Lt. (T/Capt) James Robert LEYS. Otago Regiment N.Z.F. attd 2nd N.Z. Entrenching Battalion.

At METEREN on the 15th April, 1918, during an enemy attack, he, although wounded by rifle fire in the wrist, led a party of men forward and successfully attacked a machine gun which was causing heavy casualties, killing 5 of the enemy with his revolver.

In the operation he was again wounded by rifle fire in the groin and had to fall back to our line. His courage and devotion greatly inspired the men under his command and materially assisted

to beat off the attack.