

Durrington War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



LIEUTENANT

OGILVIE J. MARCHBANK

CANADIAN ENGINEERS

2ND JUNE, 1918

Ogilvie James MARCHBANK

Ogilvie James Marchbank was born on 22nd March, 1892 in Glasgow, Scotland.

The 1900 United States Census recorded Ogilvie Marchbank as an 8 year old living with his family at Beach Street, Revere, Suffolk, Massachusetts. His father was recorded as William Marchbank (Salesman (Travelling), aged 55, emigrated in 1893). Also included in the household were Ogilvie's two older brothers – George (Bookkeeper, aged 28, emigrated in 1892) & William (Salesman, aged 25, emigrated in 1890) as well as Evelyn – daughter-in-law of William Snr (aged 24) & Gordon – grandson of William Snr (aged 8 months, born Massachusetts).

The 1901 Census of Canada recorded Ogilvie Marchbank as a 9 year old living with his sister – Elizabeth Dumma (aged 24, emigrated 1893) & her husband James Dumma (Bookkeeper, aged 31, emigrated 1891). Ogilvie had emigrated in 1893. They were living at Bridgeburg (Village), in the district of Welland, Ontario, Canada.

Ogilvie James Marchbank enlisted with Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 5th June, 1916 at Montreal. He was a single, Civil Engineer, aged 24 years & 2 months, living at 504 Oxford Ave, Montreal when he enlisted. His next-of-kin was listed as his father – William Marchbank. His religion was listed as Presbyterian.

On 24th October, 1916 Lieutenant Ogilvie James Marchbank signed his Officers' Declaration Paper. He was attached to Divisional Signal Company Unit (3 months) at the time of signing the declaration & had served with McGill C.O.T.C. (2 seasons). His next-of-kin was still listed as his father – William Marchbank of 504 Oxford Ave, Montreal.

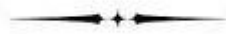
Lieutenant Ogilvie James Marchbank was attached to 107 Squadron in England. His next-of-kin was listed as his father – Mr W. Marchbank of 13 Northcliffe Avenue, Montreal, Canada. On 1st June, 1918 around 1.30 pm he was seriously injured as a result of a plane accident. Lt. Kennedy was also injured & badly burned.

Lieutenant Ogilvie James Marchbank died on 2nd June, 1918 in Military Hospital, Fargo, Salisbury Plain as a result of injuries sustained. The Canadian Expeditionary Force Commonwealth War Graves Register records Lieutenant O. J. Marchbank as being attached to Canadian Engineers seconded to R.A.F. It states that he died from burns to head, trunk & limbs in an Aero Accident.

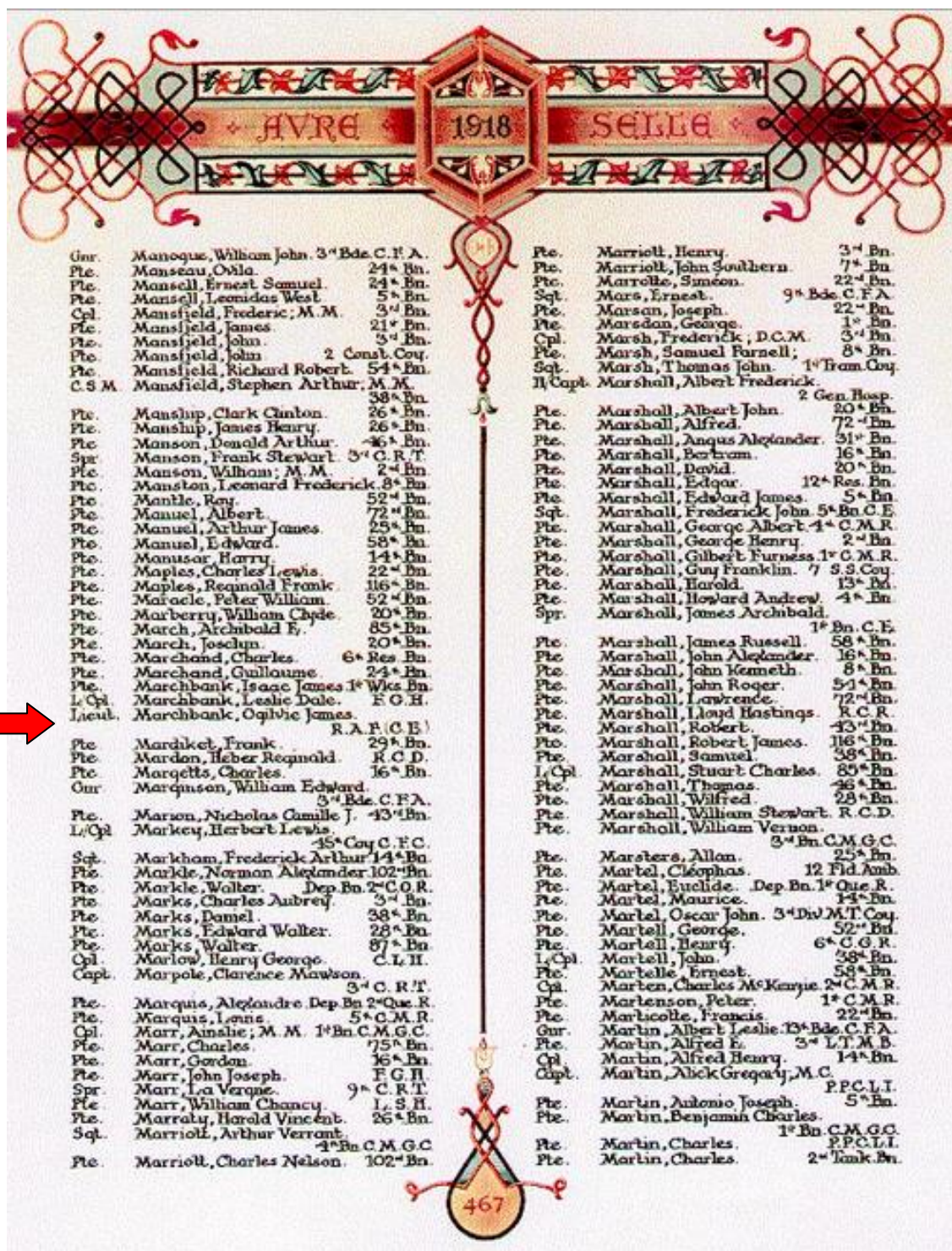
A death for Ogilvie J. Marchbank was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

Lieutenant Ogilvie James Marchbank was buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire in Grave /Plot Number 284 on 4th June, 1918. A cross was erected at the time of his burial. His death is acknowledged by Commonwealth War Graves Commission but he now has a private headstone.

A Court of Enquiry was held No. 24463/1918. Lt. O. J. Marchbank & Lt. K. Kennedy. "The cause of the Accident was in our opinion due to the Pilot stalling the machine while trying to turn into the wind to land. Although his engine was giving trouble he held the nose of the machine up too much on the turn and was too low an altitude to regain control of the machine before striking the ground in the dive resulting from the stall."



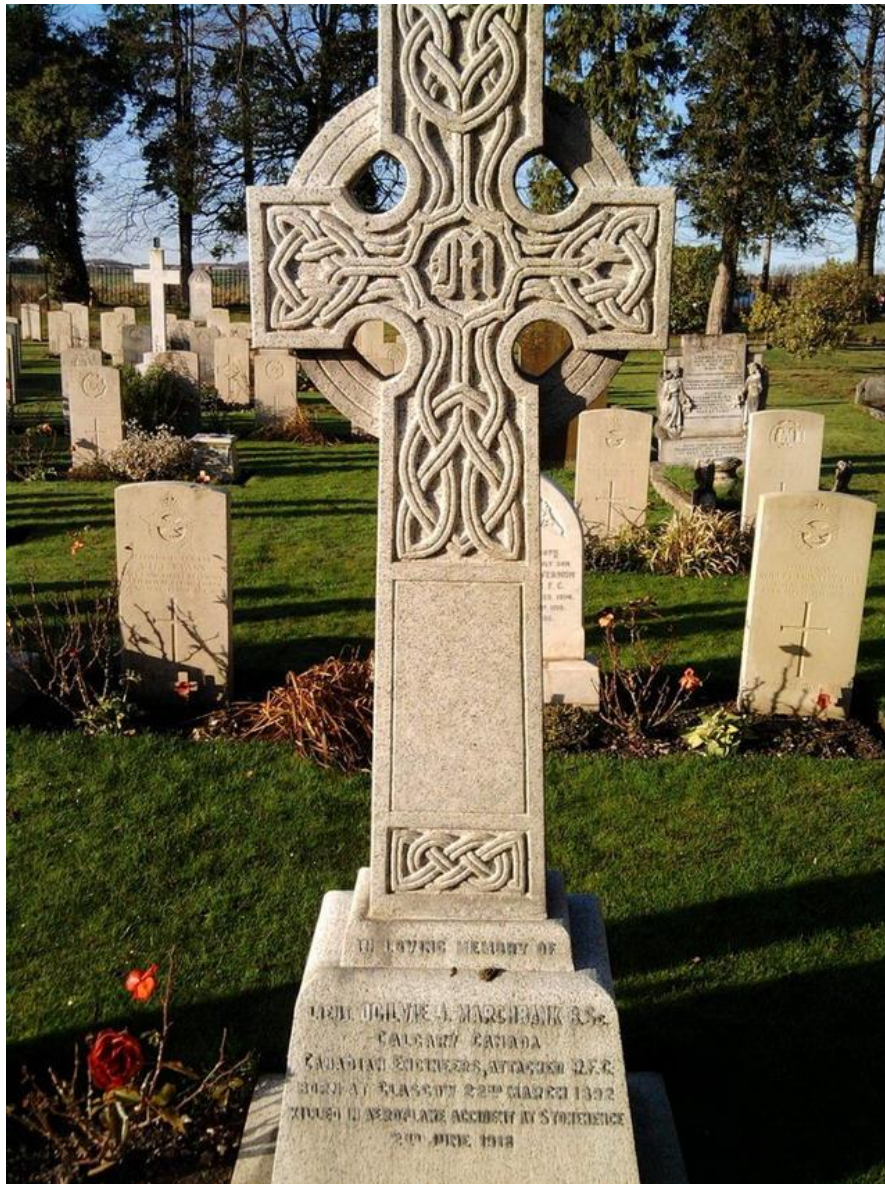
Lieutenant Ogilvie James Marchbank, R.A.F. is remembered on page 467 of Canada's First World War Book of Remembrance, Canadian Virtual War Memorial.



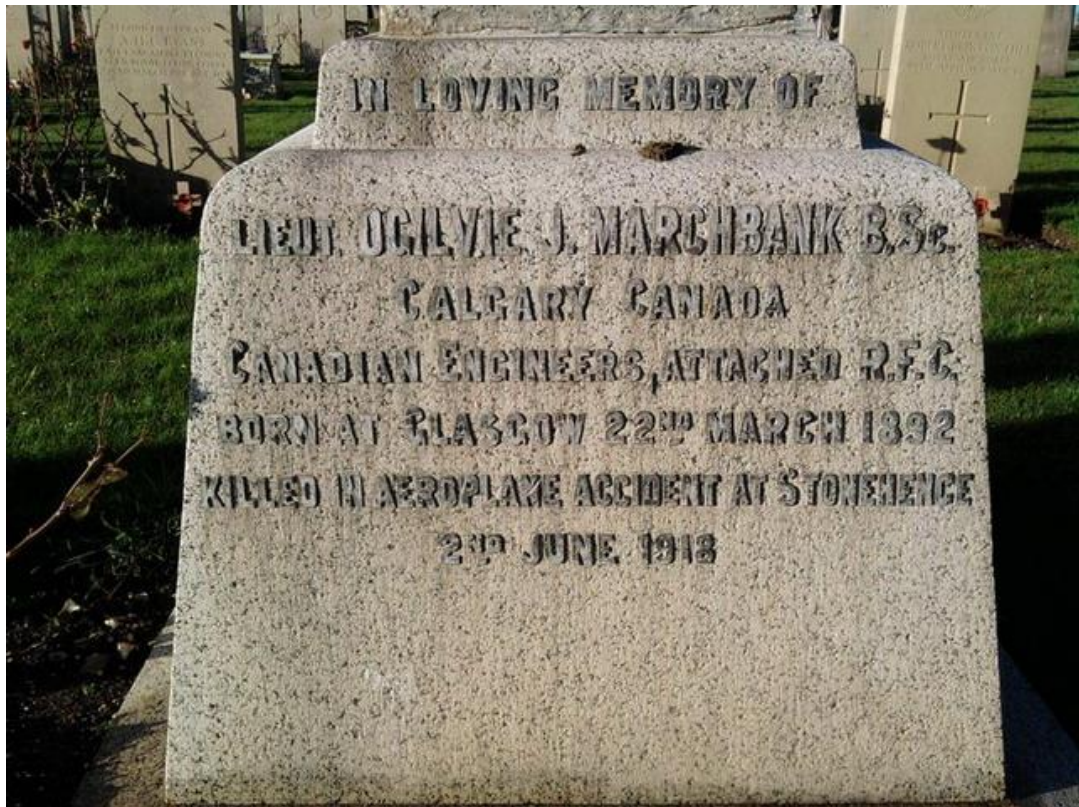


Lieutenant Ogilvie James Marchbank

Photo of Lieutenant Ogilvie J. Marchbank's Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire



(Photos by Anthony Bysouth 2011)



In Loving Memory of
Lieut. Ogilvie J. Marchbank B.Sc.
Calgary Canada
Canadian Engineers, Attached R.F.C.
Born at Glasgow 22nd March 1892
Killed in Aeroplane Accident at Stonehenge
2nd June 1918



(Photo by Ian King 2010)



Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*