

Forestry Company, N.Z. Engineers; 2nd Lieutenant J. B. Valentine, 14th N.Z. Forestry Company, N.Z. Engineers.

Attached: Lieutenant D. C. L. Clay, N.Z. Medical Corps; Rev. F. H. Buek, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, N.Z. Chaplains Department.

**N.Z. Medical Corps.**

Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Spencer, E.D. (temp. colonel while holding appointment of officer commanding No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital); Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. B. Bull, E.D., Officer Commanding 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Major J. L. R. Plimmer, Second in Command, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Major A. L. de B. Noakes, Registrar, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital; Major D. Pottinger, M.C. (temp. lieutenant-colonel while holding appointment of officer commanding Medical Division of No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital); Major P. A. Ardagh, D.S.O., M.C. (temp. lieutenant-colonel while holding appointment of officer commanding Surgical Division of No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital); Captain (temp. Major) G. F. V. Anson, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (anaesthetist); Captain S. L. Wilson, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (surgeon); Captain W. W. Little, Medical Officer, 26th (Canterbury-Otago) Battalion; Captain H. B. Lange, Medical Officer, 24th (Auckland) Battalion; Captain B. C. Rennie, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Captain A. A. Lovell, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Captain L. H. Cordery, Medical Officer, 25th (Wellington) Battalion; Captain J. E. Caughey, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (physician); Captain D. D. McKenzie, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (surgeon); Captain W. M. Porteous, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (physician); Captain H. L. Howell, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (radiologist); Captain L. Douglas, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (medical officer); Captain G. R. Kingston, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (surgeon); Captain H. W. Fitzgerald, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (orthopaedist); Captain J. Lannon, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (surgeon); Captain J. B. Austin, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (quartermaster); Lieutenant B. M. Hay, Medical Officer, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Lieutenant W. R. Carswell, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Lieutenant J. M. Staveley, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Lieutenant D. A. Ballantyne, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Lieutenant A. G. Gilchrist, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Lieutenant A. W. Sutherland, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Lieutenant D. C. L. Clay, Medical Officer, 14th and 15th Forestry Companies; Lieutenant J. M. Watt, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital, Medical Officer; Lieutenant M. R. Fitchett, No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital (bacteriologist); Lieutenant I. J. Wilson, 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps (quartermaster).

**6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps.**

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. B. Bull, E.D., officer commanding; Major J. L. R. Plimmer, second in command; Captain B. C. Rennie, company commander; Captain A. A. Lovell, company commander; Lieutenants W. R. Carswell, J. M. Staveley, D. A. Ballantyne, A. W. Sutherland, A. G. Gilchrist, I. J. Wilson (quartermaster).

Attached: Lieutenant A. H. Boyce, N.Z. Army Service Corps; Rev. F. O. Dawson, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, N.Z. Chaplains Department; Lieutenant C. C. Cook, N.Z. Dental Corps.

**No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital.**

Lieutenant-Colonel (temp. colonel) F. M. Spencer, E.D., officer commanding; Major A. L. de B. Noakes, registrar; Major (temp. lieutenant-colonel) D. Pottinger, M.C., officer commanding Medical Division; Major (temp. lieutenant-colonel) P. A. Ardagh, D.S.O., M.C., officer commanding Surgical Division; Captain (temp. Major) G. F. V. Anson, anaesthetist; Captain S. L. Wilson, surgeon; Captain J. E. Caughey, physician; Captain D. D. McKenzie, surgeon; Captain W. M. Porteous, physician; Captain H. L. Howell, radiologist; Captain L. Douglas, medical officer; Captain G. R. Kingston, surgeon; Captain H. W. Fitzgerald, orthopaedist; Captain J. Lannon, surgeon; Captain J. B. Austin, quartermaster; Lieutenant J. M. Watt, medical officer; Lieutenant M. R. Fitchett, bacteriologist.

Attached: Captain B. M. Dallas, N.Z. Dental Corps; Rev. F. G. Brown, chaplain to the forces, 3rd Class, N.Z. Chaplains Department; Rev. K. J. Watson, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, N.Z. Chaplains Department; Rev. C. E. Willis, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, N.Z. Chaplains Department.

**N.Z. Army Nursing Service.**

Sisters (temp. charge sister) D. F. Gatenby, E. M. Sutherland, L. E. Anderson, W. C. Harvey, P. E. Borlase, M. B. Proffitt, J. R. Okey, N. E. O'Callaghan, E. Barker, E. M. C. Noble, D. J. Bull (masseuse).

Staff nurses: M. D. Buckingham, E. M. Lingard, M. McGuire, L. M. Baird, E. M. Thodey, A. M. Gawn, M. E. White, L. J. Preston, T. M. McMillan, G. Z. Henderson, P. S. Dewar, A. J. Sinclair, M. G. Drew, I. M. Deal, M. I. Cessford, A. J. Pitcaithly, I. M. E. Campbell, V. E. Wallace, I. G. Olorenshaw, M. Lethbridge, J. K. Tyler, M. E. Reader, M. J. Turnbull, A. Faulkner, F. J. Walters, I. M. N. Sorenson, M. H. Belk, M. M. Prince, A. T. Warring, H. A. Livingston, R. P. L. Fannin, F. Clayton-Greene, M. Larsen, M. J. McKenzie, J. A. Holloway, L. R. Barlow, E. S. Poole, E. A. Wilson, A. Vallance, M. Chamberlain, G. A. Guscot, E. A. Worsp (masseuse).

**N.Z. Dental Corps.**

Major J. A. S. MacKenzie, officer commanding 2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section, N.Z.D.C.; Captain D. A. Greenslade, 2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section; Captain B. M. Dallas, Attached 2nd N.Z. General Hospital; Captain C. C. Cook, Attached 6th Field Ambulance; Lieutenant J. G. W. Crawford, Headquarters, 2nd N.Z.E.F. Base; Lieutenant C. K. Horne, Headquarters, 2nd N.Z.E.F. Base; Lieutenant W. H. Struthers, 2nd N.Z. Divi-

**WITH THE TROOPS IN EGYPT**

**Y.M.C.A. Activities In The Western Desert**

Members of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. returning from special duties in the Western Desert speak with enthusiasm and gratitude of the work undertaken in the field by the New Zealand Y.M.C.A. organization.

In spite of difficulties of supply, a canteen service was established by the association's officers as soon as the New Zealanders took up their stations in the desert. Three canteens were opened, and an army truck and a driver were placed at the disposal of the Y.M.C.A. officer in charge, who "stocked up" each morning and supplied each centre with its requirements.

A fourth and wider area was harder to serve. It was not possible to set up a central canteen, since concentrations of men would have been against the interests of security. The truck itself, as a mobile canteen, was driven about the area daily and made almost "tent-to-tent" deliveries.

Truck and canteens stocked cigarettes, tobacco, soap, sweets, foodstuffs and similar comforts. Every effort was made to supply other articles for which men expressed a special desire. Fishing lines, for instance, were stocked for the benefit of parties working within reach of the Mediterranean coast.

Because it was recognized that the New Zealanders were serving not only in the field but in a particularly trying area, prices of essential comforts were fixed below cost, the difference being made up by the National Patriotic Fund Board. In addition, parties proceeding closer than usual to the border were supplied with free issues of cigarettes, chocolate and chewing gum.

Calls were made by the Y.M.C.A. on advance hospital posts, and men evacuated to towns and cities were visited weekly and supplied with free comforts. Another of the association's services in the desert was the delivery of daily newspapers, allocated on the basis of one to each tent. Full and active co-operation was extended to the padres in holding special services.

The Y.M.C.A. proved in the desert its readiness to meet eventualities outside its routine activities. Credit to the extent of £450 was given to troops during a period which elapsed before pay arrangements were completed. No names or amounts were recorded.

sional Mobile Dental Section; Lieutenant P. Noakes, 2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section; Lieutenant J. Le B. Warren, 2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section; Lieutenant J. T. Dodgshun, 2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section; Lieutenant R. D. Spencer, Headquarters, 2nd N.Z.E.F. Base; Lieutenant A. L. H. Barsdell, 2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section.

**2nd N.Z. Divisional Mobile Dental Section.**

Major J. A. S. MacKenzie, officer commanding; Captain D. A. Greenslade; Lieutenants W. H. Struthers, P. Noakes, J. Le B. Warren, J. T. Dodgshun, A. L. H. Barsdell.

**N.Z. Army Pay Corps.**

Lieutenant (temp. captain) L. G. Turner, assistant paymaster, N.Z. Base Pay Office; Lieutenant H. McL. Richards, assistant paymaster, N.Z. Base Pay Office.

**N.Z. Chaplains Department.**

Rev. J. W. McKenzie, chaplain to the forces, 3rd Class, attached Headquarters, N.Z. Divisional Artillery; Rev. F. G. Brown, chaplain to the forces, 3rd Class, attached No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital; Rev. F. H. Buek, chaplain to the forces, 4th class, attached 14th N.Z. Forestry Company; Rev. F. O. Dawson, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, attached 6th Field Ambulance, N.Z. Medical Corps; Rev. J. F. Henley, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, attached Headquarters, 6th N.Z. Infantry Brigade; Rev. J. S. Strang, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, attached Headquarters, 6th N.Z. Infantry Brigade; Rev. K. J. Watson, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, attached No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital; Rev. C. E. Willis, chaplain to the forces, 4th class, attached No. 2 N.Z. General Hospital; Rev. J. Mackay, chaplain to the forces, 4th Class, attached Headquarters, 6th N.Z. Infantry Brigade.

**BACK TO ARMY AGAIN**

**Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Avery**

**HEADQUARTERS POSITION**

Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. Avery, Wellington, assistant general manager and secretary of the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition Company, has been appointed to a position at Army Headquarters. He is attached to the Quartermaster-General, Colonel P. H. Bell. Colonel Avery has had a distinguished military career, serving as a staff officer in the Great War and subsequently holding the position of Quartermaster-General of the New Zealand Forces.

Colonel Avery left the Exhibition Company a week ago to take up his new duties. The winding-up of the company's affairs is being carried on by the accountant, Major L. C. Forgie.

Since March, 1937, when the project was in its infancy, Colonel Avery was secretary and treasurer of the Exhibition Company. Shortly before the opening of the Centennial Exhibition last year, he was also appointed assistant manager. Much of the success of the Exhibition was ascribed to his energetic administration. Since the departure of the general manager, Mr. C. P. Hainsworth, a few weeks after the Exhibition closed, Colonel Avery had been carrying on the affairs of the company.

An old boy of Wellington College, Colonel Avery was an outstanding Rugby player in his youth. He was selected to represent New Zealand in 1910, and played with the All Blacks against Australia and South Africa.

**Military Career.**

He began his military career some 30 years ago, in the old Wellington D Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery. After six years in the ranks he received his commission and thereafter rose rapidly. On the formation of the territorial forces in 1911 he was appointed to the New Zealand Staff Corps, and a few months before the outbreak of the Great War was appointed officer commanding the No. 12 Group, Nelson, with the rank of captain.

Colonel Avery went away with the First New Zealand Expeditionary Force, as requisitioning officer to the New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade headquarters in Egypt. He was soon transferred to the headquarters of the Divisional Train in Egypt and Gallipoli as officer in charge, was promoted to Senior Supply Officer with the New Zealand Division in Gallipoli and France, and in 1917 was appointed Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General. Twelve months later he became assistant adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the New Zealand Division, British Army of Occupation on the Rhine. He was awarded the D.S.O. and C.M.G.

Colonel Avery returned to New Zealand for a brief period in 1919 as a staff officer at General Headquarters, but in 1920 was selected to represent New Zealand at the War Office, London. During his two subsequent years in England he graduated at the Staff College, Camberley. On coming back to New Zealand he was appointed Quartermaster-General of the New Zealand Military Forces.

Colonel Avery retired from military life in 1924, and entered the motor industry. He was general manager of Avery Motors, Limited, and was president of the New Zealand Motor Trade Association in 1933-34. After retiring from the army he took a keen interest in the Returned Soldiers' Association, and was president of the Wellington branch from 1929 to 1933.

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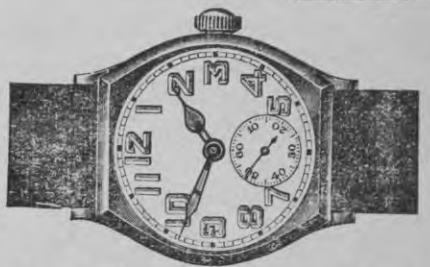
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