

7th Battery

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Capt.
Cpl.
Bdr.
Gnr.

LESLIE, W.A.
COLEMAN, E. L.
McFARLANE, E.
BAYNES, E.

This officer, with Lieut. P.J. Ross, 7th Bty., was in charge of two guns, which it had been necessary to place practically in the fire trenches on the right of our line. On the 5th May the enemy opened a violent cannonade on these guns and this portion of our trenches at very close range, the action lasting from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., when the enemy was silenced. On the following morning the enemy opened an equally heavy fire. Captain Leslie by his gallant courageous conduct and example encouraged his men to continue to a successful termination the action, the enemy again being forced to cease fire. Just before the action ceased Captain Leslie was severely wounded and died while being removed to the hospital ship. The 3 men are recommended for reward for gallant conduct and meritorious service in connection with the action referred to.