

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6576 Private
Sidney Cyril
O'Shannassy

8th Battalion



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8th Btn.
A.I.F.

O' SHANNESSEY
Pte. S.G. 6576.

"Killed in Action Aug. 9th -18"

He was a Batt runner. He was coming back from the Battalion front line near Rosières Villers Bretonneux, with a scout corporal and both walked into the German lines running diagonally to ours and were fired upon. O. Shannessy being killed and the Corporal wounded and taken prisoner.

Dont know the Corporals name, but he told me this when I met him after his repatriation from Germany.

I only know for certain he was dead for we found his body and he was still wearing his arm band. when we buried him close by.

He was rather short-age about 20, fair complexion .
Not eyewitness.

INFORMANT:- R.S.M. J.S. Gordon.
8th Btn.

S. Ryan
S.S. ULLYSSES
London
6.10.19.

Off. M.

8th. Btn. A. Coy.

O'SHANNESSEY.

Pte. S. O. 6376. or 6576

K/A. 9.8.18.

This lad was a Battalion Runner. He went out on a message and nothing more was heard of him at the time. A month later we got word from 3rd. Echelon that an English Padre had buried a man of that name. He was wearing a red band (Runners badge). This place was ~~just~~ about 8 miles south of us. Have no idea how he got down that way or why. It is customary for two runners to go, (in pairs), but O'Shannessy started off first, and his mate could not catch him up. August 9th. 1918, at Rosieres.

8th. Btn. Records.

H.L. Playdell,
H.M.A.T. Persic.
29.8.19.

8th. Btn.

O'SHANNASSY. S.C. Pte. 6576

Killed in Action 9.8.18.

I knew Casualty, he was dark, of medium build, about 5'4" in height, 20 years of age, known as "Shock".

I was speaking to Casualty in Gully at Rosieres and he was taking a despatch to Battalion Headquarters from the front line, I told him he had better stop as the barrage was very heavy. He never came back, I went out looking for him that night, and I saw his body near the German Casualty Clearing Station near Rosieres. I know nothing as to burial.

Informant:- Pte. J. Lee,
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S.V.P.
6.12.19.

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A.I.F. 8th Bn.

O'SHAUGHNESSY
S.C. 6876

"MISSING 9/8/18"

Killed in Action 9/8/18 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Bn 12/11/18

London
13/11/18

OFF.M.

23rd Btn.

O'SHANNESKY, L.
Pte. No. 4461

Killed in action 16/9/16.

"Casualty was killed on the 16th September at Ypres by H.E. shell in the dugout. I dug out his body and buried it in the Cemetery. I saw the cross which was made to be put over the grave."

Informant:- A. Hutchinson,
No. 2667, 23rd Btn.

Private address,
Scott Street,
Warraacknabeal.

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H.A.B.
27/6/17.

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