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# 732 Private
# Charles Anson

## 59th Battalion



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A.I.F. 59th Btn.

HINSON
J. 732

"K/Action"

Killed in action 21-6-18
Cert. by A.A.I.F.Hqrs 29-6-18.

London
1-7-18

59 A.I.F.

Anson, C. 732.
D Company.

(K. May 21/18. Det. D/B.)

"After Villars Bretonneux we were at Dauors along the Canal on fatigue duty about 6 o'clock one evening and were being occasionally shelled. The body of Anson was brought on a stretcher and left near B Co. Cooker. He had been killed outright. The next morning he was buried in Dauors Cemetery. I saw his grave. He belonged to D Company I think and was a red headed chap and was a cook at one time."

Eye-Witness:

Description:

Informant: Herbert Crotty, Pte. 3378,
B Company, VI Plat., 59 A.I.F.,
Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

Home Address:
Bright,
Victoria, Australia.

H.W.W.
23.7.18.

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59th A. I. F.

Anson, Pte C. 732,
D. Coy

(K. May 21st 1918. Det: D & B)

"I was in the reserve trench at Villers-Bretonneaux, on 21st May 1918 and so was C. Anson. He was killed when sitting outside a dug-out in the reserve line; three casualties occurred. Anson was being killed and two others wounded. I saw Anson's body carried off on the stretcher."

Eye-witness: Saw body on stretcher, was told by other men of the Platoon.

Description: Nickname "Red" from colour of hair.

Informant: Pte Jas. A. Garrick, 5054
59th A.I.F., C. 19,
Southwark Military Hospital,
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Home address:
116, Westbury St,
East St. Kilda,
Melbourne.

25th July 1918.
S. Bullett.

A.I.F 59 Bat. Anson, C.
732.

K.May 21/18

I saw Anson killed by a shell. It was along the Somme embankment between Daours and Blangy-Tronville, on May 21.
He was sitting in the door-way of his dug out at the time, and the shell killed him at once. I was near him when it happened: a few yds. distant.
I did not see him buried, nor do I know anything about him.
His age I judge to be 24-5, thick-set chap, fair. He was in D. Coy. and is the only Anson I know.
Inf: Andrews,W.H.private. No.3 Sec, D. Coy. 3 plat.

I.F.G.
Tartford
23/7/18

59th Btn. ANSON, C.
Pte. 732

K.in act. 21/5/18

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5'7", well built, fair complexion, about 25 years of age. Known as "Charlie". Casualty was in his Dugout at Ducure near Villers Bretonteux. A H.E. Shell exploded in the Dugout killing Casualty instantly. I was about 20 yards away at the time of his death and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was buried at Ducure Cemetery and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected over the grave with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- L.Cpl. A.E. Bright, 4742
59th Btn.

Private address:- P.O.
Ruby. S.Gippsland.

I.C.F. Note:- Pte.J.T. Collins, 5075, 59th Btn., of Morwell 6/3/19. confirmed above statement but did not known where Casualty was buried.

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59th Btn.

ANSON, C.
Pte. No. 782

Kld. in act. 21.5.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8", well built, red hair, about 35 years of age, known as Charlie. Casualty was in reserve lines at Ypres. An H.E. shell exploded near the dugout killing him instantly. I was five yards away at the time the shell exploded, and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was most severely wounded about the chest, and he was buried in a cemetery near Ypres. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- H.A. Stowell
No. 385

Private address
C/o J.W. Barrett,
Ringwood.

T.C.F.
2.5.19.

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