



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.

Ik ben naar U gekomen, mijn God, van heel ver weg.

Zegen mijn land dat ver weg is, in het woud.

Zegen mijn mede Cree, mijn moeder en hen, voor altijd en eeuwig.