



John was the son of Felix and Agnes Decoine, of Wabaska, Alberta; husband of Adele Decoine.

He was a first Nation (Canadian Aboriginal) and on his headstone is a Cree inscription.

Date of Death May 1, 1945 and temporarily buried in Ettringen, Bayern, Germany, as POW

Age: 33

Unit: The Royal Canadian Regiment



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Photo grave John Decoine



Cree text grave John Decoine

wayo oci ka ki pênatitan ni manitom nitaskinan wayo sakak
saweyita ni wicine'iyam saweyim ni mama wiyawa taki taki ---

I have come to you, my God, from far away.

Bless my country that is far away, in the bush. Bless my fellow Cree, my mother and them, forever and ever.