

ammunition dump, which was burning and exploding heavily, and rescuing several wounded men. He and his party worked with the greatest gallantry and devotion amidst continuous explosions of various kinds of ammunition.

472168 Pte. H. Cairns, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a party forward at a critical moment and supplying covering fire to the flank of an attacking battalion. With great initiative he recovered two guns which had been left behind, and posted them, repelling three enemy attacks, and successfully covering our subsequent withdrawal. Though wounded, he held on until all his ammunition was expended, when he made his way back to our line, having done invaluable service, and set a very fine example.

419040 Sjt. E. Greaves, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a successful raid. At a critical moment, when two enemy machine guns had opened fire upon the party, he organised and led a bombing attack, with which he captured both guns and wiped out their crews. But for his prompt and aggressive action our final objective would not have been captured without much heavier casualties. Although wounded, he refused to retire until the operation was completely successful, and his work throughout has always been of the same high order of excellence and devotion.

415238 Cpl. R. Hooton, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working at a mine for several days prior to our attack, repairing damage and keeping it in working order until it was successfully fired. His work for seven months has been of the highest degree of excellence, and he has shown marked devotion and alertness as a listener, under constant and unseen opposition from the enemy.

18216 Spr. C. Lowden, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining a shafthead for a whole week under heavy artillery fire, thereby ensuring the mines being in readiness for firing when required. His services have at all times been of the greatest value, and it is largely due to his fine example of energy and devotion that others have done good work of the same description.

67115 Cpl. D. McEachern, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When caught in a barrage of shrapnel and machine gun fire, he ran to the aid of a wounded N.C.O. and dragged him over 100 yards to a place of safety. He continued throughout the day to investigate dug-outs under most trying conditions of gas fumes

and shell fire. During the past two years he has displayed the greatest keenness and devotion to duty, notably when engaged upon mining underground in the face of constant enemy opposition.

501320 Sjt. E. Steele, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in opening up a mine shaft in which five men were buried by enemy shell fire. He rescued them under a heavy trench mortar bombardment. His work has been consistently gallant and excellent for over a year, and he has helped materially to protect our trenches from enemy mines, and in pushing forward an offensive mine, which was successfully exploded.

#### NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

3/818 Pte. J. Olds, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty of the highest order whilst attending to wounded. Under an intense bombardment he assisted to bring stretcher cases down by trolley to the advanced dressing station, on two occasions personally removing trucks that were blocking the line. Finding the line broken by a shell crater, when within 200 yards of the dressing station, he carried one of the men in himself, aided by a comrade. He had to be restrained from returning, though completely exhausted, to bring in the remainder of the casualties, and his conduct throughout was exceptionally splendid. He was wounded in the hip at an early stage of the operations.

His Majesty the KING-EMPEROR has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned Rewards to Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Indian Army:—

#### *Indian Distinguished Service Medal.*

Pakhali Gehna Singh, Arty.  
4847 Naick Mustafa Khan, Inf.  
500 Naick Sawan Singh, Engrs.  
582 Gnr. Mughal Khan, Arty.  
885 Dvr. Nank Chand, Arty.  
Subadar Ram Singh, Inf.

#### AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of officers upon whom rewards have recently been conferred:—

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Alan Fleming Hartley, D.S.O., Ind. Army (Comdg. Bn. York & Lan. R.).

(D.S.O. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

2nd Lt. John Moug Fairlie, M.C. R.F.A.  
(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)