**GROUP ASSIGNMENT COMMENTARY**

We first discussed the type of information required for the spreadsheet.

In order to do this we looked at the information available to us.

First we decided that the best way to identify the people contained in our sources was by name. We then identified them by rank. We decided that the other relevant categories, which we had information on, were regiment to which they belonged to during the battle, ship which they were associated with, location of the death of those who died in battle and date of the death of those who died in battle.

We then decided to divide the participants up in to distinguishing categories.

The categories we distinguished them by were Members of the 12th Light Infantry, Members of the 43rd Light Infantry, Non-Commissioned Members of the 43rd Light Infantry, Non-Commissioned Members of the 68th Light Infantry, Non-Commissioned Who Died At Te Ranga, Sailors Killed at Gate Pa, Colonial Force Soldiers Killed, Assumed command of the remaining, Parade members Honouring the fallen. Even though we had already listed a column for their regiment we thought that it would be more appropriate for the purposes of grouping together those who died or fought at a particular place or with a particular regiment. For example group together those commissioned and separately grouping those who were non-commissioned.

Some of the issues we faced were that many of the names were incomplete and abbreviated. We researched into those names we were able to find information on. An example would be when the name was noted as “Geo” we found a reference to Geo(ffry) Young and inferred that all those listed as Geo were in fact Geoffrey. We put the rest of the inferred name in brackets in order to maintain the accuracy of the source.

Once we had sorted the database as outlined above we next looked at the purposes of the database. These were listed as to produce an accessible and searchable list, to extract the raw data from the sources and to organise them into a set of data we considered that the process we followed sufficiently achieved this.

The suggested categories that we might be able to extract from the sources were as follows: who they were, what weapons were used, ratio of officers to men, where did they fight and what recognition did they receive. Due to the limitations of our sources we were unable to extract sufficient information to deal with all these categories.