

tured about twenty armed enemy and a driver. He showed great dash and determination during this attack.

9122 Sjt. C. C. Wills, 6th A. Bde., Aust. F.A.

He has been a member of the battery since its formation. For some time he was N.C.O. in charge of the signallers. Apart from his technical ability and leadership, he has frequently shown gallantry and fearless bearing under fire. On one occasion, when the battery was heavily shelled and the personnel withdrawn, he maintained a telephone post in the open trench under fire for five hours, refusing relief and keeping touch with his group headquarters for the information of his battery commander. He has done consistent good work.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

16/1404 Sjt. F. Barclay, N.Z. Maori P. Bn.

For exceptionally good work during the period 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918. He is exceedingly cool under fire, and sets a splendid example to his men. On 8th September he, with two sections of his platoon, was employed repairing a road in Metz-en-Coutre. The enemy concentrated a heavy artillery fire for four hours upon the village. Notwithstanding this, he kept his men well in hand and completed the task upon which he was engaged. He then withdrew his party to a place of safety in good order.

40485 Sjt. A. I. Batty, 2nd Bn., 3rd N.Z. (R) B.

For marked gallantry and good work during recent operations. During the attack on Gouzeaucourt in September, his platoon commander became a casualty. He led his platoon splendidly, and gained his objective, capturing seven machine-guns and twenty-six prisoners; but after severe fighting was driven out by an attack on his flank. His patrol work has been of a very high standard, and much useful information has been gained therefrom. He constantly set a very fine example to his men by coolness and daring under all circumstances.

7/490 Sjt. L. Burrows, Canterbury Mtd. Rif. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous coolness and initiative in action. At Amman he did particularly good work in selecting good tactical positions for our troops, and throughout the engagement was of great assistance to his troop leader, and encouraging all ranks by his splendid example.

4/1249 Sjt. F. H. Clifford, N.Z. Tun. Coy., N.Z.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When every endeavour was being made to complete machine-gun nests in anticipation of a heavy hostile attack in March, 1918, at Roeux, his utter disregard for danger and his skill and personal example enabled the work to be completed prior to the attack, although the area was

persistently searched by hostile trench-mortar and machine-gun fire. During his two and a half years' continuous service in forward areas he has always set his men a notable example of courage and devotion to duty.

8/3563 Cpl. A. Dunlop, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

On the morning of 24th August, 1918, he led his section against the artillery and machine-gun fire, which practically annihilated the attacking company. He put a block in the trench, and established a bombing-post far ahead of the line consolidated by the attacking company. He held this for two hours after the attacking company had withdrawn, and would not leave until definitely ordered to withdraw, so that he and his section might take part in the afternoon attack by his company. In this he again did fine work, he and his section capturing six machine-guns. Throughout he showed conspicuous courage and leadership.

33144 Sjt. W. L. Free, 1st Bn., 3rd N.Z. (R) B.

For gallantry and consistent devotion to duty. During the attack on Fremicourt he was in charge of two platoons, and by good leadership brought them into position for the final assault. After consolidating he took charge of the right half of the line, and patrolled from post to post under an intense machine-gun barrage. When the enemy counter-attacked with tanks next morning, he kept personal touch with his posts, and held them in position until the tanks were caused to withdraw. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

4/1429 Sjt. G. Hatch, N.Z. Tun. Coy., N.Z.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and consistent good work over a lengthy period. When it was necessary for the safety of the line that machine-gun positions should be completed at once, he personally got out in the open and worked under shell fire during the whole night. By his untiring energy and disregard of his personal safety he set a fine example to his men.

2/512 B./S./M. J. P. Joyce, 6th By., 2nd A. Bde., N.Z. F.A.

During the operations in April at Messines he carried out his duties, under very difficult circumstances, in a most capable and gallant manner. Owing to casualties among officers he was several times in charge of the wagon lines, and always maintained the ammunition supply, often under heavy shell fire. In the operations near Bapaume during August and September on several occasions when the wagon lines were shelled, his courage and coolness largely helped to avoid serious loss.

12/3065 Cpl. E. Kelly, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

During the actions in which the battalion has been engaged since 25th March, 1918, he has frequently gone out in charge of limbers. On many occasions his work has taken him into badly shelled areas. His cool judgment on numerous occasions has saved both the lives of transport personnel and animals.