

Henri Augustin Dioscoride

Grade: 2^{ième} classe

Regimental Number: 2978

3^{ième} Bataillon de Chasseurs à Pied

born: 16 July 1897 - died: 28 November 1918

Henri Augustin Dioscoride was born on 16 July 1897 in Canville-les-Deux-Eglise, in the department of Seine-Inférieure.¹ He enlisted in Le Havre, France, with the recruitment number 2978.

He was admitted to the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 26 November 1918 and died there two days later² of illnesses contracted when he was in captivity.³ He was buried two days later in the Cimetière Communale in Gosselies (Grave 245) with a French cure presiding. He has the distinction of "Mort pour la France."

When Henri was at the 1st CCCS, it was a very busy time for the unit.⁴ It had had received many patients who were returning prisoners of war 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."⁵

The first ten "Bataillons de Chasseurs a Pied" were created in 1840. In the First World War, Henri's battalion lost 2,039 men – officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers.⁶

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¹ "Morts pour la France de la Première Guerre mondiale," Mémoire des hommes, Ministère de la défense (<http://www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/fr/article.php%3Flarub%3D24%26titre%3Dmorts-pour-la-france-de-la-premiere-guerre-mondiale>; accessed 14 April 2015), entry for Dioscoride, Henri. The department of Seine-Inférieure is now called the Seine-Maritime.

² "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 726

³ "Morts pour la France de la Première Guerre mondiale," entry for Dioscoride, Henri Augustin

⁴ "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=FINDD&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G)

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ « 3e bataillon de chasseurs à pied, » Wikipédia

(http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/3e_bataillon_de_chasseurs_%C3%A0_pied; accessed 14 April 2015)