

were being cut off. When he came out himself he was fired on by two Germans. He fell and shammed dead, then crawled into a position and having the use of only one arm rested his rifle in the fork of a tree and as the Germans came forward he killed them both. The second to fall actually hit the muzzle of the rifle as he fell.

On 30th May at SPHAKIA his platoon was ordered to deal with a party of the enemy which had advanced down a ravine to near Force Headquarters. Though in an exhausted condition he climbed the steep hill to the west of the ravine, placed his men in positions on the slope overlooking the ravine and himself went to the top with a Bren Gun and two riflemen. By clever tactics he induced the enemy party to expose itself and then at a range of 500 yards shot 22 and caused the remainder to disperse in panic.

During the whole of the operations he suffered from dysentery and was able to eat very little, in addition to being wounded and bruised.

He showed superb coolness, great skill and dash and complete disregard of danger. His conduct and leadership inspired his whole platoon to fight magnificently throughout, and in fact was an inspiration to the Battalion.

No. 10725 Serjeant Alfred Clive Hulme, New Zealand Military Forces.

Serjeant Hulme exhibited most outstanding and inspiring qualities of leadership, initiative, skill, endurance and most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from the commencement of the heavy fighting in CRETE, on 20th May, 1941, until he was wounded in action 28th May, 1941. On ground overlooking MALEME Aerodrome on 20th and 21st May he personally led parties of his men from the area held by the forward position and destroyed enemy organised parties who had established themselves out in front of our position, from which they brought heavy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire to bear on our defensive posts. Numerous snipers in this area were dealt with by Serjeant Hulme personally; 130 dead were counted here. On 22nd, 23rd and 24th May Serjeant Hulme was continually going out alone or with one or two men and destroying enemy snipers. On 25th May, when Serjeant Hulme had rejoined his Battalion, this unit counter-attacked GALATOS village. The attack was partially held up by a large party of the enemy holding the school, from which they were inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. Serjeant Hulme went forward alone, threw grenades into the school and so disorganised the defence, that the counter-attack was able to proceed successfully.

On Tuesday, 27th May, when our troops were holding a defensive line at SUDA BAY during the final retirement, five enemy snipers had worked into position on the hillside overlooking the flank of the Battalion line. Serjeant Hulme volunteered to deal with the situation, and stalked and killed the snipers in turn. He continued similar work successfully through the day.

On 28th May at STYLOS, when an enemy heavy mortar was severely bombing a very important ridge held by the Battalion rear-guard troops, inflicting severe casualties,

Serjeant Hulme, on his own initiative, penetrated the enemy lines, killed the mortar crew of four, put the mortar out of action, and thus very materially assisted the withdrawal of the main body through STYLOS. From the enemy mortar position he then worked to the left flank and killed three snipers who were causing concern to the rearguard. This made his score of enemy snipers 33 stalked and shot. Shortly afterwards Serjeant Hulme was severely wounded in the shoulder whilst stalking another sniper. When ordered to the rear, in spite of his wound, he directed traffic under fire and organised stragglers of various units into section groups.

War Office,
14th October, 1941.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned for distinguished services in the field:—

No. 7807586 Corpl. E. Pavey, R. Fus.

War Office,
14th October, 1941.

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj.-Gen. F. N. Mason-MacFarlane, C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (22965), to be actg. Lt.-Gen. 25th June 1941.

The undermentioned (late R.A.M.C.), retire on ret. pay. 13th Oct. 1941:—

Maj.-Gen. A. D. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C., M.B., K.H.S. (11112).

Maj.-Gen. (supernumerary) R. C. Priest, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., K.H.P. (14073).

The undermentioned, ret pay (Res. of Off.), revert to ret. pay:—

Maj.-Gen. Sir Alan J. Hunter, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. (6367). 14th Oct. 1941.

Col. R. C. Prance, D.S.O. (18185), and is re-granted the hon. rank of Brig. 13th Oct. 1941.

Col. Sir Oswald C. Borrett, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., Col. King's Own R. (6143), ret. pay, reverts to his substantive rank of Lt.-Gen. and to ret pay. 14th Oct. 1941.

Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) C. M. Finny, O.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S., K.H.S. (8132) (late R.A.M.C.), to be Maj.-Gen. 13th Oct. 1941.

Col. (temp. Brig.) G. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., M.B. (26291) (late R.A.M.C.), to be actg. Maj.-Gen. 13th Oct. 1941.

The undermentioned Lt.-Cols., from R.A.M.C., to be Cols. 13th Oct. 1941:—

F. D. Annesley, M.C. (8422), with seniority 18th Mar. 1939.

C: D. M. Buckley, M.C., M.B. (22509), with seniority 20th Mar. 1939.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Maj.-Gen. R. C. Priest, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., K.H.P. (14073), relinquishes the appt. of Insp. of Med. Servs. 13th Oct. 1941.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lt.-Col. J. R. W. Mansfield (3543), ret. pay (late R.E.), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Maj. whilst emp'd. during the present emergency. 1st June 1941.