

## **GRASPAN**

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' The men fell quickly after the first rush, Captain Senior, R.M.A., being killed in the second rush and Major Plumbe in the last rush before reaching the foot of the kopje, just as he stood up to give the signal to advance. When we reached the foot of the kopje we were in comparative safety, out of the sight of the enemy. Our men then rushed the position with fixed bayonets, but by the time they reached the top of the kopje, all the Boers had fled in carts or on horseback carrying their dead and wounded with them; only three dead Boers and one wounded were found on the top.

.... ' The loss amongst our men was terrible out of about 180 Marines who started in the firing line, 87 were killed or wounded - 8 killed, 79 wounded. Some of the wounded I am sorry to say, died of their wounds....'

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**There is a memorial to Captain Senior in St. Alban's Church, Streatham Park, London.**