

World War I



Pvt. Patrick J. Cronin
U.S. Army
Age 24

Born -March 17, 1894 Canton, Massachusetts
Entered Service - October 4, 1917 Canton, Massachusetts

Patrick, whose nickname was “Sunny”, graduated from St. John School’s nine-year program and worked for Draper Brothers Company in the spinning department. He married Katherine Redmond, also from Canton, on November 25, 1914. Eleven Canton boys entered the service on October 4, 1917. The other 10 returned safely. Sunny was sent overseas on March 12, 1918 in Company “C” of the 165th Infantry attached to the famous 42nd “Rainbow” Division. The families’ last letter from Sunny was dated July 14th and they waited four agonizing months to learn of his fate. Finally on November 26th (two weeks after the Armistice) the War Department informed them Pat Cronin had died July 31st from wounds received by an artillery attack during the battle of Oureq River. The news arrived one day after his fourth wedding anniversary. His devastated bride never remarried

Date of Death -July 31, 1918 Oureq River
Buried - (unknown)