

Musketeer Otto Holzke[©]
Regimental number: 98
5th Regiment, German Army

born: unknown–died: 2 October 1918

Musketeer Otto Holzke was a prisoner of war when he was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 2 October 1918. He died the same day of gunshot wounds to his thorax and abdomen and was buried the next day in Duisans British Military Cemetery (Plot 4, Row O, Grave 32) with the Canadian chaplain A. D. Reid presiding.¹

Duisans British Military Cemetery is located in Étrun, near Arras, France. The first burials in the cemetery took place in March 1917.² No. 1 CCCS arrived at the beginning of September 1918 and was stationed near Duisans for two months in the autumn of 1918.³ As a result of the serious and urgent nature of the cases admitted to No. 1 CCCS, the death rate was high in October—a total of 83 deaths occurred during the month.⁴

Sadly, no additional information was found to honour Otto's life.

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¹ "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* (www.bifhsgo.ca: accessed 5 July 2020), entry for Holzke, Otto

² "Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun," *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (www.cwgc.org; accessed 7 October 2015)

³ "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13–1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FINDD&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G; accessed 17 June 2015)

⁴ "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13–1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca>: accessed 26 March 2018)