

THE CIVILIAN

VOL. X.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1917.

No. 11

Mort au champ d'honneur

A CANADIAN CIVIL SERVANT WHO WON HIGH HONOR IN THE
FRENCH ARMY AND DIED FIGHTING UNDER
THE UNION JACK.



René Bourgeois

News is received that René Bourgeois has been killed in action "Somewhere in France." Few Canadian civil servants have won more honour or seen more varied service than he.

A clerk in the Montreal Post Office, he crossed the sea at the outbreak of war and joined the famous Foreign Legion of the French Army. He was thus one of the first Canadians to face the foe, and during the early months of the struggle saw desperate fighting on many fields. The *Croix de Guerre* with palms and the *Médaille Militaire* were the tributes to his gallantry.

Some months ago he was transferred to the British Army and held a Lieutenant's commission when he paid the last great tribute of devotion and died a hero's death.

Lieut. Bourgeois was a son of Louis Bourgeois of Montreal and a grand-nephew of Léon Bourgeois, Minister of Labour in the French Government.

The following is reprinted from *The Civilian* of November 26th, 1915: