

5th Aust. Infantry

2nd Australian

AUSTRALIAN

17th September 1918.

21st  
Battalion,  
A.I.F.

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Captain Wonckton  
Bones KELLY.

(Mentioned in Des- )  
(patches as a Lieu- )  
(tenant A.I.F. List )  
(No. 138.20.1.17. ).

"For constant military valour and devotion to duty.

At GALLIPOLI, POINIERRE, MOUTON FARM and on other occasions this officer has displayed conspicuous gallantry and ability.

His example at VILLE ERM 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 VILLIERS BRITONNEUX 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 RAPEL offensive.

Again, during the attack on VT ST QUENTIN on 1st September 1918, Capt. 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. Capt. KELLY has a fine record of duty well and gallantly performed."

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