

Lieutenant Francis Bond RE

Courtesy of Major Martin Everett

When the news of the check which had been received by Lord Chelmsford's forces arrived in England, immediate steps were taken to hurry out reinforcements sufficiently numerous to admit of an active renewal of the war. The Engineers were strengthened by the 30 field company under Lt. Col. Harrison; the right half of 'C', the telegraph troop, under Major Harrison, included Lt. Bond.

Lt Bond sketched two pictures in Zululand; the first is of Rorke's Drift. Of curiosity are the grave-like mounds in the foreground although the positioning of the mounds does not tally with the cemetery at Rorke's Drift. The second sketch is of the Buffalo River, and it appears to have been sketched from the high ground overlooking the point where Coghill and Melvill died having crossed the Buffalo River.

Lt Bond progressed to Maj. General as follows;

1876 commissioned; 78 Zululand; 82 Egypt expedition; 91 Hazara Campaign; 96 School of Infantry Roorkee; 97 Tirah Campaign; 1901-2 DAAG 4th Div. South Africa (Boer War); 03 Comd. Queen's Own Madras Sappers; 04 Punjab Command and remained in India until 1914; 14-18 Director of Quartering War Office.

According to Maj. Everett, Bond had a son who became general and was related to a Commander RN who served with Capt. Blyth (of the *Bounty*).





View of Mountain
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