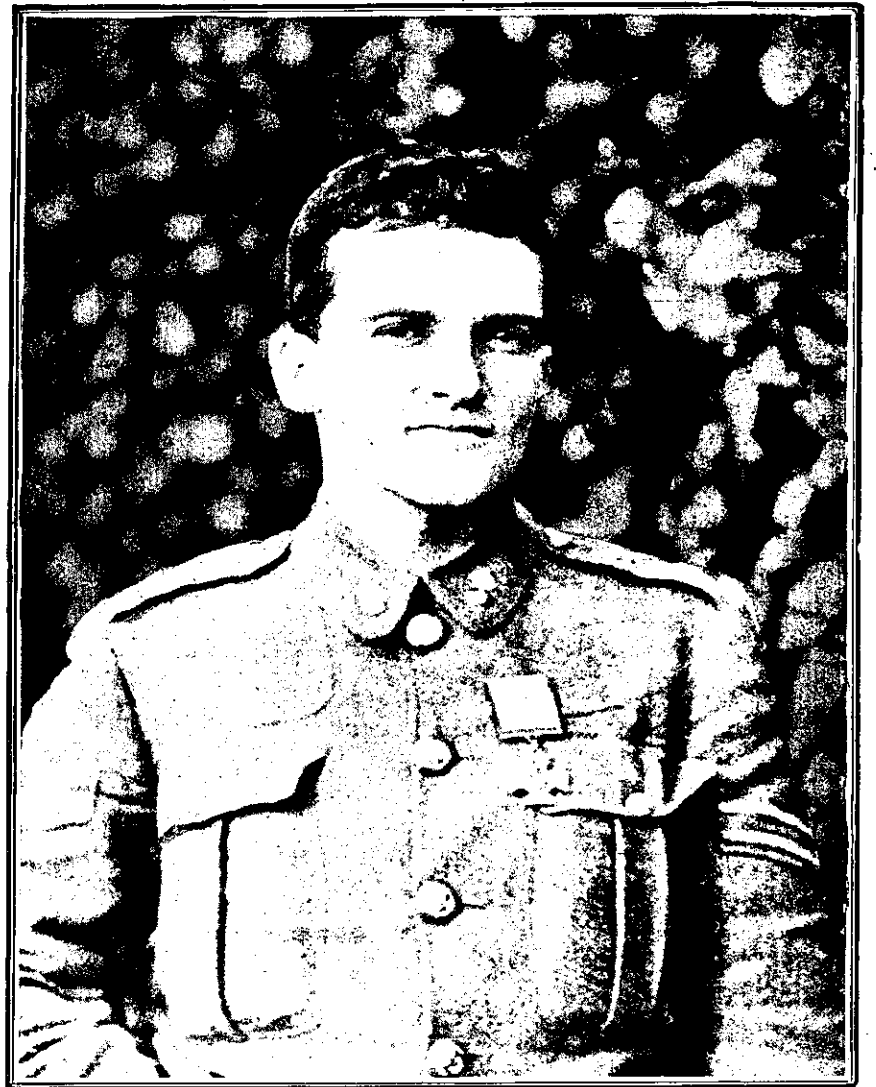


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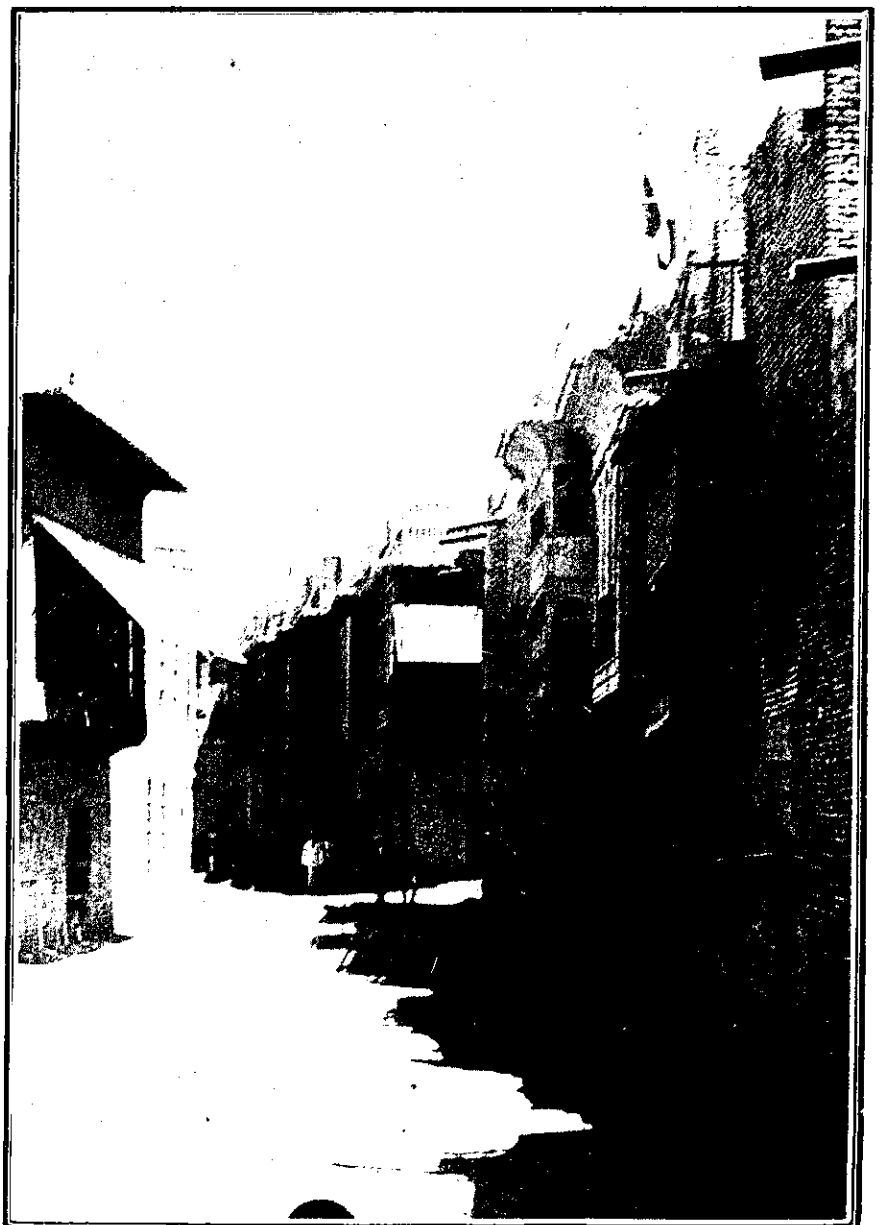
AN IMPOSING STATUE RECENTLY UNVEILED AT KAITAIA, NORTH AUCKLAND, IN HONOUR OF THOSE BRAVE SOLDIERS HAILING FROM MANGONUI WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN FIGHTING FOR THE EMPIRE. The inscription on the statue is in both English and Maori, and reads as follows:—"In loving memory and in honour of our sons and relations, both Maori and Pakeha, who willingly offered themselves to sacrifice their lives to uphold the honour of the King and Empire for the Glory of God in this terrible war which began in Europe in August, 1914, and has since spread over the greater part of the world."



NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST V.C.—CORPORAL BASSETT, of Auckland, New Zealand Engineers, wearing the Victoria Cross decoration, which he recently was decorated with by the King in recognition of his conspicuous bravery at Gallipoli. Corporal Bassett is the first New Zealander to receive the Victoria Cross.



THE PROUDEST MOMENT OF HIS LIFE.—AUSTRALIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER (MR. ANDREW FISHER) BEING WELCOMED RECENTLY AT THE THIRD LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL BY THE BRAVE WOUNDED AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS. Mr. Fisher, in addressing some of the men personally, said: "Mrs. Fisher and I are proud to be amongst you to-day; it is without doubt the proudest moment in my life."



ONE OF THE POINTS AT WHICH THE PERSIAN GULF CAMPAIGN IS BEING CONDUCTED.—A STREET IN KUT, WHERE GENERAL TOWNSEND'S FORCE IS BESIEGED.