



In memory of

**Private**

**CHARLES JOSEPH ANDERSON**

QX1376, Australian Army Service Corps, A.I.F.

who died age 37

on 15 April 1943

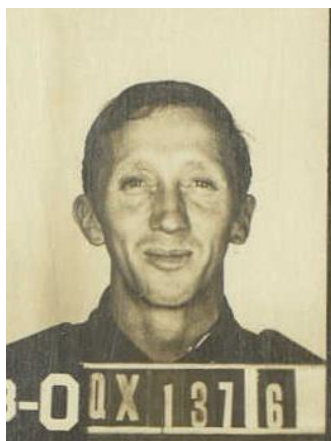
Son of James Anderson and Louisa Anderson,  
of Plaistow, Essex, England

Remembered with honour

PORT MORESBY (BOMANA) WAR CEMETERY



PRIVATE  
**CHARLES JOSEPH ANDERSON**  
2<sup>ND</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> FIELD BAKERY  
REGIMENTAL NUMBER: QX1376



Private Charles Joseph Anderson, the son of James Anderson and Louisa Anderson (nee Humphries), was born at London in England on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1905. He was educated at the Toowoomba Grammar School. At the age of 34 years and 4 months he voluntarily enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at Toowoomba on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1939 after swearing the statutory oath that he would serve for the duration of the war and an additional twelve months. At the time of his enlistment he was unmarried, employed as a Labourer and residing at Erin Grove, Miles, Queensland. He had no previous military experience. His physical description at the time of enlistment was that he had fair hair and blue eyes. He stated that he was of the

Church of England religion. He gave his next of kin as his mother, Mrs L. Anderson, 14 Chargeable Lane, Plaistow, London, England.

Private Charles Anderson was allotted the regimental number of QX1376 and allocated to the Depot Company at the Redbank Camp in Queensland. He was transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment at Redbank on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1940. He was promoted as a Specialist (Group 3) on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1940 whilst serving at Ingleburn in New South Wales. He joined the 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment at Liverpool in New South Wales on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1940 and was promoted to the rank of Specialist (Group 2) on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1940.

Private Charles Anderson embarked for overseas service from the port of Sydney in New South Wales on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1940 and he disembarked from the ship at Gourock in Scotland on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1940. He was transferred from the 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment to the 70<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1940. He embarked for overseas service in the Middle East with the 2<sup>nd</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1941. During the voyage he was a patient in the ship's hospital suffering from gastritis during the period 27<sup>th</sup> January until 30<sup>th</sup> January 1941. He disembarked from the ship in the Middle East on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1941.

Private Charles Anderson attended a 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Cooking School during the period 24<sup>th</sup> February until 5<sup>th</sup> April 1941 and upon completion of his training he was graded a Group 2 (Cook). He was evacuated to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Corps Rest Station suffering from debility on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1941 and he remained a patient there until 27<sup>th</sup> August 1941 when he rejoined the 2<sup>nd</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion. He was transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Field Bakery and was graded as a Trade Group 2 (Baker) on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1942.

Private Charles Anderson embarked from the Middle East on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for return to Australia to meet the Japanese threat. He disembarked from the ship at Adelaide in South Australia on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1942. His unit was redesignated the 2<sup>nd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Field Bakery in Australia. He embarked from Townsville for overseas service in New Guinea on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1943. He was admitted to the 10<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Hospital suffering from Malaria on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1943 and he died from his illness later that day. He was buried in the Oro Bay Cemetery on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1943. His remains were reburied in the Soputa War Cemetery on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1943 and were finally laid to rest in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery after the war.

Private Charles Anderson's name is commemorated on Panel No. 79 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. His headstone in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery contains the family inscription, "Peace, Perfect Peace". For his service during World War 2 he probably had entitlement for the 1939/1945 Star, the Africa Star, the Pacific Star, the War Medal and the Australian Defence Medal 1939/1945.

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