

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**3113 Private  
Leslie Francis O'Shea**

**33rd Battalion**



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33rd Battalion A.I.F.

O'SHEA L.F. No. 3113

'Killed March 30/18'

About 6 ft., and fairly heavily built, clean shaved, and full face, medium complexion, about 30 years of age. Was a Lewis Gunner.

Just in front of Villers Bratonneux on March 30/18, we were going into action and about 100 yards from our trenches, he was hit through the heart. He lay where he fell for a couple of days. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- P. Sassella, 24634

33rd Battalion A.I.F.

Searcher:-

R.W. Pfeiffer,

Adm. Hqrs.,

on board H.M. "Duchess Castle" 12/4/18

Adelaide 22/3/18

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J.F.A.

Lewis Gunner

September 5th 1919.

Lt.Col.Mary Murray.  
Naval and Military League.  
Salvation Army Headquarters.  
101, Queen Victoria Street E.C.C.4.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for 3113 Pte Leslie F.O'Shea, 33rd Btn,A.I.F.we beg to inform you that we have now received an unofficial report of his death from one of the men in his unit who has returned to Australia. 2463a Pte D.Sassella stated that they were going into action in front of Villers Bretonneux on March 30th 1918 and when about 100 yards from their trenches Pte O'Shea was shot through the head. Informant who could give no particulars of his burial described Pte O'Shea as about 6ft in height and rather heavily built, clean shaven full face and fresh complexion. He was aged about 30 and a was a Lewis Gunner.

We trust this report may be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully.

( Miss.)

*D.S.*  
SECRETARY.

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,  
101 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,  
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Friday.  
10th January 1919

Dear Madam,

RE:- 3113. Pte. L.F. O'Shea.  
33rd Batt: A.I.F.  
Killed 30th March 1918.

Will you kindly make some enquiries for us  
concerning the death of the above soldier. Any  
information concerning death or burial will be  
much appreciated.

God bless you,

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY  
Lt. Colonel.

TO:- The Secretary.  
The Australian Red Cross Society.  
36, Grosvenor Place.  
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