Armidale Charles Anderson

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Rank: Captain Unit: 26th Bn Service: Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918 **Award:** Mention in Despatches

Date of London Gazette: 1 June 1917

Location in London Gazette: Page 5422, position 29

Date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: 4 October 1917

Location in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: Page 2624, position 41

Major Armadale Charles Anderson, served with the 26th Battalion, during WW1 He was Awarded an MBE in 1951. (source- In Their Footsteps)

Armidale Charles Anderson was born on the 25th April 1877. He was born in Mauritius and was fluent in French .He joined the AIF in Melbourne on the 7th September 1915. At which time he was a 38 year old school master.

On the 15th January 1916 he joined the 26th Battalion and was stationed in the Middle Fast at Tel Fl Kabir.

He joined the British Expeditionary forces and was moved to Alexandrina in Egypt and finally arrived in France at Marseilles and the western front where he spent much of his time during 1916. In concert with the 28th Battalion, the 26th mounted the first trench raid undertaken by Australian troops on the Western Front on 6 June. The Battalion fought in its first major battle around Pozières between 28 July and 7 August. After a short spell in Belgium, the 2nd Division came south in October to attack again in the Somme Valley. The 26th Battalion took part in two attacks to the east of Flers, both of which floundered in mud and slush.

In early 1917, the 26th Battalion joined the follow-up of the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line and attacked at Warlencourt and Lagincourt. On 3 May, the Battalion was also involved in the second attempt to breach the Hindenburg Line defences around Bullecourt. Anderson was mentioned in despatches, by C.E.W. Bean. Anderson's Trench at Bullecourt allowed Australian troops to traverse the railway embankment safely in the capture of Bullecourt. The trench may have been called after him although another Anderson killed in the battle may have his name more closely associated with the naming. He was wounded a number of times in May 1917 and returned to Wymouth England for convalescence returning as a Captain to the front in July 1917. Later that year the focus of the AIF's operations switched to Belgium. There, Anderson and the 26th battalion fought in the battle of Menin Road on 20 September, and participated in the capture of Broodseinde Ridge on 4 October. In late 1917, pleurisy and gas poisoning led to his being taken from the front lines and he finally returned to Australia in March 1918.





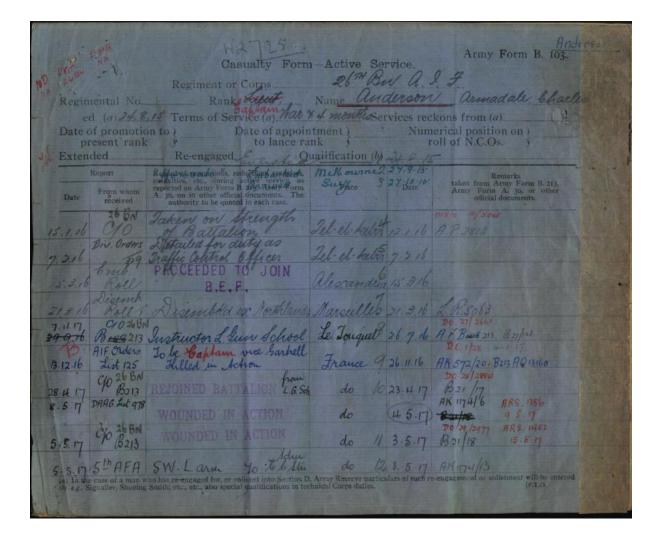
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