

14-7-18

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

RECOMMENDATION

for

CROIX DE GUERRE

on behalf of

NAME KELLY
Christian Names Monckton Bowes
Rank Captain
Regimental Number -
Arm. Infantry
Unit 21st Battalion A.I.F.

Action for which commended

For constant military valour and devotion to duty.

His example at VILLE SUR ANCRE on 19th May 1918 won the absolute faith of his men. On this occasion he led his Company with great dash and boldness to their objectives and personally supervised the operation of consolidation, under heavy enemy sniping and machine-gun fire.

He kept his C.O. well informed of the progress of operations, and the lucidity of the information he sent back enabled immediate action to be taken in accordance with the tactical demands of the situation.

Near VILLERS BRETONNEUX during the month of July when the Unit was in the front line, this Officer, as a Company Commander, displayed great initiative in the siting and organising of this portion of the front. He quickly availed himself of every opportunity afforded for pushing his posts forward, particularly in the period subsequent to the HAMEL Offensive.

Again, during the attack on MT. ST. QUENTIN on 1st September 1918, Captain KELLY was in charge of the Supports. Here his work was of the greatest assistance to the Battalion. He personally supervised the receipt of rations and stores from rear, and directed and despatched the carrying parties forward.

His services to the Battalion have been invaluable at all times. Captain KELLY has a fine record of duty well and gallantly performed.

GM
Brigadier-General,
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

17th September, 1918.