

the dressing station, hearing that the infantry were held up by machine-gun fire and were in need of help, he at once collected some men and led them forward with ammunition. He brought a mortar into action, silenced the enemy machine-guns and enabled the advance to continue. He also put out of action an anti-tank gun which was hampering the advance of the tanks. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

Lt. Leo Cecil Waterford, 4th Aust. L.T.M.B.  
For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When an advance was being considerably impeded by artillery and machine-gun fire, he rushed his gun into action in the open, and in a very short time destroyed the hostile machine gun. Later he was severely wounded in an attempt to assist a wounded man under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

T./Capt. Patrick Augustine Ardagh, N.Z. Med. Corps, attd. 1st Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked in the open all day under very trying conditions, and at times under heavy fire. Hearing that the personnel of another battalion's aid post had been blown out, he at once went to the place and worked for several hours under shell fire until he had cleared the wounded. By his energy and disregard for danger many lives were saved.

2nd Lt. Leslie Cecil Llovd Averill, 4th Bn., N.Z. Rif. Brig.

When all the other officers of his company became casualties early in the attack, he took command and led the men forward to the objective, where, in spite of heavy fire from the enemy, he consolidated with great skill. His personal gallantry and cheerfulness greatly encouraged his men, and his capable handling of a difficult situation materially contributed to our success.

2nd Lt. Gerald Arthur Arnold Barton, 1st Bn., Well. R.

He was in command of his company at a spot where the attack was held up in a wood. He pushed on, however, with great vigour and determination, and cleared the section in front of his company, capturing a machine-gun and twenty-six prisoners. He led his men with conspicuous gallantry and energy.

Lt. William Ralph Burge, 2nd Bn., Well. R.

Finding that the enemy had got some well-posted machine guns on the flank of a battalion which he was supporting, he led his men forward, and with the assistance of a tank, cleared out the machine-gun nests, and secured the flank. Later on he pushed forward to the assistance of a battalion that was held up, and collecting all the men he could, he acted with great success. Throughout the day he displayed great personal courage and fine initiative.

2nd Lt. Stanley Owen Clark, 1st Bn., Auck. R.

During two days' hard fighting he proved himself a gallant and resourceful leader, quickly grasping the meaning of any change

in the situation. Once when the battalion on the flank was retiring, he went out under very heavy fire to ascertain all the circumstances and came back and formed a defensive flank, and sent in reports which were of great assistance to his commanding officer. He set a splendid example to his men.

Rev. Charles James Hamilton Dobson, N.Z. Chapln.'s Dept., attd. 2nd Bn., Auck. R.

During an attack the battalion was heavily shelled prior to its advance. The regimental medical officer and many of his men became casualties. Mr. Dobson immediately took charge of the situation, established a regimental aid post, organised stretcher parties; and himself dressed wounded men under intense fire, and with few facilities. His example of gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty were the admiration of all who came in contact with him.

2nd Lt. William Henry Ebbitt, N.Z.M. Rif., Well. R. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy was pressing forward in the attack, this officer led his troop dismounted against a position held by the enemy with a machine gun. By skilful leading he occupied the post, capturing sixty-six prisoners, one machine gun and one automatic rifle.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Henry Archibald Ellingham, 1st Bn., N.Z. Rif. Brig.

After a hurried reconnaissance before darkness set in the night before, he attacked with his company at 2.30 in the morning with complete success, and later on led them forward to a second successful attack, when he was wounded. He, however, remained with his men until they had consolidated and connection with the units on the flanks had been established. His gallantry and initiative and fine example largely contributed to the success of the operation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) David Ferguson, 2nd Bn., Cant. R.

He led his company with conspicuous gallantry and determination in an attack, and disposed his men with great initiative where the situation was rather obscure, covering a dangerous gap of five hundred yards. He sent back very valuable reports, and his example to his men encouraged them greatly.

Capt. Harry Fryer, 1st Bn., Cant. R.

During an attack in a thick mist, two platoons of the company of which he was in charge got lost, but he himself found them and guided them to their objective. He then went out on patrol and cleared up the situation on his front and flanks. By his coolness and determination he set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Robert Garroway, 2nd Bn., Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He led his men with great dash, and when the flank of the battalion was exposed he formed a defensive flank under heavy fire. Though wounded he remained with his men setting them a