

On the 2nd July, 1879, Lieut. Scott Douglas, 21st Fusiliers, attended by an orderly, Corporal Cotter of the 17th Lancers, left camp at Crocodile Hill, the last fortified position on the road to Ulundi, for the purpose of signalling. They arrived that evening at Fort Evelyn, about a dozen miles distant, and on the following day they started on their return journey, but as neither of them appeared at the camp considerable anxiety was felt on their account, and scouting parties were sent out in all directions in search of them, but without success. Day after day the utmost efforts were made to gather tidings of them, but not a trace of them was to be found, and only one terrible conclusion could be arrived at, which was that they had fallen into the hands of the enemy! On the 11th of July this was found to be only too true, for some of General Wood's Irregulars, who were patrolling, suddenly came upon their bodies lying about 100 yards apart in a deep dry donga near Kwamaganza Mission Station. General Wood and several of his staff happened soon to arrive on the spot, and the bodies were removed to a place of burial some 500 yards off. The Chaplain-General, the Rev. Mr. Coar, and the Rev. Father Baudry - for the Lancer was a Roman Catholic - performed the funeral service. The body of Lieutenant Scott Douglas was partially dressed, while that of the Lancer was fully dressed, with the exception of his helmet, which was gone. Both bodies were in a good state of preservation, and they both bore no marks of mutilation. Strangely enough, Lieut. Douglas's revolver and purse were left untouched, as was also the lance carried by Corporal Cotter. The general impression in camp was that having lost their way, they had wandered about until, pressed by hunger, they entered a Zulu kraal, and there they met their sad fate. The funeral was attended by Lord Chelmsford, General Wood, and a number of officers from the camp, and wooden crosses, inscribed with their names and the date of the funeral were erected over their graves. Our engraving, which is from a sketch by Dr. Doyle Glanville, shows the mission station, the graves, and the donga where the bodies were discovered.

LIEUT. JAMES HENRY SCOTT DOUGLAS, (See Page 171)

Of the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, who, with Corporal Cotter, of the 17th Lancers, was killed near Kwanagwas during an expedition, was the eldest son of Sir George Douglas, M.P., and was born in Edinburgh in May, 1853. He was educated at Winchester and Cambridge, and whilst still at the University he served in a Volunteer Corps, and held a Lieutenancy in the Queen's Regiment of Light Infantry Militia, from which he passed in 1875 to the Fusiliers. When the regiment reached Zululand Lieut. Douglas's scientific attainments led to his appointment as Field Telegraphist to General Newdigate's Division, and it was in the execution of the duties of his dangerous post that he met his death. The circumstances under which his body and that of Corporal Cotter were found we have already narrated in our issue of Sept. 13th, Vol. XX., No. 511, when we published engravings of the funeral, and the graves. - Our portrait is from a photograph by Mackintosh and Co., Kelso.