

Rev. Ronald Sinclair Watson, N.Z. Chaplains' Dep., attd. 1st Bn., Otago Reg.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Bapaume, 25th/5th September, 1918. During the attack on the 25th, in front of Biefvillers, heavy casualties were suffered. Under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, this chaplain made one of a stretcher party and worked all the morning, carrying wounded from the extreme limits of the advance. Later, when the R.A.P. came under heavy shell fire, he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded, and his energy and disregard of danger inspired everyone. That evening, in the attack on Favreuil, he gathered up all the prisoners and organised them into bearer squads. On the 5th September, in an attack in front of Neuville, he again rendered great service by going out and carrying in wounded. His cheerfulness at all times and under all conditions had a great effect on everyone with whom he came into contact.

2nd Lt. William John Woodward, 1st Bn., Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 29th September to 3rd October, 1918, during offensive operations east of Ribecourt and Masnieres. As bombing officer he superintended the formation of ammunition dumps and the distribution of the same to the forward companies. Although under intense fire most of the time, especially when he, another officer and two men were in the centre of an artillery "crash," the officer being wounded, he at all times kept the troops supplied with their requirements of munitions. He saved the officer's life by bandaging his wounds and conveying him to safety.

Capt. Eric Melvyn Wyllie, No. 1 Fd. Amb., N.Z. M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty south of Cambrai from 3rd October to 8th October, 1918. During five days' operations, constantly exposed to enemy fire, he reconnoitred the country for the establishment of bearer relay posts and car posts. On October 4th, after establishing a car post at Masnieres he went forward under heavy fire and established a bearer relay post on the bank of the canal, afterwards going forward and supervising the evacuation of wounded from R.A. posts.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./2nd Lt. Tyrell Kilpin, 74th Siege Bty., South African Hvy. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 2nd September, 1918, when the battery was pulling out on the Cambrai Road. When the battery was heavily bombed, he, with a N.C.O. and four men, extinguished a blazing dump of ammunition caused by a bomb, saving a lot of ammunition and keeping the road clear for infantry and traffic.

T./2nd Lt. Andrew Sylvester Murray, S. Afr. Hvy. Arty., attd. 72nd (S.A.) Siege Bty., R.G.A.

Near Arras, on night 30th-31st August, 1918, when a gunner of an adjoining bat-

tery was severely wounded, and was lying unable to move, close to a dump of ammunition which had been ignited by a bomb from an enemy aeroplane, he at once went to the assistance of the wounded man and brought him to a place of safety, in spite of the burning ammunition and more bombs from aeroplanes. He then collected a party and extinguished the fire at very great risk. His gallant action saved the life of the wounded man and averted what might have been a serious explosion.

T./Lt. Percy Thomas Andrew Page, S. Afr. Hvy. Arty., attd. 72nd (S.A.) Siege Bty., R.G.A.

When the battery moved into action east of Arras on 28th-29th August, 1918, under heavy fire, he brought his guns into action without delay, and during the whole of the day he kept them firing in spite of very heavy shelling from the enemy. He undoubtedly saved many casualties by his skilful handling of the detachments, and his steady devotion to duty was a fine example to all.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Edward Gordelier Ridley, 74th Siege Bty., South African Hvy. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his battery in action during the operations east of Arras between 26th August and 2nd September, 1918. On three occasions when the battery was moving into new positions it came under very heavy shell fire, suffering numerous casualties. He was tireless in his efforts to select good positions for guns and observation posts.

T./2nd Lt. George Whales, 75th Siege Bty., South African Hvy. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 3rd September, 1918, near Vis-en-Artois, when an ammunition dump was shelled near the battery. He partially extinguished the fire, saving many lives and much damage.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

Capt. Charles Sydney Frost, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance east of Ypres on 29th September, 1918, in command of the left flank company of the battalion. He led his company with dash and kept battalion headquarters well informed as to the situation. When the advance was held up at Keiberg Ridge by a 6-in. gun and two machine guns, he pushed his Lewis guns out to either flank, and made a direct attack by short rushes with a platoon, capturing the gun and both machine guns. His prompt action led to the capture of the ridge.

2nd Lt. Harry Williamson, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th September, 1918, in the advance east of Ypres. After the capture of the Keiberg Ridge a machine gun opened fire from about 80 yards in rear. With one runner he dashed towards the spot and opened fire with his revolver, shooting both the gunners. Later in the day, when his