

In Memory of Private Charles Henry Moors

1896 - 1916

(46th Battalion (South Saskatchewan Regiment))

Age: 20

Parents: Thomas Humphrey Moors & Lucy Maria Banning

Conflict: World War I, The Great War

Country Enlisted In: Canada

Country of Death: Souchez, Hauts-de-France, France

Relation: Maternal 2nd Cousin 3X Removed



Charles Henry Moors was just a boy when war broke out in Europe. At nineteen, he enlisted in Canada and joined the 46th Battalion (South Saskatchewan Regiment), part of the 10th Infantry Brigade, 4th Canadian Division. It was a unit destined to carry a heavy burden—nicknamed the “Suicide Battalion” for the staggering losses it would suffer at the front.

By December 1916, the 46th Battalion was holding trenches northeast of Souchez, a shattered village in northern France near the slopes of Vimy Ridge. The days were short and grey, the ground frozen hard at dawn only to thaw into a sucking mire by afternoon. Men shivered in their greatcoats, their breath hanging in clouds as they crouched in trenches that stank of mud, wet sandbags, and smoke. The air was never silent—artillery thundered in the distance, rifle cracks split the night, and the eerie hiss of flares bathed the scarred landscape in pale light.

Charles’s last days would have been filled with the weary routine of trench life—repairing wire in the dark, standing guard in the cold, and bracing against the sudden shriek of incoming shells. Amid the mud and gunfire, there were also moments of quiet when a man’s thoughts turned homeward. As Christmas approached, Charles may have thought of his parents in Arnprior, of the



*Private in the 46th Battalion
South Saskatchewan
Regiment*

warmth of a Canadian winter hearth, and of what life might hold when the war was done. On 22 December 1916, only three days before Christmas, tragedy struck. While his battalion held the line in those bleak trenches northeast of Souchez, Charles was killed in action. He was just 20 years old.

He now rests in Villers Station Cemetery in Villers-au-Bois, France, among comrades who shared the same fate. Though far from home, his sacrifice is remembered. His story stands as a reminder not only of the cost of war, but of the young lives and bright futures it claimed.



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Villers-au-Bois, Departement du Pas-de-
Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France*

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