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IS PIK ITUSI SS PAN	PANORAMA TAKEN FROM SOUTH SIDE ITUSI	© ZULU ODYSSEY	GPS 28°20' 50.4890"S 30°41' 50.5179"E	NIKON D850 [95 MP] {384" x 47"}
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IS PIK ITUSI SS PAN DURNFORD WITHDRAW	PANORAMA TAKEN FROM ITUSI SHOWING DURNFORD WITHDRAW TO FINAL DONGA	© ZULU ODYSSEY	GPS 28°20' 50.4890"S 30°41' 50.5179"E	NIKON D850 [123 MP] {384" x 61"}

ITUSI RIDGE

IS PIK ITUSI PAN DURNFORD WITHDRAW This Panorama shows the withdrawal of Colonel Durnfords force to the final Donga after crossing the two dongas under Qwabi hill they came in sight of the uVe regiment this we know because further up the valley is a third donga a much larger one, its not on Jabez Molife map we can also confirm from a young Zulu warrior of the uVe regiment named Nzuzi stating the following. **" Some of the enemy then came out of Isandlwana and we were told of that by our spies. On hearing that we said we were not going to sit still on our mats and after going about a mile we came up against them, on a flat bit of country near a small stream"** firstly these spies were located on Nyezi or the smaller hill in front of Nyezi called Bizanani these warriors also forming the screening force in perfect visual sight of Isandlwana and would have seen Colonel Durnfords force as soon as they entered the valley and this stream would be this third donga one mile from Nyezi.

Lieutenant H. Davies, Commanding Edendale Troop, Natal Native Horse describing Colonel Durnfords movements once he left the camp to intercept these retiring Zulus

[3] Itusi Ridge (SOB) Dunford Returns

{ A } **We then proceeded round the pointed hill on the left front of the camp, and were about 2 miles beyond the ridge on the left front of the camp (we could not see the camp), and very near another ridge that you cannot see at all from the camp; this would make us about 3 ½ miles from the camp. We were here overtaken by 2 Carbineers, who had been sent with a message from Lieutenant Scott of the Native Contingent, who was on picquet duty on the pointed hill to the left front of the camp. The message was to the effect that we had better return as the enemy were fast surrounding us. Colonel Durnford remarked, "The enemy can't surround us, and if they do, we will cut our way through them."** He asked me where the rocket battery was; I told him a very long way behind. He then told the two Carbineers to return and tell Lieutenant Scott to support him with his picquet. The Natal Carbineers replied, that Lieutenant Scott would not leave his post on any account whatever, as he had strict instructions from Colonel Pulleine not to leave his post on any pretence whatever. Colonel Durnford replied- **"I am Colonel Pulleine's senior; you will please tell Lieutenant Scott to do as I tell him."**

{ B } **It was during this conversation that our scouts reported the enemy in sight. We looked up to the ridge on our front, and could see the enemy in great numbers about 1,500 yards, steadily advancing and firing at us. Colonel Durnford gave the order for us to extend our men, and wait for the enemy to come within 400 yards of us, then Henderson's and my Troop to retire, and fire alternately towards the camp.**

{ C } **We did as we were ordered; my Troop being on the left was of course nearest the camp, and also the ridge. When we had retired about 2 ½ miles and very near the pointed hill, the enemy opened fire from the ridge that we had just a short time previously passed; they must have been hidden there as we passed. We continued our firing, and retiring, and just as we got round the pointed hill, I came upon Captain Nourse, who was fighting hard; he had only 4 of his men standing by him out of his 120; he remarked on our meeting, that the rocket battery was done for, mules bolted; he then retired with us. I saw a little to our left a mule with 2 boxes of rockets. I sent one of my men to get it; he had to go pretty close to the enemy to do so, as the mule was between us and the enemy. He brought the mule, and we sent it off to camp; we also saw here some boxes of ammunition or rockets. We made some of our men carry them, but had to abandon them after a while, the enemy being so close. The whole camp was now being engaged, and shells were being fired over our heads amongst the enemy. It was shrapnel shell they were firing. I could see them bursting; one gun firing over our heads, the other firing more to the left. Lieutenant Cochrane, of the Transport Department, joined us here. He and I took it turn and turnabout with my rifle, he having no rifle.**

{ D } **We continued firing and retiring till we got to the watercourse, about 300 yards in front of the camp; we were here joined by some mounted men, supposed they were the Mounted Infantry, Mounted Volunteers and Police; there were some of the regular Infantry on my immediate left, none on my right. We kept up a very brisk fire, so much so that we kept back the enemy for quite a mile; this was what I should call their left wing or arm. On seeing the enemy in front of us lying down, I directed my men to fire on the flank of the other portion of the enemy who were then very near the camp, coming down the left ridge, and were in great numbers. They seemed more numerous on the left ridge than elsewhere.**

{ E } **After firing one or two volleys on the flank of the enemy on our left, my men called out they were short of ammunition. I took 15 with me to get ammunition; I managed to get some 200 rounds from the Carbineer's Camp, out of a box I found open in one of the tents. I tried to get back again to the sluit, but found everybody leaving it, and the Zulus very close on us. [1]**

{ A } Lieutenant Davies describing the moment he left Camp to the time two Natal Carbineers caught up with Colonel Durnfords force the location is out of frame but was around 1,500 yards into the Qwabi valley from the first stand. The location of the first stand
Is according to Jobez Molife map

{ B } This describes the first stand and the first section of the withdrawal

{ C } The arrival at the pointed hill describing Captain Norse (Escorting the Rocket Battery) action with the Zulus which attacked the rocket battery, the time here is around 12:15pm only 10 or 15 minutes after the destruction of the rocket battery. The artillery

Shells here indicating the arrival of the inGabamakosi regiment streaming down the notch this forced Colonel Durnford to retire around 1000 yards due South to intercept the uVe regiment outflanking move Jobez Molife in his testimony describing this withdrawal as follows **" . At the second stream we met our scouts, with some of Sikali's men, fighting with Zulus, who had already destroyed the mules and rocket battery, under Major Russell. At this spot we fought also, on foot. After this we remounted, and retreated about twenty yards, always in a long thin line; then we dismounted, fired, up again for another ten yards, dismounted, fired, up again; and so on, ten yards at a time, firing always, back towards the camp. At last we came to a bad stony place, and a little stream, quite close to the camp. Here we made a long stand, firing incessantly. "** [2]

{ D } Describing the action at the final donga, Colonel Durnford finds himself facing the uVe regiment to his direct front and the inGabamakosi regiment approaching from the pointed hill.

{ E } Lieutenant Davies leaves the donga for the camp to obtain more cartridges upon him arriving back he finds Colonel Durnford abandoning the donga.

[1] **Statement of Lieutenant H. D. Davies, commanding Edendale troop Natal Mounted Contingent. February 1879. National Archives (Witnesses of Isandlwana page 299 -304)**

[2] **Jobez Molife N.N.C. Blue Books [Witnesses of Isandlwana pages 292 – 294]**