

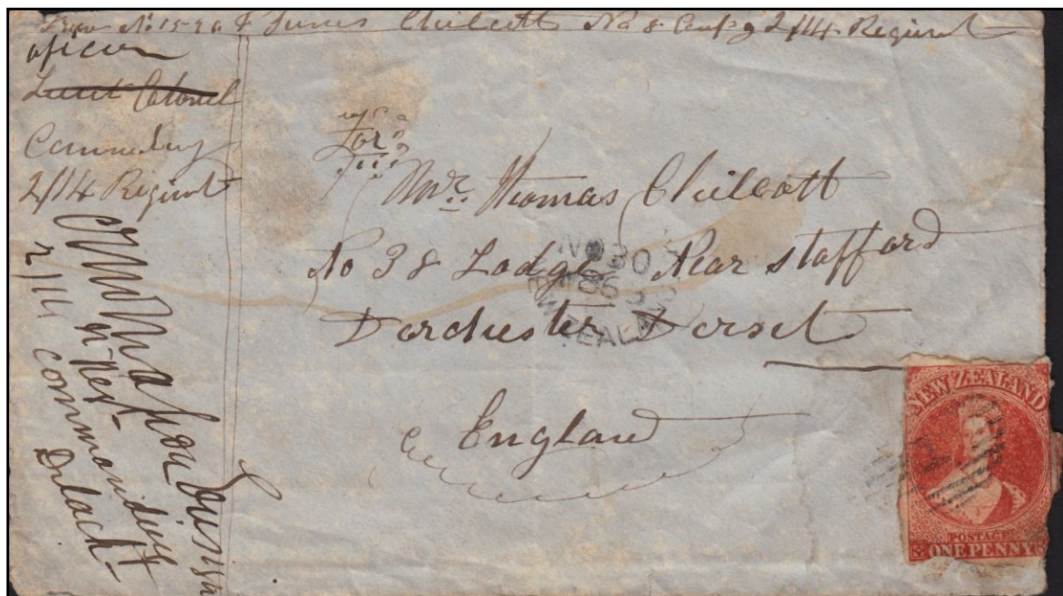
THE BATTLE OF RANGIRIRI

On 20 November 1863, nine officers, eight sergeants, three drummers and 164 men of the 14th Regiment marched from Mere Mere with General Cameron to Rangiriri where they took part in the ensuing battle.

Lieut-Colonel Austen, commanding the 14th Regiment was killed, as also was Captain J. S. Phelps, both dying later from wounds. Five men were killed and nine wounded.

Captain Strange who took over command of the Regiment mentioned the following officer in his dispatch after the fighting: - Lieutenant and Adjutant Glancy and Langtry, Ensigns Green, Swanson, and Caldwell, Staff Assistant Surgeon Kellet, as well as Sergeant Major Mills and Quartermaster Sergeant Bellow.

Captain Strange and Lieutenant and Adjutant Glancy received Brevet Majorities for their services at Rangiriri.



30 November 1863 Posted at Auckland by No. 1576 P. James Chilcott No. 8 Compy. 14th Regiment.

Previously inscribed ready for signing by the Officer in command to approve the Concession Rate of 1d for Soldiers & Seamen.

“Lieut-Colonel Commanding 2/14th Regiment”

“Lieut-Colonel” has been crossed out as **Lieut-Colonel Austen**, was leading the 14th Regiment at the Battle Rangiriri, at which he was killed.

The letter was ultimately signed by **Ensign C.T. McMahon**, Commanding Detachment.



Rangiriri

<p><u>The Fall of Rangiriri 20th Nov 1863</u></p>	<p>3rd On friday twas the fight commenced late in the afternoon soon Rangiriri's silent hills flung back the cannons boom right bravely fought our gallant troops Each did their duty well before the morning sun could rise Te Rangiriri fell</p>
<p>No.1 What will they say in England When the story it is told of Rangiriri's bloody fight and the deeds of the brave and bold twas then the Rebels made a stand resolved their lives to sell. Charge after Charge our fellows made and numbers of them fell</p>	<p>4th Two hundred men for quarter cried and soon laid down their Arms for fighting in the open fields the Rebels hath no Charms We lost some noble officers likewise some comrades dear and thousands followed to thire grass and dropt a pitying tear</p>
<p>2nd First dashed the gallant 65th In vain they fought though well then leading the Artillery the noble Mercer fell and then the Rebels had a chance to fire upon poor Jack (sailors) and though they fought like lions loosed they too were driven back</p>	<p>5th All honour to the brave say I to those who fought and bled lets join in praise of those who live and sorrow for the dead yet while we join with one accord to rase the song of joy lets not forget the soldiers wife nor the soldier's Orphan Boy</p>

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