of the enemy have crept away wounded to die.

I enclose Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie's very clear account of the affair, and I coincide with that officer most cordially in his opinion as to the gallantry of the troops and their officers, and I shall not fail to bring to the notice of His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, his own services and that of those officers he has named in his Despatch.

I regret exceedingly the death of that gallant young officer, Lieutenant Jackson of the 40th Regiment, who fell in the zealous performance of his duty, and am happy to find that the wound of Captain Miller, 12th Regiment, is not severe.

I enclose a nominal return of our casualties, which are not many considering the desperate character of the attack.

I also enclose a roll of the Maories who, up to this hour, have been recognized, and with regard to them, I have pursued the same course as at Mahoetahi, that is, have brought in the Chiefs, (Paora Te Uata, and Wiremu Hoeta Kumete), for interment in New Plymouth; the inferior Chiefs and followers have been buried on the ground, and the wounded Natives brought into this camp for treatment in hospital.

I trust that the severe losses this manly and high-spirited race are so continually receiving will teach them how unavailing are their

efforts against Her Majesty's supremacy, and will lead soon to a termination of this unhappy internecine war.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obedient servant,  
T. S. PRATT,  
Major-General Commanding.

To His Excellency  
Colonel Gore Browne, C.B.,  
Governor, &c., New Zealand.

No. 3 Redoubt, in front of Huirangi,  
23rd January, 1861.

Sir,—I have the honor to report for the information of the Major-General Commanding, that a most determined attack was made by the enemy on No. 3 Redoubt this morning, which, after about one and a half hour's hard fighting, was gallantly repulsed by the troops under my command (Detachment Royal Naval Brigade, ditto Royal Engineers, ditto Royal Artillery, ditto Head Quarters 40th Regt.) supported by a detachment sent to my assistance by Colonel Wyatt, 65th Regt. commanding No. 1 Redoubt.

The attack commenced at half-past 3 o'clock a.m. A storming party of the enemy having crept up through the fern and effected a lodgement in the ditch of the left face of the redoubt, and having a strong support about 100 yards in their rear as well as a line of skirmishers on all flanks of the Redoubt.

The plan of the enemy appeared to be to keep down the fire of our men on the parapets by their support, and by their line of skirmishers, while the storming party scaled the left face of the Redoubt.

The force under my command was under arms previous to the attack, and quickly replied to the fire of the enemy, who in the most determined and desperate manner rushed up the sides of the parapet, and in some instances seized hold of the men's bayonets, while others crept round to the rear of the Redoubt and fired through the gabions which had been placed to fill up the entrances to the work, and one of the Royal Engineers was in this manner killed while coming out of his tent.

A perfect storm of bullets was poured upon us from all sides for a considerable time, and I deemed it advisable to call for assistance from Colonel Wyatt, 65th Regt., commanding No. 1 Redoubt, for the purpose of dislodging the enemy from our ditch, as I had no hand grenades, I accordingly directed the Regimental call of the 65th Regiment to be sounded, followed by the "advance," which signal was promptly responded to by Colonel Wyatt, who detached two companies of the 65th Regt. under Captain Macgregor and Lieutenant Urquhart, as well as one company of the 12th under Captain Miller, one company of the 65th crept round the front face of the Redoubt, and lined the sap at present being thrown out in advance of the Redoubt, the other crept up the rear face, at the same time I directed Captain Miller to charge the ditch where the enemy was lodged, Captain Miller was I regret to say wounded while carrying out my orders, but his company was led on by Lieutenant Lowry, and it charged in a most gallant and effective manner, while the

65th under Lieutenant Urquhart on the front and Captain Macgregor on the rear face advanced and fired on the enemy who immediately retired on this combined attack—a heavy fire was then kept up on the retreating Maories by the 40th from the parapets, by the 24-pounder howitzer under Lieutenant Macnaghten, Royal Artillery, and by the 8-inch gun in charge of a detachment of the Royal Naval Brigade.

The enemy completely routed retired in great confusion, leaving their dead and wounded, together with arms and accoutrements in our hands, they were pursued for some distance by part of the 65th and 12th, until they were recalled by me to the Redoubt.

I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of the 40th Regiment and of the troops of all arms who shewed the greatest steadiness throughout the engagement, and who although the attack of the enemy commenced under cover of darkness never shewed the slightest symptom of confusion, the officers equalling their men in their gallantry and steadiness, and I would wish particularly to bring to the notice of the Major-General the assistance I received from Major Nelson, Captains Messenger and Richards, 40th Regiment and would also desire to bring before him the names of Captain Macgregor and Lieutenant Urquhart, 65th Regt., as well as that of Captain Miller 12th Regt., and Captain Mould, Royal Engineers, and Lieutenant Macnaghten, Royal Artillery.

Of the losses of the enemy I cannot form an exact estimate, but they must have been heavy, they left in our hands 34 killed, 2 mortally wounded, and 4 prisoners wounded.

I beg to enclose casualty returns, and have to deplore the loss of Lieutenant Jackson, 40th Regt., who was mortally wounded, and died soon after the engagement. He was an officer of very great promise, and on all occasions had evinced the greatest coolness, judgment, and gallantry.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) A. LESLIE,  
Lieut-Colonel, 40th Regt.,

Commanding the Troops in No. 3. Redoubt.  
True copy W. HORSTBY, Lieut. & A.D.C.  
To the Deputy Adjutant-General,  
Head Quarters, Waitara.

DUTY STATE at No. 3 Redoubt, in front of Huiranga, New Zealand, on 23rd January, 1861.

Distribution.	E. Officers	Captains	Subalterns	Staff	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank and File
Royal Artillery	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	20
Royal Engineers	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	18
40th Foot	2	3	6	3	20	14	294
R. Nav. Brigade	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	9
Total	2	4	9	3	23	14	341

Reinforced during the action by one Company of the 12th Foot, of about 80 rank and file, under Captain Miller, and two companies of the 65th Regiment, of about 150 rank and file, under Captain Macgregor.

H. CAREY, Lt.C.,  
Deputy Adjutant General.

FIELD HOSPITAL.

RETURN of KILLED, WOUNDED, and INJURIES received in Action at Kairau, 23rd January, 1861.

Corps.	Rank and Names.		Nature of Wound.
R. A.	Gunner	Daniel Bushnell	Slightly
R. E.	Sapper	George Chubb	Killed
12th	Captain	T. E. Miller	Slightly
"	Private	Edward Archer	Killed
"	"	Patrick Cahill	Severely
"	"	Edward Power	Slightly
40th	Lieut.	Denis Jackson	Killed
"	Private	Edward Gorray	Mortally wnd.
"	"	William Gilbert	Ditto
"	"	Henry Wakefield	Severely
"	"	John Mullins	Slightly
"	"	John Officer	Dangerously
65th	Corporal	James Howard	Ditto
"	Private	Edward Smith	Ditto
"	"	Joseph Robertson	Ditto
"	"	Samuel Hamilton	Severely

Total wounded, 11, Killed, 5.

JAS. MOWAT,  
Deputy Inspector-General,  
Princ. Med. Officer.

Head Quarters, Camp, Waitara,  
January 23rd, 1861.

*Killed 23rd January, 1861.*

Paora Te Uata, Ngatitukorehe, from Patetere.  
Raniera, "  
Te Wikiriwhi "  
Hohaia Te Makaiti, Te Matewaka, from Patetere.

Wiremu, (son of the above) "  
Patara, "  
Te Mata, "  
Tungou Heremakimaki, Ngatihaua,  
Wiremu Hoete "  
Matauhaura, "  
3 not recognized by name "  
Hami Te Hui, Ngatimaniapoto, "  
Wanakore, "  
Werahiko. "  
Wiremu Hoeta Kumete, Ngatimahuta,  
Kiwi, "  
Hori, son of W. Kingi Ngawaka, Te Atiawa "  
Hemi Kuka, "  
Te Ratimana Riwi, Ngatiraukawa, "  
15 not recognized, disfigured by wounds.

*Prisoners Wounded Mortally.*

Totorewa, nephew to Paora Te Uata, Ngatitukorehe.  
Maihi Ngatiahuru, of Hamaria,  
Iuuhaere, a Waikato slave, Te Atiawa.

*Dangerously.*

Kiritoha Reweti, Ngatikoroki,  
Marakaia, Ngatimahuta.

Total Killed ... .. 36

Wounded ... .. 5

Total ... .. 41

Paora Te Uata, Wiremu Hoeta, Hami Te Hui Werakiko, all Chiefs of high rank in their respective tribes.

The remainder, with one exception, all minor Chiefs.

(Signed,) GEO. DRUMMOND HAY,  
Native Commissioner.

True copy, W. HORSTBY,  
Lieut. and A.D.C.

