

Joseph Dupont

Grade: 2^{ième} classe

Regimental Number: 1996

131^{ième} Régiment Infanterie

born: 16 July 1897 - died: 28 November 1918

Joseph Dupont was admitted to the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in November or December 1918 and died there on 3 December.¹ He was buried two days later in the Cimetière Communale in Gosselies (Grave 262).

The day that Joseph was admitted to the 1st CCCS, the unit was "... now the foremost on the advance to Germany and close to the outpost line. Large number of patients were received mostly R.P.O.W..."² These returning prisoners of war were in very poor condition. "Continuing receiving patients – large numbers of R.P.O.W.s arriving in shocking condition, starved, emaciated, very scantily clad, very lousy and dirty with wounds and sores showing gross lack of care or treatment. Very busy."³

The 131st Infantry Regiment has its origins in 1794, under the First Empire.⁴ At the beginning of the war, it was stationed in Orleans.

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¹ "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 - 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," Library and Archives Canada, (records accessed 2013 & 2015), Record Group 9, series IIC10, volume 4556, Record number 737

² "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FINN&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G)

³ Ibid.

⁴ « 131^e régiment d'infanterie, » Wikipédia (http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/131e_r%C3%A9giment_d'infanterie; accessed 14 April 2015)