

**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery,
Folkestone, Kent
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3998 PRIVATE

C. C. ANDERSEN

60TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

31ST JULY, 1916 Age 29

Carl Christian ANDERSEN

Carl Christian Andersen was born around 1887 in Holstebro, Denmark to parents F. K. P. and Inger Andersen.

According to information supplied by his sister for the Roll of Honour - Carl Christian Andersen came to Australia in 1907.

Carl Christian Andersen was a 28 year old, single, Labourer from (care of E. Jacobsen), Ivanhoe Farm, Ayr, Lower Burdekin, North Queensland when he enlisted at Ayr, Queensland on 17th January, 1915 with "A" Company of 25th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 16 & his religion was Lutheran. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs L. Andersen of Holsterbre, Denmark.

Private Carl Christian Andersen embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Aeneas* (A60) on 29th June, 1915.

Private Carl Christian Andersen sailed from Suez on 25th September, 1915 on *Ceramic* & returned to Australia on 17th October, 1915, arriving in Melbourne, Victoria due to V.D. He was transferred to Broadmeadows, Victoria for duty on 12th November, 1915.

New Attestation Papers were completed for Carl Christian Andersen on 22nd November, 1915. He was a 28 year old, single, Cane Cutter posted to 7th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His new service number was 3998. His next-of-kin was listed as his friend Mrs E. J. Jacobson of Ayr, Queensland.

Private Carl Christian Anderson (*spelling as per Embarkation Roll*) embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ceramic* (A40) on 23rd November, 1915.

Private Carl Christian Andersen was allotted to & proceeded to join 59th Battalion while at Zeitoun on 26th February, 1916 from 7th Battalion. He was taken on strength of 59th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir the same day.

Private Carl Christian Andersen was transferred to 60th Battalion & taken on strength on 15th March, 1916.

Private Carl Christian Andersen proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on H.M.T.S. *Kinfauns Castle* on 19th June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Private Carl Christian Andersen was wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to 2nd Canadian Stationary Hospital, France on 22nd July 1916 with gunshot wounds to left leg. He was transferred to England on Hospital Ship *St. Denis* on 23rd July, 1916 from Bolougne, France.

War Diary – 60th Battalion

Trenches on Fromelles Front – 19th July, 1916:

Coy. Cmdrs and all other available officers received final instructions re assault at Batn. Hdqtrs at 10 am Zero time 11 am. Head of battalion moved past Brigade Hdqtrs at 1.30 and marched via V.C. Sap to front line trenches under heavy enemy artillery bombardment. Friendly artillery very heavily bombarding enemy trenches. Battalion established in front line trench by 4.30. Lewis guns excepted, a few casualties having occurred, some serious. Battalion scaled parapet and advanced in four waves, the first wave leaving at 6.45, the last at 7. Each wave advanced under very heavy artillery machine gun and rifle fire, suffering very heavy casualties. Advance continued to within 90 yards of enemy trenches. The attack was held up, although it is believed some few of the battalion entered enemy trenches. During the night 19/20 a few stragglers, wounded and unwounded, returned to our trenches.

(War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Carl Christian Andersen was admitted to the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, Beachborough Park, near Shorncliffe on 24th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to left leg & left arm (both fractured). He was admitted to Ward 4. He was transferred & admitted to Military Hospital at Shorncliffe on 31st July, 1916.



Private Carl Christian Andersen died at 1.10 pm on 31st July, 1916 at Shorncliffe Military Hospital, Kent, England from wounds received in action in France (as stated on the Death of a Soldier Report – Army Form B. 2090A.). The Casualty Form – Active Service records he died at Beachborough Park Hospital, Shorncliffe.

The Queen's Canadian Military Hospital at Shorncliffe records on the death certificate for Pte C. E. Anderson that he died at 12.15 pm on 31st July, 1916. The cause of death was listed as (1) G.S.W. left thigh & arm (2) Septicaemia & Heart failure.

Private Carl Christian Andersen was buried in Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England – Plot number O. 429 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Carl Christian Andersen requested in his Will, dated 17th January, 1916, that in the event of his death the whole of his property be given to Mrs Eliza Jane Jacobson, Senior of Ivanhoe Farm, Ayr, Lower Burdekin, North Queensland for “her to do with as previous agreed upon.” His previous Will was cancelled. (The previous Will, dated 14th December, 1915, bequeathed £10 to Jens Johannes Jenson & £10 to Carl Christian Jensen, both of Holstebro, Jutland, Denmark. The rest of his property was left to Jens Christian Paulsen Nielsen of in the event of his death to his wife Inger Nielsen of Ostergade 33, Hostebro, Denmark, “to do with as he or she thinks best.”)

Private Carl Christian Andersen was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Andersen's mother – Mrs I. Nielsen, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Carl Christian Andersen – service number 3998, aged 29, of 60th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of F. K. P. and Inger Andersen Nielsen, of 33 Ostergade, Holstebro, Denmark. Born at Hjerm Go, Holstebro.

Private C. C. Andersen is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 169.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(46 pages of Private Carl Christian Andersen's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

191th LIST

VICTORIA

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte C. C. Anderson, Denmark, 1/8/16

(The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 19 August, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private C. C. Andersen does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery belongs to the Ministry of Defence and contains war graves of both World Wars. It is close to the military camp at Shorncliffe, 2 miles west of Folkestone

During the First World War a number of Canadian military establishments were centred on Shorncliffe. There were camps and a Machine Gun School which were served by the Shorncliffe Military Hospital (later No. 9 Canadian General), the Moore Barracks Military Hospital (later No. 11 Canadian General), and other Canadian hospitals. The Canadian Army Medical Corps Training Depot was at or near Shorncliffe during almost the whole of the war. On three occasions Canadian soldiers were killed during air raids on Shorncliffe.

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery contains 471 First World War burials, more than 300 of them Canadian. Second World War burials number 81, including 1 unidentified U.K. soldier and 1 Polish Foreign National. The cemetery also contains a screen wall on which are commemorated 18 Belgians originally buried in a mausoleum, now demolished.

There are 11 Australians from World War 1 buried in this Cemetery – 2 with Royal Air Force.

(Information from the CWGC)



Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone *(Photo courtesy of Paul Kendall)*



Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone (Photo above courtesy of Paul Kendall & below Stephen Summerfield)



Photo of Private C. C. Andersen's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England.



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Cross of Sacrifice (Photo courtesy of Paul Kendall)