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sapphotwins Member 		Join Date: Apr 2010 Posts: 8 Salute!: 0 Saluted 1 Time in 1 Post	
Does anyone know what this means? Hi Everyone, I recently recieved William J.P. DuSomme's sevice file.He had been killed in Germany Feb.28/45.He had been buried close to where he was killed and then later moved to Groesbeek in Holland.I wanted to know the place of his temporary grave as close as possible.In the file it says he was buried at a point 5 miles south west of Xanten. On another page which is a "Field Service" page,report of death it asks "place" and written in it says "Germany Xanten sheet 034 404".What or where is sheet 034 404 or is it in reference to a map or ?????Any help would be appreciated. Thank you Freda			
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 formerjughead The Cooler King 		Join Date: Dec 2008 Location: Chico, California Posts: 3,290 Salute!: 761 Saluted 499 Times in 371 Posts	

 Re: Does anyone know what this means?

 Originally Posted by sapphotwins 

Hi Everyone,

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Thats a 6 digit coordinate for the map named "Xanten"

Paddle faster I hear banjos

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June 4th, 2010 11:27 PM

#3



LRusso216  
Graybeard



Join Date: Jan 2009
Location: Hatboro, Pennsylvania
Posts: 5,349
Salute!: 370
Saluted 644 Times in 458 Posts

 Re: Does anyone know what this means?

Xanten is a town in Germany near the Rhine River. There was a battle there in early 1945. Was Mr. duSomme Canadian?

Here is a link to a map of the region [xanten germany - Google Maps](#)

Here is a portion of an article which mentions the area

Simonato was wounded in early 1945 after entering Germany with the Allies -- a battle at Xanten which took 100 Canadian lives -- and he understands how difficult it can be for most people to relive those bad memories.

[WWII vet writes to help community to remember - Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin - Ontario, CA](#)

Without that specific map, I think it will be difficult to pinpoint the exact location.

"Faint heart never won fair maiden", so I say "Go for it!"

Lou

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[Skipper](#)  (June 5th, 2010)

June 5th, 2010 05:35 AM

#4

[sapphotwins](#) 
Member



Join Date: Apr 2010
Posts: 8
Salute!: 0
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 Re: Does anyone know what this means?

Thanks for the info. Yes he was a Canadian from Toronto. His brother was only five when he was killed and now at seventy he would like to know about him, he just never knew how to find out so I'm trying to help him.

Freda

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#5

[Icare9](#) 
Member

Join Date: Oct 2009
Posts: 152
Salute!: 2

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Re: Does anyone know what this means?

The CWGC entry for him gives his Regiment which may help trace where they were that day....

Name: DUSOMME, WILLIAM J. P.

Initials: W J P

Nationality: Canadian

Rank: Private

Regiment/Service: Algonquin Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Date of Death: 28/02/1945

Service No: B/148905

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: XXV. A. 16.

Cemetery: GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY

Have you applied for his Service Record, including request for all details relating to his death and initial burial?

You may also be able to obtain the Battalion War Diary covering that period which may provide additional details.

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#6

lwd

WW2F Veteran



Join Date: Jul 2007
Posts: 2,635
Salute!: 64
Saluted 162 Times in 132 Posts

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There may also be copies of the map still in existence. I'd check with the history office of the Canadian forces. If allied maps were the same the West Point Map series may actually have it available.

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#7

Icare9

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There were 55 Canadian casualties buried in Groesbeek that were killed the same day. Others may have died later from wounds, but the List is attached. There are 2 others from the Algonquin Regt, buried in Row C Plots 2 and 3 which might indicate that they died a little later than William.



 Attached Files

 Groesbeek CWC 28 Feb 45.doc (30.5 KB, 8 views)

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#8

sapphotwins 
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Thankyou everyone for your help.

Freda

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