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NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

of these positions, during the first ten days, during which no relief or reinforcement could be afforded him.

He took part in the operation of May 2/3rd in Monash Gully and, while the troops on both Kis flanks failed to retain the advanced line gained, he, by his determination and example, succeeded in retaining the line his battalion had won, and held the same throughout the whole of May 3rd, withdrawing at night only by the direct order of the Officer Commanding No 3 Section.

Lieut-Colonel Burnage's work is characterized by steady and unflinching performance in all tasks and duties allotted to his Pattalion.

Captain J.W.A.SIMPSON. On the night of 2nd May, during the attack on "Razor Ridge", showed conspicuous bravery in directing the Battalion through unreconnoitred scrub, etc., to the position ultimately secured. He was conspicuously active in connection with the siting and "digging in" under continuous enemy fire, and notwithstanding that he narrowly escaped being shot at point blank range, continued his work without wavering.

Lieutenant FADDY, F. A. (Since wounded, and missing), showed great enterprise and bravery in leading a night attack, on knoll 700, on the evening of 2nd May.

Lieutenant R. G. LEGGE (Machine Gun Officer). Most favorably reported upon by his Commanding Officer, and the Brigade Machine Gun Officer, for the conspicuously keen and successful manner in which he carried out his duties as Eattalian Machine Gun Officer. His gun was responsible on several occasions for the infliction of severe enemy losses in Monash Gully, on May 1st and 2nd, and, although severely wounded by a bullet in the neck, he reported for duty at the earliest possible moment, and resumed command of his section. (Wounded).

No. 851, Lance-Corporal W. FRANCIS. On the afternoon and evening of 3rd May, he assisted in removing wounded from the trenches in Monash Gully to a dressing station, under heavy fire, and across a small depression at intervals by machine gun fire.