Paul Triquet, VC

Paul Triquet was born on 2 April 1910 in Cabano, Quebec, and joined the *Royal 22ᵉ Régiment* at the age of 17.

On 14 December 1943, Captain Triquet's company of the *Royal 22ᵉ Régiment*, with the support of a squadron of Canadian tanks, set off on their assigned mission of crossing a gully near the east coast of Italy and securing Casa Berardi. Captain Triquet's "C" Company began to encounter fierce resistance from enemy machine guns and infantry sheltered in wrecked buildings and in terrain favourable to the defenders, all backed up by German tanks and self-propelled guns. "C" Company and their accompanying tanks proceeded to fight their way through the opposition, knocking out three more enemy tanks and eliminating the Germans' defensive positions. At this stage, the company had been reduced to fifty men and one officer – Capt. Triquet. Although ammunition was running low, Capt. Triquet, his men and their supporting tanks persevered in the attack, capturing Casa Berardi late in the afternoon and driving on nearly to the crossroads. Wherever the action was hottest, Capt. Triquet was seen shouting encouragement to his men and organizing the defence.

For his courageous and determined leadership resulting in the capture and retention of Casa Berardi, Captain Triquet received the Victoria Cross. He died in Quebec City, Quebec on 4 August 1980.