I desire to place on record my appreciation of the good serv done since formation Cyclist Battalion July 1916 to the signing of the Armistice.

Killed in Action

Officers 4 * musketry test

N.C.O 8

Men 47

59 Private W. Ryan 10906

Division formed in February 1916

Company was drawn from 12th, 13th, 14th Mounted Rifle Reinforcement

Volunteers were called for on 5th April & a selection was made. several cycles were obtained & riding test instituted

1916 May 2nd company was complete. The company was to leave with 12 Reinforcement on the 29th April

* May 6th on the early morning of that day the Company entrained for Wellington, where on arrival the unit marched to Kings Wharf embarked on the "S.S. Mokoia".

In afternoon usual march through streets & troops given royal sendoff. At 5PM all were aboard & ship cast off. After quiet night Wellington harbour ship got under way at daylight - our usefulness recorded in other chapters

The Convoy (Mokoia & ~~Kavau~~ arriving Abany 18th May 1916 leave granted left 20th May - Columba Harbour 4th June - arriving at Suez 21st June 1916 - 46 days travelling from Wellington. Went by train to Tel el Keber camp. after fortnight ~~sailed for~~ ~~France~~ trained to Alexandria sailed France on SS Tunis "Wallflower" was escort destroyer arriving Marseilles 17th July Bicycles arrived August 1916

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Work included
traffic control, felling of trees
cable burying, repairing trenches
the holding as Infantry of front-line action
the reconnaissance of front area &
the participation in offensives as advanced mounted roops
burying of cables 6 78 feet deep, running up to the
front line in shell swept areas & most done by night
proved as valuable & successful as it was arduous
& dangerous

Ten of original company were
left for France. subsequently commissioned

	Officers	other Ranks	Total
Original Cyclist Unit	6	211*	217
	16	475	491
Reinforcements			708

*51 of these wounded more than once

With Australian 2nd ANZAC Cyclist Battalion from 21-7-16 to 16-1-1
During service in France & Belgium from 18-7-16 to
18-3-19 equalling 2 yrs 8 months, the unit occupied
82 different Billets & Bivouacs. Three of these
absorbed 11 months, therefore balance of the time
moved its location average about once a week
Only N.Z unit to receive Tanion of Epernay (marne), others
were 10 French Units, one Italian
adjutant captain C A Dickenson M.C killed at Abeele
Just Casualty Corporal C. S Des Barres at Bois Gren
one of Rast Private Walker at Sauillain 1-11-



NEW ZEALAND

The Minister of Defence has pleasure in presenting the enclosed Awards with the compliments of the Prime Minister and New Zealand Government, and in sincere appreciation of loyal service rendered during the war of 1939-45.

Campaign Stars, Clasps and Medals

instituted in recognition of service in the war of 1939-45

Order of Wearing.	*Description of Ribbon.*	*Clasp or Emblem (if awarded).*
1 1939—45 Star	Dark blue, red, and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. This ribbon is worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder	Battle of Britain
2 Atlantic Star	Blue, white, and sea green shaded and watered. This ribbon is worn with the blue edge furthest from the left shoulder	Air Crew Europe or France and Germany
3 Air Crew Europe Star	Light blue with black edges and in addition a narrow yellow stripe on either side	Atlantic or France and Germany
4 Africa Star	Pale buff, with a central vertical red stripe and two narrower stripes, one dark blue, and the other light blue. This ribbon is worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder	8th Army or 1st Army or North Africa 1942–43
5 Pacific Star	Dark green with red edges, a central yellow stripe, and two narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. This ribbon is worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder	Burma
6 Burma Star	Dark blue with a central red stripe and in addition two orange stripes	Pacific
7 Italy Star	Five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge and one in green at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white	
8 France and Germany Star	Five vertical stripes of equal width, one in blue at either edge and one in red at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white	Atlantic
9 Defence Medal	Flame coloured with green edges, upon each of which is a narrow black stripe	Silver laurel leaves (King's Commendation for brave conduct. Civil)
10 War Medal 1939–45	A narrow central red stripe with a narrow white stripe on either side. A broad red stripe at either edge, and two intervening stripes in blue	Oak leaf
11 N.Z. War Service Medal	Black, watered, and edged with white stripes	