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THE day after the affair of Mendaca we were assembled at Zuniga. Zumalacarregui bore an aspect as black as thunder, and gave out all his orders in a peculiarly ill-humoured tone. We were all looking at each other in that gloomy silence which usually prevails in an army after a defeat. From the countenance of the General down to the last drummer, it was easy to perceive in an instant that all was not right. The soldier was passing no jokes. The subalterns, particularly

steady at their posts, neither gathered in knots nor even smoked their cigarillos. A cloud seemed hanging on every brow. We were looking anxiously for our friends as the battalion defiled; for the night only having elapsed, it was impossible to say who was killed or wounded. As he passed, the captain of his company informed me of the death of Barrez. In the long narrow street which runs through the town of Zaniga—for it holds the rank of *villa*—I saw a young man, another friend, looking very pale; he had been wounded. Mr. Vial, whose father I believe was Spanish minister at the court of London, and who had behaved with great gallantry, was also wounded in the shoulder. An old Vendean captain, named Bezard, with whom I was very intimate, also came limping along; he had received a shot through the calf of the leg. It would be an injustice to pass over this gallant old soldier without a word to his memory.

One of those original and enthusiastic characters of which the Bocage furnished so many examples, he had sacrificed everything to his loyalty; and at