



**Name:** Jean Charles Andre **Poisson**

Known as Andre Poisson

**Born:** 29 Mar 1897 Rion-des-Landes, Landes, Nouvelle Aquitaine

Attended College at Notre Dame de Bon Secours de Jersey (1911 Census)

**Parents:** Jacques Bernard **Albert** Poisson & Jeanne Marie **Antoinette** Courros. Father was Mayor of Rion-des-Landes 1888-1925 & Conseiller general des Landes. Andre was the youngest of 8 children and three older brothers also died in military service during WW1: Marie Antoine **Bernard**, Captain 10e Regiment du Génie, MPLF 9 May 1915; Joseph Louis **Jacques**, Sergeant 94e RI, MPLF 23 May 1916; Jean Louis **Antoine**, Soldat 2nd class SIC MPLF 23 October 1916. Both Jacques and Antoine were Jesuit Scholastics.

**Service:** Enseigne de Vaisseau 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Aviation Maritime de Sousse, Tunisia.

Joined the French Navy at Brest signing up for 8 years service.

15 Sep 1914 Incorporated on Cruiser Duguay-Trouin as Leading Seaman.

Oct 1914 served on the armoured Cruiser Marseillaise.

15 Mar 1915 Promoted to Quartermaster.

Oct 1915 returned to the naval school, Brest.

1 Apr 1916 Named aspirant de marine and then transferred to the Battleship Bretagne.

1 Oct 1916 Promoted to the rank of Enseigne de Vaisseau Second Class

Nov 1916 Transferred to the Destroyer Commander Lucas

Jan 1917 Transferred to Battleship France

27 Jul 1917 Joined the Aviation Maritime de Saint-Raphael

7 Sep 1917 Joined the Aviation maritime de Sousse

1 Apr 1918 Promoted to the rank of Enseigne de Vaisseau 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

18 August 18, 1918, Acting as observer along with pilot Gaston Clement Faveau, died whilst carrying out a reconnaissance and patrol mission when their plane crashed due to engine failure near Korba, Tunisia.

**Awards:** Chevalier de Legion d' Honneur (posthume 15 Mar 1922) & Croix de guerre (bronze star)

**Citation:** "Enseigne de Vaisseau 1st class of the Sousse Aviation Center, died for France on August 18, 1918 while performing his military duty."

**Death:** Plane crash 18 Aug 1918 over the coast of Korba, Tunisia whilst on a reconnaissance and patrol mission.

**Grave:** Buried in the cemetery at Sousse, Tunisia

**Memorial:** Remembered on the War memorial and Church Memorial at Rion-des-Landes. Also commemorated on the Naval Aerial War Memorial at Cap de la Chevre Finistere, and on the Memorial on the Hill of Costebelle, Hyères-Le Palyvestre





**PHOTOGRAPH OF FUNERAL/BURIAL PROCESSION  
OF ANDRE POISSON AND GASTON FAVEAU AT  
SOUSSE TUNISIA 20 AUG 1918**



<p>Henri LABATINE          André POISSON ens. vals. 1<sup>er</sup> cl.          Dominique CALLEDE          Paul LAFARGUE          Henri LABAT          Paul BORE</p>	<p>POISSON ANDRE      1<sup>er</sup> TS DE VASSEAU —          CALLEDE DOMINIQUE      SOLDAT —          LAFARGUE PAUL — — — — —          LABAT HENRI — — — — —          BORE PIERRE — — — — —          LABAT HENRI — — — — —</p>
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