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2862 Private
Ernest O'Shannessy

40th Battalion



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40th Battn.
A.I.F.

D'SHANNESY.
Ernest. 2862.

"Wounded and Missing".

Killed in Action 5-10-17. Previously reported Wounded and Missing.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs

London.
14-6-18.

M.

Havre 15th March 1918.

40th A.I.F. O'Shannessy E. No. 2862.

W/M 5th Octr 1917.

I knew O'Shannessy for 11 months; he was about 5 ft 7, medium build, very dark, about 29, from Victoria, but was at Stowport, Tasmania, when he enlisted. On the 5th Octr the Battn was on the Ypres front, and in action. The objectives were 4 pill boxes, which we took and held. O'Shannessy who enlisted as W & M, is, I am told, in Blighty. Pte Montressor of the 40th Battn C.Coy, still with the Battn, told me he saw O'Shannessy on the 7th January of this year, when he was in England.

Inf:- Pte A.C.Mackey No.2845.
40th Battn A.I.F. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

M.

BM.

Written Pte. Montressor 25.3.18.

A.I.F.
40th. Battalion.

O'SHANNESY. 2862.
Ernest.

"Killed in Action 5.10.17".

Name.	Unit.	Cause of Casualty.
		No trace Germany. Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.
M.		London. 22.10.19.

A.I.F.40th Btn

O'SHANNESSY
Ernest 2862

"GASSED"

Wounded & Missing 5-10-17 - previously reported Wounded
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 27-12-17 & 21-1-18.

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22-1-18

Havre. 9th. May. 1918.

40th. Australians. O'Shannessey, E. 2862.

W. & M. October. 5/1917.

He was in D. Coy, and either the 15th. or 16th. Pltn. I knew O'Shannessey well; we came over together in the 6th. Reinforcements to the 40th. Battalion leaving Melbourne on the 5th. December 1916. On the morning of the 4th. October we were attacking at Ranschendaele; we took our objective and held it. We went on on rest in the night of the 5th. October. Private. C. A. Montressor, 40th. Battalion, D. 15, (who was with the Battalion when I left about the 21st. March) told me he was alongside of O'Shannessey during the attack; he saw him fall, and I think he told me that he bandaged him up. He saw him make his way to the D/Station. Shelling was very heavy.

Inf:- Private. E. O'Brien. 2859.
40th. Battalion, D. 14.
Havre Hospital.

HPG. See Report by Pte Montressor

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

O'SHANNESSY
Ernest 2862

"Wounded & Missing 5-10-17"

Re Pte.E.O'Shannessy. I was with him when he got wounded, he had a bullet through the leg, and was about 5'6" in height, and very dark complexion.

Informant. Montressor Pte.C.A.
FRANCE. 25-4-18

London
3-5-18

O.C.M.
M.

21/3/18.

To. Pte Montressor
C. Coy
40' Battn.
A. I. F.
B.E.F.

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Admt.
2862. E. O'Shaunessy
40' Battn.
A. I. F.

W/M. 5/10/17

21.3.18.
a.2B.

France.

Acknd by Pte 30.4.18 N.T.

April. 26/4/18.

2862
Ernest O'Shannessy
40th Battalion
W.T.M. 5-10-17

To.
Australian red cross Society.

Your enquiry to hand requiring information of Pte E. O'Shannessy. I was with him when he got wounded he had a bullet through the leg and was about ~~about~~ 5 ft 6. in height and very dark complection.

I remain Yours faithfully.
Pte. C. A. Montresso.

[signature]

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