

## PITTENDRIGH, David Morice

Service Number 430371

Rank Private  
Canadian Pioneers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Born September 18, 1893, Newington, Edinburgh, Scotland  
Died May 2, 1916, #10 Casualty Clearing Station, France

Occupation Bank clerk  
Marital Status Single

As a young man, David Morice Pittendrigh, emigrated to Canada from Scotland. He had already served two years with the volunteer Queen's Edinburgh Rifles.

David Pittendrigh seems to have travelled to different locations in British Columbia for his work as a bank clerk. He is mentioned in Boundary, BC history as having worked at the Phoenix branch of the Bank of Commerce. Now a ghost town, Phoenix, had a heyday as a booming copper mining city. He is also mentioned in Ladysmith and worked at the Parksville CIBC branch before enlisting in March 1915.

David arrived in England in May 1915 and embarked for France on March 9, 1916. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Pioneers were involved in protecting the Ypres Ramparts and working on tunnels. He was wounded in the field and transferred to a clearing station. His military records state he died of wounds on May 2, 1916.

David Morice Pittendrigh is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Leper, Belgium. He is commemorated on a cenotaph at Phoenix, BC.

Sources: Photo: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Archives  
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