

Serjeant R. Spall, VC



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
(formerly of the 90th Regiment "Winnipeg Rifles")



Robert Spall was born in Ealing, England, on 5 March 1890. At the age of two, he moved with his parents to Canada and lived in Winnipeg. In August 1915 he joined the 90th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, and later was posted to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in which he became a sergeant.

Spall earned the Victoria Cross in Parvillers, France, 12 and 13 August 1918 during an enemy counter-attack, when his platoon became isolated. Taking a Lewis gun, he inflicted numerous casualties, then descended into the trench

