

Armidale Charles Anderson

Major Armadale Charles Anderson



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 East at Tel El 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.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the A. I. F.



No.	Particulars.
1.	Surname ... } ... } Other names (in full) } ... } <i>To be in block letters.</i> ANDERSON ARMADALE CHARLES
2.	Educational Qualifications... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) H.T. Education Dept. (B.B.) French C^o (A.A.) Matric. (Tas. University) 95984
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 26.) Present rank and corps to be stated. Lieut. (Cadets) 26.10.06 Capt. 3.10 2nd. Capt. (Theoret.) Militia Major S.C. 1914 5000: Certif. No. 7. Inf. School.
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) Religion <i>epc</i> GAZETTED G.O.A. GAZETTE 103/4/9/15
5.	Present Civil Employment ... School Master
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) Date of Birth. Age. 25. 4. 1877 38 Years. 4 Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.) British Subject.
8.	Married or Single ... Married APPLICATION FOR WAR SERVICE LEAVE GRANTITY PASSED MAR 13 1915
9.	Postal Address ... Cressy 16227 91 B.
10.	Next of Kin ... My Wife - Ethel Annie Anderson 42 Swan Street, North Hobart Tas.

Date 7. 9. 15 (Signature of Applicant) A. C. Anderson Lieut. A.I.F.

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II, and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, W. A. Harrison do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5. 7 1/4 Weight 12. 10
Chest Measurement 33. 3 1/2 Eyesight 7 = 6 L = 6

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer

W. A. Harrison
Capt. A.I.F.

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a Lieut. A.I.F. in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
 - That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
 - That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to 2nd Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date 10. 9. 1915 Commanding [Signature] Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date 22-9-1915 Commandant [Signature] Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES

DEFENCE
1001/500

Application for a Commission in the

A.I.F.

Particulars.

4th reinforcements 26/11/14

Surname ...	ANDERSON
Other names (in full) ...	ARMADALE CHARLES
2. Educational Qualifications... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	H.T. Tas. Education Dept. (1113) French C. (Aust) Matric (Tas. University)
3. Military Qualifications (previous Mili- <small>(Attention is directed to those subjects of the Regulation 61.)</small> Present rank and corps to be stated.	Lieut. (Cadets) 26.10.06 " Major 5c 1914 " 7.3.10 " 1914
4. Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	Religious C/R
5. Present Civil Employment	School Master.
6. Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: 25. 4. 1877 Age: 38 Years, 4 Months.
7. If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject <small>(In the case of the latter, state and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	British Subject
8. Married or Single	Married
9. Postal Address ...	Cressy Battalion Area: 91 B.
10. Next of Kin	My Wife - Ethel Annie Anderson
Date: 7. 9. 15	(Signature of Applicant) H. C. Anderson Lieut A.I.F.

GAZETTED
G.M.A. GAZETTE
103/4/9/15

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Chest Measurement 33.36 1/2 Eyesight 6-6

(Signature of the Examining Medical Officer) *H. C. Anderson*

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a *Lieut A.I.F.* in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointments will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
- †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- †(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with,
- †(c) That all candidates have, in order of merit, been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to *4th reinforcements 26/11/14* Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

SEP 14 1915

Date: *10.9.1915* Commanding *H. C. Anderson* Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date: *22-9-1915* *H. Clark* Colonel
Commandant *6/12* Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.
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NA
V.M.
A.B.W.
E.M.R.
NA

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Anderson

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Army Form B. 103

Regiment or Corps 26th Bn A.I.F.

Regimental No. _____ Rank Serjeant Name Anderson Armadale Charles

ed (a) 24.8.15 Terms of Service (a) has 4 months Services reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s _____

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) 24.8.15

Date	From whom received	Report	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 30, or other official documents.
15.1.16	26 BN C/O	Taken on strength of Battalion	Mtk earned 24.8.15 Subj 3.27.16.16 Date
7.2.16	Div. Orders 59	Detailled for duty as Traffic Control Officer	ARRA 21/504 A.P. 2813
15.3.16	6 th Bn Roll	PROCEEDED TO JOIN B.E.F.	ARRA 21/504 A.P. 2813
21.3.16	Disembark Roll	Disembarked in Northland	Alexandria 15.3.16
7.11.17	C/O 26 BN	Instructor L. Gunn School	Marseilles 21.3.16
29.9.16	B 213	To be <u>Captain</u> vice <u>Barrell</u>	Le Touquet 26.9.16
13.12.16	AIF Orders List 125	Killed in Action	France 9.26.11.16
28.4.17	C/O 26 BN B213	REJOINED BATTALION from L.G. Sch	AK 572/20. B213 AQ 13160 DO 25/2804
8.5.17	DAAG. List 978	WOUNDED IN ACTION	do 10.23.14.17 B21/17 AK 1174/6 ARRS. 1386 9.5.17
5.5.17	C/O 26 BN B213	WOUNDED IN ACTION	do 11.3.5.17 DO 24/2977 ARRS. 1482 15.5.17
5.5.17	5 th AFA	SW. L arm 40 to 6 th Bn	do 12.3.5.17 AK 1174/13

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered (b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 35, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 35, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
4.5.17	7 th Stry Xpl	GSW Shoulder joint (rev)	Adm Boulogne	4.5.17	AK 1174/7
4.5.17	"	do	To England	" 10	4.5.17 AK 1174/7
5.5.17	3 rd GDE	do	To AT	France 13	3.5.17 AK 1174/8
4.5.17	Hoc Ship St. Andrew	Embarked for England	Boulogne	4.5.17	DO 301/2004 AK 1174/19
11.5.17	CC 20 GEN GEN HOSP	Adm GSW SHOULDER	ENGLAND	11.5.17	DO 31/E 11.5.17
17.5.17	CC HOSP	TRANS TO 4 th ACC. HOSP	"	19	17.5.17
24.5.17	CC CORPMS HALL	TRANSFERRED TO	"	20	24.5.17
22.5.17	A.S. 7 LIA 179	Placed on Sea List on evacuating wounded	Eng.	14	3.5.17 DO 33/36752 R 5853
7.4.17	Colham Hall	Capt Disch. to Pitham Downs	England	21	7.4.17 R13
24.7.17	D.A.A.G.	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE	Southampton	19	7.17 ER 4309/2/3 DO 82/E 28.7.17
20.7.17	C/c R/6	Adm Aus B depts from England	Haere	23	20.7.17 AK 1399/21
30.7.17	"	Proceeded to 2 nd Just Lie	"	25	30.7.17 AK 1512/2 DO 44/258
4.8.17	C/O 26 Bn	REJOINED BATTALION	France	25	31.7.17 B213 B21/31 DO 46/5595
14.8.17	AIF Det 217	Resumed duty from seconded Det	"	26	31.7.17 AK 1512/15
27.10.17	C/O 26 Bn	Att. to 1 st Anzac Corps CRE	Belgium	27	10.9.17 DO 56/2075 B213 B21/43 JMB

Army Form B. 103.

Sheet 11

Regimental Number Anderson

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 26th BATTALION A.I.F.

Rank Captain Surname Anderson Christian Name Armadae Charles

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) 24.8.15 Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b)
or Corps Trade and rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 212, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked		34.12.15	L 1074 1/2
19/12/17	S.S. "St David"	Sub for England (Pleury)	AK 292/1	17	Do 11/18
22/12/17	S.O. 26	Sub Capt Licks to Hosp	28	15/12/17	SR 18 403
					Do 10 51
17.12.17	14 Gen Hq	Pleury	Adm	Worcester 37	17.12.17 AK 1977/18
19.12.17	"	"	To England	" 33	19.12.17 Do 11/18 1977/19
20.12.14	D. L. Hosp	Capt Adm Royal Free	Gray Inn	34	20.12.14 X 65968
		Sub Pleury	Read		Do 1 F 3-1-18
25/12/17	1 st Field Amb	Capt Adm (Pleury) - trans		30	15/12/17 SR 18 403 AR 1977/21
		15 24 a b b s			Do 10 51 11/18
20/12/17	2 nd a b b s	Capt Transd. to A.T.30.		31	17/12/17 SR 18 403
					FR 1977/23

(4) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(5) Signaller: Sheeling-Smith, 2nd. W. 5927-M2083 1000m 7/17 (35084) C. P. & S. Ltd. Form B/103 5/1948 I.P.T.O.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
	AG/31st 281	(Capt) Invalided as placed on Reg Decided List		15/12	Do 7E
4.2.18	(C) Corp	(Capt) Disch to Sullow	Sullow	4.2.18	R.3
5.2.18	D. A. M. G. S.	Capt m/jr.	Sullow	4.2.18	L. B. 209
28.2.18	do	(Capt) M/O to head b.D.	do	27.2.18	TD 1836
1.3.18	DS head b.D.	(Capt) M/O	Weymouth	27.2.18	E. 1837
11.3.18	DS head b.D.	(Capt) M/O for M/O to Aust	do	10.3.18	SA 2284
	AG/31st/13	Struck off strength			
10.3.18	D	Embarked per Durham base for return to Australia Gas Poisoning Change	do	10.3.18	DD. 25/580 E. IB 441 R 18.3.18
		Appointment terminated	do	11.6.18	(D)