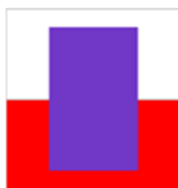




Captain Anthony Bowden LUETCHFORD

[1919 - 1943]



Name:	Anthony Bowden LUETCHFORD
Rank:	Captain
Honours, Awards & Decorations:	Letters of Commendation from Commanders US 162 Infantry Battalion and 41 st Infantry Division.
Service Number:	QX 38410 [Q18]
Unit:	1 Papuan Infantry Battalion

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Service:	Australian Army	
Born:	8 March 1919; Brisbane, Qld	
Enlisted:	27 June 1940; Kelvin Grove, Qld	
Date of Death:	22 September 1943	(aged 24 years)
Place of Death:	Finschhafen; New Guinea	
Cause of Death:	Died of Wounds	
Buried / Commemorated:	Lae War Cemetery, PNG Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour - Brisbane	[grave EE.D.1] [panel 76]
Next of Kin:	Son of Frank Howard and Clara Elizabeth Luetchford of Clayfield, Qld	

In Civilian Life:

At enlistment, lived at Clayfield, Qld with his parents; and was employed as a shop fitter. He attended Anglican Church Grammar School Brisbane in 1934; and Brisbane Boys College.

Military Service:

	CMF; 61 Battalion - Private, 420491, 18 months
June 1940	Marched in to 16 Battalion at Enoggera, Qld (brown hair, blue eyes)
July 1940	Driver, 49 Battalion; embarked for New Guinea
March 1941	Acting Sergeant, 1 Papuan Infantry Battalion
June 1941	Warrant Officer II
September 1941	Lieutenant
August 1942	ADC to Commander ANGAU
February 1943	1 Papuan Infantry Battalion
May 1943	Captain
September 1943	Buried Finschhafen
April 1944	reburied Finschhafen War Cemetery
May 1946	Reburied Lae War Cemetery

Circumstances of Death:

Captain Luetchford's "C" Company was part of the force landed North of Finschhafen at Song ("Scarlet") Beach as part of the assault on that town by 18 Brigade. His troops landed under fire from both the enemy and the Allies on a dark, moonless night and achieved their objectives despite taking casualties. He was badly wounded during the landing and was carried ashore by an attached Sergeant of the Royal Papuan Constabulary, and died on the beach.

Sources included:

- Australian War Memorial
- National Archives of Australia
- Sundry web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents