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*War Office, July 14, 1864.*

THE Secretary of State for War has received Despatches from Lieutenant-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B., Commanding the Troops in New Zealand, of which the following are copies : —

*Head Quarters, Pukerimu,  
April 17, 1864.*

MY LORD,

IN continuation of my Despatch of the 7th instant, I do myself the honor to forward copy of a further report I have received from Brigadier-General Carey, with enclosures, recommending to special notice the Sappers named in the margin.\*

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,  
Lieutenant-General.

*The Right Honourable  
The Secretary of State for War,  
War Office, London.*

*Camp, Te Awamutu,  
April 15, 1864.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, a letter received from Lieutenant Hurst, 1st Battalion 12th Regiment, attached to the Royal Engineer Department, recommending to special notice the names of Sappers Thomas Richards, John Paterson, and Joseph Cox, for their gallant conduct in the sap before Orakau, between the 31st ultimo and the 2nd instant.

I beg to add that the delay in forwarding the names of these men has been caused by the absence on duty of Lieutenant Hurst, 12th Regiment, engaged in building a redoubt between this and Pukerimu.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEO. J. CAREY,  
Brigadier-General.

*The Assistant Military Secretary,  
&c., &c.,  
Head Quarters.*

\* Royal Engineers.—Sappers Thomas Richards, John Paterson, Joseph Cox.

*Camp, Te Awamutu,  
April 14, 1864.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to request that you will bring to the notice of the Brigadier-General the conduct of the small party of Royal Engineers who, during three days and three nights of most harassing work, succeeded in sapping up to the native entrenchment at Orakau; and more particularly I would wish to recommend Sappers Thomas Richards, John Paterson, and Joseph Cox; the coolness and courage displayed by them while laying the gabions at the head of the sap deserve the highest praise, the two former being slightly wounded while performing this duty, though not returned.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES E. HURST, Lieutenant, 1st  
Battalion 12th Regiment, Assistant-  
Engineer, Commanding Detachment of  
Royal Engineers at Orakau.

*The Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General,  
Te Awamutu.*

*List of Men of the Royal Engineers Wounded in  
Action, at Orakau, on the 2nd April, 1864.*

*Camp, Te Awamutu,  
April 14, 1864.*

- 550 Sapper John Paterson, age 34 2-12, service 16 years.
- 1124 Sapper Thomas Richards, age 39, service 18 years.

WM. P. SPENCER, Assistant-Surgeon,  
2nd Battalion 18th Regiment.

*Head Quarters, Tauranga,  
May 3, 1864.*

MY LORD,

AFTER the retreat of the rebel natives from Mangatautari, reported in my last despatch, they dispersed in every direction; and considering it inadvisable to follow them any further into the interior of the country, I proposed to his Excellency the Governor of New Zealand that further operations should be discontinued in the Province of Auckland, that the troops required for the defence and occupation of the territory from which