

CRUSE, Charles Camige

Service Number 2137844

Rank Private

Canadian Infantry, British Columbia Regiment, 7th Battalion

Born April 29, 1887, South Canonta, Frontignac, Lower Ontario

Died September 27, 1918, West of Haynecourt, France

Occupation Logger

Marital Status Single

Charles Camige Cruse worked as a logger in Errington. He enlisted in November 1917 and gave his family's address as Keating Post Office in what is now the municipality of Saanich near Victoria. He had five siblings.

He was sent to France and took part in the Hundred Days Offensive. The Battle of Canal du Nord began on September 27, 1918, as part of a sequence of Allied attacks along the Western Front.

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The attack began at 5.20 am in the morning in total darkness, taking the German defenders by surprise. West of the village of Haynecourt, Charles Cruse was instantly killed by concussion caused by the explosion of an enemy shell. He is buried at the Sains-les-Marquion British Cemetery near Pas de Calais, France.

Sources: Personnel Records of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada
Books of Remembrance, Veterans Affairs Canada
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Saanich Remembers WW1, Saanich Archives
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