

party of some 100 men, who had lost all their officers and most of their N.C.O.'s. By his total disregard of danger and fine example he restored the steadfastness of the men, and the flank, which was weakly held and actually "in the air," was able to hold out until reinforced. The gallantry and fine qualities of leadership displayed by Serjeant Wright restored a situation that was full of dangerous possibilities.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

14/87 S.S.M. A. G. Anderson, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a reserve dump he remained endeavouring to evacuate supplies under heavy fire until the enemy were within 800 yards, when he set fire to the remaining supplies and retired on foot after the infantry had passed.

21179 Cpl. G. H. Battersby, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when, regardless of the heavy fire he was under, he so skilfully handled his machine gun as to inflict heavy losses on the enemy, at 1,000 yards range, then massing for attack. Later he accounted for five enemy machine guns which attempted to come into action on his immediate front, and his contempt of danger was most marked throughout the day.

12/3257 L./Cpl. W. G. Bowers, M.M., Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He pushed forward alone to locate two enemy wounded in a sap. He came across a party of twelve of the enemy. He captured two and dispersed the remainder. His single-handed performance was a great example to his men.

10207 Cpl. A. Bradley, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section with superb dash against a strong enemy post. A bomb blew his foot off, but he continued to urge his men on, and then crawled back unassisted to his lines. He encountered two of the enemy on his way back, and shot them. He did splendid service.

9/123 Sqdn. S.M. E. Cameron, Otago Mtd. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of heavy bombardment, when the line had been continuously shelled for forty-eight hours, this Warrant Officer showed a fine and very valuable example of fearless disregard for personal safety. Hardly ever under cover, he was continually moving up and down the line, helping the men to improve their positions and attending to the wounded. His gallant behaviour inspired the men with great confidence, and he was undoubtedly the means of saving many casualties.

13313 Tpr. J. P. Clark, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his squadron had charged and captured two enemy machine guns, it came under heavy fire from two field pieces at about 1,000 yards range. He carried one of the

captured machine guns to a ridge, and, in spite of being under direct artillery and machine-gun fire, mounted it and opened fire on the gunners, driving them away from their guns.

22238 Sjt. M. J. Forde, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While platoon serjeant of a platoon that had been cut off, this N.C.O. took four men, and by skilful placing and control of fire stopped the enemy's advance. He then advanced against them, drove them back, and took one officer and forty-two men prisoners. His was a very fine example of initiative and daring.

38525 Sjt. F. A. Gaskell, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty after assuming command of a platoon. He reorganised his men under heavy fire, pressed his attack home, and helped to capture an enemy strong position. He sent back useful information to adjoining troops, and generally displayed initiative and good leadership.

13/2580 Sjt. A. G. Hooper, Imp. Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He had charge of the telephone lines running from battalion headquarters to the firing line, and several times during the operations the lines were cut or broken. Each time he went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and successfully repaired them, so that telephone communication was maintained throughout the action.

17093 L./Cpl. M. T. McGregor, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as No. 1 of a machine gun, he kept his gun in action until the last moment against a determined enemy attack, inflicting particularly heavy losses, when he was shot through the chest at close quarters and his gun overwhelmed by numbers, but later recaptured by the spare men of the team and some infantry. His coolness and courage greatly assisted to break up the enemy's attack, whilst his gallantry was an inspiration to all ranks.

24381 C.S.M. D. M. G. Mackay, Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a party engaged in dislodging a machine gun which was causing our troops casualties from a commanding position. The party worked round and attacked the machine-gun post. This warrant officer shot two of the enemy and the post was rushed; also two prisoners and the gun captured. All through the operations, too, this warrant officer rendered valuable assistance to his company commander, and set a splendid example of coolness and dash to all the men of his company.

39681 Sjt. R. McMurray, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in pushing out alone along a sap held by the enemy and ascertaining the position of two enemy posts on the immediate front, enabling them to be taken. Next day he showed great initiative and fearlessness in scouring fresh ground, bombing suspicious