

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2502 Sapper
Augustus Chalson**

1st Tunnelling Company



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No.1.Tun. Co..
A.I.F.

CHALSON
A. 2502

Died of Wounds 29.9.17.

Chalson came down on same ambulance as I did from Westhoek Ridge to C.C.S. Menin Road, that is where I last saw him. I've seen in Anzac Bulletin that he had died of wounds - We were hit by the same shell - I gave his particulars at Dressing Station as he could not speak.

Informant:- Klein R.M. 3625
1st Tunnelling Co.,
10 Hut, Westham.

W.A.Rand.

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London.
5.2.18.

A.I.F. 1st Tunn: Coy

CHALSON (NO&
Rouen)
GUALSON
A. 2502

"WOUNDED"

Wdcd 29-9-17 - No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Mgrs Sell-17 & Rouen letter 12-11-17

London
16-11-17

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A. I. F.

Chalson, Spr. A. 2502,
1st Tunnelling Coy

(~~W. H. H.~~ Sept. 29/17)

D. J. W. A.

"Chalson died at the dressing station on 29th Sept. 1917. We were at Ypres at the time and I was wounded by the same shell. Chalson was a stretcher bearer and he was badly wounded in the leg, chest and other places. He made a terrible row after he was hit and I followed him to the same dressing station and was told that Chalson had died of his wounds. It happened about 6 a.m."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Called him Gus, about 40, single, dark, 5'7", about, talked about Bathurst

Informant: Spr. C.E. Gorey, 3299, 1 Tunnelling Coy, A. I.F.,
New End Hospital, Hampstead, N.W. 3.

Home address:
H.Q., A.I.F.,
Horseferry Rd,
Westminster.

10th Dec. 1917.
Trewby.

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1st Tunnel Coy.,
A.I.F

CEALSON (Hq. & Rouen)

CUALSON

A 2502

"Wounded 29.9.17."

Wounded 29.9.17.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqtrs 6.11.17.

No further report.

Cert. by Rouen letter 12.11.17.

Died or wounds 29.9.17. at 14th Fla. Amb.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqtrs 23.11.17.

London.

11.12.17.

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A.I.F. 1st Ptn. Coy.

CHALSON (H) & (Comm) 1917

CURLEIGH

S. (C.C.) 2502

"WOUNDED"

Died of wounds 29-9-17 - 14th Ptn. Amb.
Cert. by A.I.F. Mors 23-11-17

Am. 29-9-17 - suff: from U.I.R. arm & face and fractured
right leg - died of wounds same day & ~~was~~ buried at
Sheet 26 I.S.C. ~~at~~ C.C.
Cert. by Letter from C.C. 20-12-17

London
26-12-17

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A.I.F. Tunnelling Co.

Chalson. A. 2502.

D/W ~~W. unoff~~ H. Sep 29/17

"Chalson was badly wounded, but quite conscious. He was struck by a shell behind our lines and carried to a dressing station close to Ypres or Menin Road by (I believe) Cpl Ted Hazlett and others. He died at the dressing station and it was the General remark that he was game to the end. A man named W. Lawson of the same company was wounded by the same shell and this man can give full information."

Eye-witness: No - told by - Otto Winter (spr.
A.I.F. No. 1 CO) number near to mine.

Description: 'Gus'.

Informant: Spr. P.H. Wilson, 322
A.I.F. Tunnelling Co., Coy I.,
3rd Western Gen. Hos., Cardiff.

Home address: Fair View, Weyilbo, Queensland.

20 Dec 1917.
G. Charles Jones.

*letter returned - H. 12.18.17
to Grace. 5-3-18.*

*Witten Lawson
8.1.18.*

Tunnelling Coy. 1.
A.I.F.

CHALSON
A. 2502

Died of Wounds 29.9.17.

Was wounded by shell and two others taken to Dressing Station. Word came back through he was dead. If you make enquiry now at Head Quarters will find this correct.

Inf: Sgt. King
W. 28. Harefield

D.P. Dickson.

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London
23.12.17.

Tunn.Coy. 1st.

Chalson.
A. 2502

"Wounded Unoff.Missing 29.9.17"

The men who carried him out told me that Chalson had both his legs shot off and died whilst being carried to D.S. They were 1st Tunn. Coy. men but I can't remember their names. He would probably be buried in Menin Road. The Orderly Room Sgt. could give full information as to this.

Witness:-

D.Murray 333
1st Tunn.Coy.
Hut 19. Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
29.12.17.

Note Written Sgt.Batsy.

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Havre.

8th January 1918.

1st Aust Tunn. Co.

Chalson A. No. 2502.

D. W. d.
~~Chalson A.~~ 29th Sept 1917.

I knew Gus Chalson of the 1st Tunn. Co. He was a S/B, dark, heavy moustache, age 35-40.

I saw him wounded in the arm and leg by H.E. at Westhook Ridge while making dugouts. I don't remember the date but it was when we were making the Elephant dugouts. I saw him taken off to the D/Station. Sapper Otto Winter of the 1st Tunn. Co. (now with the Company) was one of the S/Bs and said he arrived all right at the D/Station. It was on a little ridge half a mile from Westhook Ridge. I heard in the Company afterwards that he died.

Inf:- Sapper J. Gillespie. No. 6082.
1st Aust. Tunn. Co.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

GLT.

Written Saps. Winter 17.1.18

Havre

14th January 1918.

1st Aust. Tunn. Co. DW.

Chalson A. No.2502.

~~W. Moff M.~~ 29th Sept 1917.

I knew Chalson fairly well. I was told he was killed at Westhoek., on the 29th September. I was at his funeral. He buried him at the Military Cemetery near the big D/Station at Ypres. All our dead in the Tunnelling Company were buried there.

Inf:- Sapper M. Coulon No.3585.
1st Aust. Tunn. Coy.
Havre Hospital.

HRC.

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1st Tunn. Coy
A.I.F.

CHALSON,
A. 2502

"Died of Wounds 29.9.17."

Reference your letter to Pte. Otto Winter of this unit, re No. 2502 Sapper. A. Chalson. This man was severely wounded on the 29.9.17. and died the same day at Menin Road Dressing station. He was buried at the Menin Road Sth Military Cemetery near Ypres.

Letter from :- ^{Capt. H. Carroll, for.} O.C. 1st Aust. Tunn. Coy.
29.1.18.

London.
8.3.18.

London.

NOTE We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

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The Secretary
Clust. Gen. Cross Secty.

3/26
20.12.17

Ref. your inquiry re No 2502.
Sgt. CHALSON G. 1st Battalion.

The above soldier was admitted
to this Home Nursing Station on
29.9.17 suffering from Shell Shock.
He was a fine soldier & leg. att.
died during the same day & was
buried at (Sheet 28. 1906 6)

C. W. Thompson.

1st Lt. Col.
C. C. 18th. P. A. M.

ackd.
ltd. 28.
6.2.18

1ST AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COMPANY

Headquarters
29-1-18

2502

A. CHALSON

1 Tunn. Coy

8/W 29-9-17

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(CW)

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Square,
London, S.W. 1.

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29-1-18			

Reference your letter to Pte. Otto Winter of this Unit,
re No. 2502 Sapper A. Chalson.

We have not at any time had a man of that name but I
am inclined to think the query refers to a No 2502 Sapper A. CHALSON

This man was severely wounded on the 29-9-17 and died
the same day at Menin Road Dressing Station.

He was buried at the Menin Road Sth ~~Dressing Station~~
Military Cemetery near Ypres.

Cap. H CARROL.

For C.O. 1st Australian Tunnelling Company. Captain, A.E.

Capt. H.H. Carrol, M.C., A.E.,
1st Australian Tunnelling Coy.,
Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

February 8th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to
our enquiry addressed to Pte. O. Winter, concerning

2502 Sapper A. CHALSON, 1st Tunnelling Coy., A.I.F.

The information you have supplied will be of much assistance
to us, and of value to our enquirers.

We would like to state that it was by an error that
the name A.C. Halson, was filled in on the enquiry form, our
enquiry being for A. Chalson as stated above.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.