

Lieutenant R.G. Combe, VC



27th City of Winnipeg Battalion



Robert Grierson Combe was born in Aberdeen, Scotland on 5 August 1880. In April 1915 he enlisted in the 27th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. Although he received a commission and qualified as a Major, Combe later reverted to the rank of Lieutenant at his own request. On 3 May 1917, at Acherville, near Vimy in France, Combe led his company through an enemy artillery barrage, arriving close to his objective with only five men. He proceeded to engage the enemy using grenades, inflicting heavy casualties. Having collected more men, Combe finally captured his company's objective and took eighty prisoners. He then continued to charge the enemy, driving them back. While Combe was leading a party of his men with grenades, he was killed

