

PRICE, Robert Walker Francis

Service Number 102188

Rank Lieutenant

Medals Military Cross

Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) 54th Battalion

Born May 27, 1892, Oise, France

Died September 27, 1918, Bourlon Wood, Fontaine-Notre-Dame, France

Occupation Farmer

Marital Status Single

It's not known why Robert Walker (Walter) Francis Price came to be born in France to English parents from Soham, Cambridgeshire. The family emigrated to Canada, and by WWI, there were two Price families among the settlers in Errington; the 'Robert Prices' and the 'George Prices'.

Robert Walker Francis Price was the older brother of Dorothy Price, Errington's first schoolteacher. Dorothy married HF Butler and became the local newspaper columnist, 'Dolly Butler'.

He enlisted as a private in the 67th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in September 1915 and arrived in England in April 1916 before being sent to the Western Front in France. Accidentally wounded (premature rifle grenade explosion) in the leg in January 1917, he was wounded again by a gunshot wound to his right arm. In May 1917, he transferred to 54th Battalion and was awarded Good Conduct Badge in November 1917. Shortly afterward, synovitis in his right knee resulted in another hospital stay and time convalescing in Seaford, England.

In early 1918, he was granted a commission to Lieutenant and returned to his unit in France.

On September 27, 1918, during an attack on Fontaine-Notre-Dame, Robert Price was instantly killed by enemy shellfire. Military records show that he was posthumously awarded the Military Cross in 1919. Robert Price is buried at Bourlon Wood Cemetery, France.

Sources: Personnel Records of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada
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