



**Luitenant Hugh Henry
Anderson
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Through Broekland, Oude Deventerweg and Boerlestraat the 11th platoon of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian

Hussars course towards Wijhe. The platoon was led by a Staghound-scout car on which Hugh Henry Anderson, born on 27 February 1921 in Chadiere Basin, Quebec, and four crew members were followed by six military vehicles with eighteen men. At a farm near the junction of the Koestraat and Zandwetering suddenly two German soldiers came with Panzerfaust-guns and shot the Staghound, where fire started and munitions exploded.

Eyewitness Mitchell told: *"Suddenly my beret flew from my head. I picked it up anyway and pressed him on the head. I was always neatly dressed. Lieutenant Anderson was on the road with his gun to fire at the Germans in the windows of the house. I saw how the flesh of his left thigh hung on his boot. Probably caused by shrapnel from the*

Panzerfaust. To the head he had a bandage over the wound he had sustained on April 7 during an action at the Schipbeek in Bathmen. I shouted to him to go out of there, everyone was out of the car. At that moment there was burst of a machine gun. I heard a scream and saw Anderson fell, mortally wounded. This all happened in a minute or two. Immediately afterwards the battle broke with full intensity. The other carriers and tanks came forward and opened fire on the farm. The house caught fire and explosions resounded. From windows and doors Germans flew outside and from different angles they fired back. Their fire caused a noise, like a train with hundreds of wagons that passed you in a fraction of a second ... After the fight, we returned back to Raalte, without the Staghound but even without Lieutenant Anderson. When evening came I watched my beret and I saw the emblem was hit in the middle, a German bullet had ricocheted on. I understood then why my beret had been flown! I kept him like a treasure. After the war I took him to my mother to show it to her, but then he

vanished. My mother never told what she had done with it."

The next morning Anderson was buried with military honors by the Germans on the land for the farm of Van Dam. On his grave they placed Andersons helmet and a wooden cross. In 1946, Anderson was reburied at the Canadian Cemetery in Holten.

