

VETERAN OF THE WEEK

13-19 October, 2024

252296 Pte. John Arthur Treliving

209th & 43rd Battalions

Canadian Expeditionary Force

First World War



Photo: Pte. John Arthur Treliving. Courtesy of Bill Andersen, Great Nephew of Pte. Treliving.

John Arthur Treliving was born on the 29th of September 1896 in Brighton, Sussex, England to John S.S. and Fanny R. Treliving. John lived in Swift Current and worked as clerk. On the 2nd of March 1916, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted with the 209th Overseas Battalion. John embarked from Canada on the 1st of November, sailing from Halifax to Liverpool aboard the S.S. Caronia. He arrived in the U.K ten days later. Not long after having arrived in the U.K., John, like many of men from the 209th, were transferred to the 9th Reserve Battalion. In mid December 1916, he was transferred to the 4th CTB Signals Base to undergo signals training.

Following his training at the signals base, John was transferred to the 14th Reserve Battalion. He would finally arrive in France on the 14th of September 1917. Five days after arriving overseas, John was taken on strength of the 43rd Battalion and would meet up with his unit in the field on the 1st of November. In early 1918, he would go on a signals course to improve his skills as a signaller. Sadly, John would be killed in action on the 8th of August 1918 during the Battle of Amiens. He was just twenty-one years old. John is buried in Row A Grave 16 at the Hourges Orchard Cemetery, Domart-sur-la-Luce, Somme, France.