



# Private Daniel Edward Vincent Manning

1883 - 1916

FIRST WORLD WAR

Army: Canadian Infantry, 1st Battalion

Daniel was born in Middlesex, England in 1883 but came to Canada when he was fourteen. He was part of the British Home Children, a program designed to give impoverished and orphaned children a chance for a better life in Canada. He was part of a group of sixty children from a diocese in England that first settled in Quebec. At some point, Daniel Manning came to live in Sarnia. In August 1915, thirty-one-year-old Daniel enlisted in Sarnia. He was single and working as a clerk at the time. He arrived in England in March 1916 and in France in July 1916.

As a member of the 1st Battalion, he soon found himself taking part in the Battle of the Somme--one of the most futile and bloody battles in history. Less than two months after arriving in France, on

September 10, 1916, Private Daniel Manning was wounded in action during the Battle of the Somme. While on a working party that night, he was wounded by shrapnel in the stomach. He was taken to a dressing station and then a casualty clearing station but passed away there the following day, the result of wounds received. Daniel Manning, 32, is buried in Warloy-Bailion Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.



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