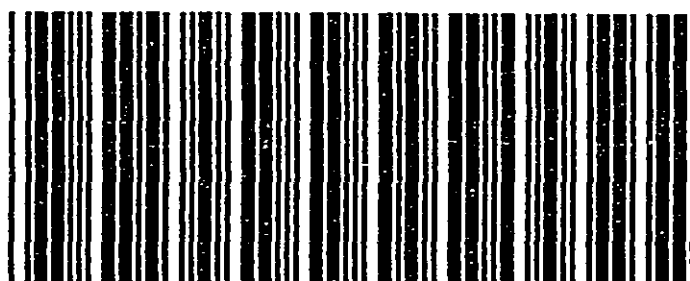


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**5027 Corporal
William Herbert
Anderson**

49th Battalion



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ANDERSON, W.H. 5027.

K. June 17th 1917. Dets D/E.

I knew W.H. Anderson very well. I came over from Australia with him. He was in C. Coy and his number was five thousand and something. Before joining up he was managing a butter factory in the Toomba district, Queensland. I saw him very dangerously wounded in the groin by shell fire about 3 p.m. on the 7th June (not 17th June). while we were advancing on Messines. I and some others put him into a shell hole and bandaged him up and we did all we could for him. We had then to leave him in the shell hole with the S/Bs. I do not think he could possibly have survived his wounds and he said himself he thought he would die.

Inf: Pte E.R. Byrnes. 5171. 49.B.VIII
No. 7 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 6.9.17.

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A.I.F. 49.

ANDERSON, W.H. 5027.

K. June 17th 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew W.H. Anderson. He was in ^C V.IX. We joined up together and sailed from Brisbane. His number was about 5027. I was told by Pte A.E. Allen of my platoon that he had seen Anderson killed on the afternoon of the 7th June (not 17th June). during the attack on Messines. Allen said he was close by Anderson when he was killed. I cannot say where Anderson was buried.

Inf: Pte N. A. Johnson. 2191. 49.C.IX
No. 2 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 13.9.17.

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*See also letter B.
17th June 1917*

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29th March 1918.

49th A.I.F.

Anderson W.H. No. 5027.

K. 7th June 1917. Det D/B.

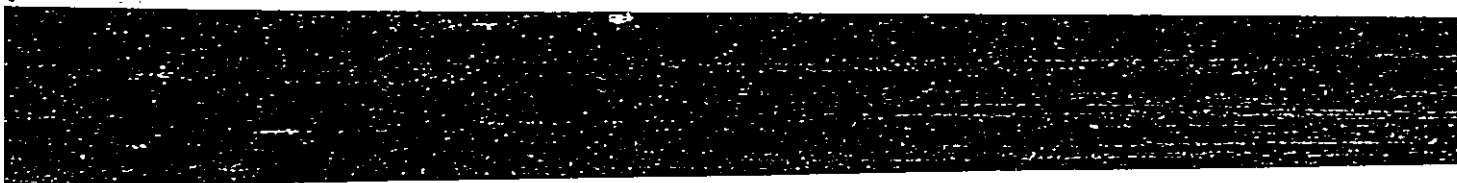
He was in B.Co. XVI Pltn. I knew him very well, I think he was in the bush, wood cutting in Queensland. On the 7th we were attacking between Morcille and Bullecourt. We took the position and held it. I saw Anderson hit by a piece of shell between the shoulders in the back, and it killed him instantly. I don't know where he was buried.

Inf:- Cpl R.M. Martin No. 2134.
49th A.I.F. D.Co. XVI Pltn.
No.2. Gen. Hos. (Malais).

S.G.

Not sent on

Seems prefer to be buried here.



49 A.I.F.

Anderson, Pte. W.H. 5027.
D Co.

(K. June 7/17. Det. D/B.)

"I saw Pte. W. H. Anderson killed on June 7th at about 10 A.M. and he was buried at a village called Moriel."

Eye-Witness: Yes.

Description: Age about 28 years, height 5 ft. 10 in., dark.

Informant: L/Cpl. R.H. Martin, 2134,
49 A.I.F., D Co.,
St. Thomas' Hospital.

Home Address:

Rose Street,
Paddington, Brisbane, Queensland.

14.3.18.
Frederick Townsley.

Not sent on

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*Seems prefer to be buried here
W.H. Anderson 1903
K. 5/6/17 buried at Casualty
Reinterment.*

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1st. May. 1918.

49th. Australians.

Anderson, W. H. 5027.

A. June. 7/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in C. Company; came from Queensland, single, a butter maker. He was shot through the thigh by a K. G. Bullet out in "No Man's Land" at Messines during the day time in the advance; he died on the field, the same day. We succeeded in our objective, and I think the S/Boarers brought in his body later on.

Inf:- E. G. Allen. 5028
49th. Australians, C.
R. S. "St. Patrick".

RBS.

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A. I. F. 49.

ANDERSON, W.H. 5027.

K. June 7th, 1917.

On Messines Ridge in June during the advance I was near Anderson and saw him in a machine gun team. A shell exploded on them and nothing was seen of Anderson as the men passed. The Germans passed over the ground in a counter-attack soon after. He came over with me from Queensland, leaving Sydney in March 1916.

EMR.

Reference:- G. Ferguson. 5087. B.
22 Gen. Hp.

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24.5.18.

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A.I.F. 49th Battn.

ANDERSON
Wm. Herbert 5207
5027(H.Q.)

K/A 17/6/17

K/A. 7/6/17
No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
21/10/19

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