Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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426 Private William Thomas Anderson

3rd Machine Gun Company



0100406B

2nd M.G.Btn late
2nd Anz. Cyc. Btn.

Anderson, W.T.
Pte. No. 426.

Died of wounds 4/7/18.

T/Lieut. Colonel C. Barnard Story, Commanding 37th Battalion, on the 5th September has stated:- "It is with regret I have to inform you that your son, No. 751, Private Albert Ernest Anderson, was killed in action on the 24th August, 1918. He was buried in the Military Cemetery, Suzanne, L.14.a.8.8. on 26/8/18."

12/12/18.
Melbourne.

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A.I.F.
2nd M.G.Btn.
22nd Coy.

ANDERSON.
W.T. 426

Died of Wounds, 4.7.18.

Description:- about 5', fair, 18 or 19 years of age. Christian name William Thomas. Single, and came from Victoria.

Killed 4.7.18. at Morlancourt by shell while going over - not taken off the field alive. Don't know where buried and did not see him dead.

Informant :- W.Bryant, 544.
1St Bttn. M.G.B.
of 2nd Co.
4.2.19.

O.S.W.
London.
14.2.19.
J.P.A.

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A.I.F. 2nd A.M.G.Bn. 22nd Coy.

ANDERSON
W.T. 426

"Died of wounds 4/7/18"

I saw Anderson W.T. of 2nd A.M.G.Battn 22nd Coy. (not 1st A.M.G.Btn. 2nd Coy.as in list) shot at short range in stomach in front of Villers-Bretonneux about 4.30 a.m. about ½ way between J.O.T. and objective. We ran into a machine gun post and he was shot at short range. Bisnard and another man were shot at the same time. He was conscious after he was hit and I spoke to him. Anderson, Very young, fair, about 5 ft 4 or 5.

Informant:- Sgt. MacPherson,
2nd A.M.G.Btn. 22nd Coy.

HEH
London
27/5/19
JEA

M

A.I.F. 2nd A.M.G.Btn. 22nd Coy.

ANDERSON
W.T. 426

"Died of wounds 4/7/18"

I saw Anderson shot by machine gun bullets in the stomach near Villers Bretonneux in the early morning hop-over. He was conscious. I afterwards saw his body at the A/D/S where he died. He was buried near Villers Bretonneux

Informant:- Pte L.E. Kerris 3096,
2nd A.M.G.Battn.,
22nd Coy.

Anderson W.T. 426 Died of Wounds 4/7/18 Buried Sheet 62D 027d6.1.
A shield made from a shell case was sent to his mother as a souvenir from the Coy.

Battn. Orderly Room.

HEH

London
27/3/19
JEA

M

3rd M.G.Coy. late
2nd Army Cyc.Battn.
A.I.F.

ANDERSON
W.T. 426

"Died of Wounds 4-7-18"

Re 426 Pte.W.T.Anderson, 2nd M.G.Coy. He above named soldier was brought to one of the forward posts of this unit, having died of wounds en route. The Post was in a forward position and I regret that we have no record of the nature of his wounds. He was buried by Chaplain Smith, of the 22nd Aust. Inf. Battn., in a Cemetery near Villers-Bretonneux on the Amiens side, - Sheet 62D - O.27c6.1. Possibly Chaplain Smith may be able to supply you with some further details.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
7th A.Fld.Amb.,
10-9-18

London
20-9-18
I.E.A.

M.

426
W. J. Anderson
3 M.G. Coy Late 2nd Army Cyc Bath
Dg W 4 7.18 P1

7th Australian Field Ambulance.

7th
FIELD AMBULANCE.
3/10
10-9-18

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society.

Dear Madam,

No. 426 Pte W.J.Anderson, 2nd M.G.C. A.I.F.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd. inst., the above named soldier was brought to one of the forward posts of this Unit, having died of wounds en route. The Post was in a forward position and I regret that we have no record of the nature of his wounds.

He was buried by Chaplin Smith of the 22nd Aust. Infantry Battalion in a cemetery near VILLERS-BRETONEUX (on the Amiens side) - sheet 62D - O.27 d.6.1.

Possibly Chaplin Smith may be able to supply you with some further details.

H Campbell Major.
Acting C.O. 7th Australian Field Ambulance.