

tion for forty-eight hours, and setting a fine example.

Capt. Harry Wright Kennedy, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was second in command of the centre company in the line of advanced posts when the preliminary bombardment commenced. Anticipating an attack he went from post to post, seeing that all were prepared. This work entailed great personal danger, and his example influenced the men all along the line. At each post he took part in the work of the garrison, with rifle, Lewis gun, or bomb, and at once he led a bombing party forward, countering an enemy rush.

Lt. (T./Capt.) James Robert Ruxton Leys, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He led his party forward and captured a machine gun, which was causing heavy casualties, killing five of the enemy with his revolver. He showed fine courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Murdo Macdonald, N. Zealand Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a silent raid against an enemy post, but was held up by machine gun fire, and had to withdraw. He then made a fine personal reconnaissance, re-organised his party, and with great skill and determination again led them forward, rushing the post and capturing prisoners and two machine guns.

2nd Lt. Henry Taylor Marshall, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the front line was being pushed forward on to the high ground, this officer found that the advance was held up by an enemy machine gun strong post. He immediately distributed his men, and attacking very skilfully, drove out the enemy with loss and captured the machine gun. The weather was very bad and the ground very heavy, but his coolness and determination encouraged his men to overcome their fatigue and press on.

Rev. Matthew Mullineux, N.Z. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two days' hard fighting, when the medical officer had become a casualty, early on the morning of the first day, he took charge of the Regimental Aid post, dressed the wounded and superintended their evacuation. The Regimental Aid post was subjected to very heavy high explosive and gas shell fire for twelve hours, and but for his skill and excellent dispositions, serious congestion would have occurred. His untiring energy and cheerful service in providing comfort for the troops under most adverse circumstances were of the greatest value to all ranks of the battalion.

2nd Lt. James Alexander McLean Roy, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked in force, the section occupied by this officer's platoon found a salient of advanced posts on which the brunt of the attack fell. He went from post to post, cheering and steadying the garrisons, and setting such a fine example that the enemy were completely held up by his platoon. When the enemy tried to push up to the posts through an old communication trench, he met them with bombers, and swept the open ground with a Lewis gun, inflicting a great number of casualties.

Rev. Clarence Bouchier Wilmot Seton, N.Z. Chaplain's Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he volunteered to assist the medical officer with the wounded. The enemy bombardment was so intense that the aid post which was in the open had to be moved five times. He continued untiring in his assistance to the medical officer in cheering and alleviating the sufferings of the wounded. When the stream of casualties began to decrease he went forward to the front line, visiting the men, distributing comforts, and cheering them by his presence and fearless conduct.

Lt. Maurice Archibald Stedman, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer's platoon had suffered casualties from a preliminary bombardment, and he cheered and re-organised the men by going from post to post regardless of danger. When the infantry attack developed, he led forward a bombing party far in advance of the line in an endeavour to break it, and though pushed back he delayed it. Later, when the enemy got round behind, he led out a rifle section into the open and made his position secure.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Werner Backeberg, S. Afr. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great judgment in his handling of men. He went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to try and establish communication with other troops. By his cool bearing and splendid leadership he set a fine example to the men under his command.

T/Lt. Angus Percy Green, S. Afr. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when acting as liaison officer with an infantry brigade. He was sent forward at the request of the infantry to carry out an important shoot. He made his way to the O.P. through heavy shell fire, and although the top had been blown off, and all the telephone wires cut, he found it was still possible to observe from it. In spite of heavy hostile shelling he personally established communi-