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29th Battalion 893

Sergeant

Harold Wells

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McKENZIE.

At VAUVILLERS on 27th August 1918 the Coy. to which this Sergeant belongs took part in the capture of the above named village. During the engagement his Coy. came under heavy M.C. Fire at close range with the result that all the Officers of the Coy. became casualties and the Coy. was disorganised. Sgt. McKenzie then took command of the Coy. and re-organised it in the face of heavy enemy fire and by fine judgment and splendid leadership led the Coy. to its final objective. During the attack the Coy. was held up by an enemy M.C. This Sgt. McKenzie located and single handed rushed the position, shot the crew and captured the gun. Throughout the attack he displayed a reckless disregard of his personal safety, combined with coolness and fine judgment and proved himself a leader of men. He was a splendid example to the rest of the Coy.

29th BATTALION.

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