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THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE 2014–2019

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“ICI REPOSE”

Bernard Freeman Trotter

A little cross of weather-silvered wood,
Hung with a garish wreath of tinsel wire,
And on it carved a legend – thus it runs:
‘Ici Repose’ – Add what name you will
And multiply by thousands: in the fields,
Along the roads, beneath the trees – one here,
A dozen there, to each its simple tale
Of one more jewel threaded star-like on
The sacrificial rosary of France.

And as I read and read again those words,
Those simple words, they took a mystic sense;
And from the glamour of an alien tongue
They wove insistent music in my brain.
Which, in a twilight hour, when all the guns
Were silent, shaped itself to song ...

... The Green Fields of France

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-LkTsol220&feature=relmfu

Sung by: John McDermott

Written by: Eric Bogle as *No Man's Land*



Bernard Freeman Trotter

Born: 16 June 1890 (Toronto)

Served in the British Army

Killed in Action: 7 May 1917 (France)

Buried: Mazingarbe Military Cemetery

The manuscript of this, his last, poem
reached his parents the day after he
was killed.



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