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Major F. B. SYKES, R.A., New Zealand Field
Artillery. ✓
In command of No 2 Battery, H.Z.F.A.

I cannot speak too highly of the services this Officer has rendered since the time his battery landed. His name has on more than one occasion been brought to my notice, for the support he has given to the Infantry on critical occasions. Owing to the fact that in some places our trenches are only a few yards from those of the enemy, it has required, on the part of the battery commander, not only extreme accuracy of fire, in order to avoid hitting our own trenches, but consummate nerve on his part to make the attempt, and this Major Sykes has done both day and night, so far without mishap, and our infantry have now every confidence in him. The good work which the battery under his command has done from Plugge's Plateau on the nights of 2nd, 10th, 19th, and 29th May, and 8th June, has been especially noticeable.