

Veteran of the Week 1 (August 1-7 2021)

Private 252269 John James Hart of the 209<sup>th</sup> Swift Current Battalion & the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
(Alberta Regiment)

Canadian Expeditionary Force

First World War (WW1)

1886-01-17 – 1917-10-30



Private John James Hart of Cantuar, Saskatchewan was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1886 in Glasgow, Scotland, he homesteaded near Swift Current, Saskatchewan at Cantuar (SE 17-16-16-W3). He enlisted in the Canadian Army on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 1916 in Swift Current with the 209<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion at the age of 30 years old. He sailed overseas with the battalion to England upon the S.S. Caronia on the 31-10-1916/ 1-11-1916. Halifax Nova Scotia to Liverpool. He arrived in England on 11-11-1916. When the 209<sup>th</sup> Battalion was disbanded, Private Hart was transferred to the 9<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion on 5-12-1916, he then proceeded to duty in France to serve with the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Alberta Regiment) on 13-4-1917. He landed in France and was taken on strength with the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1917. He met up with the regiment on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1917.

He served in the French theater of war. Private 252269 John James Hart was killed in action at Passchendaele on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Ypres (now called Leper) West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He also is commemorated on a memorial in Saskatchewan in the Rural Municipality of Riverside No.168. Additionally, he has a shadow box dedicated to his memory in the 209<sup>th</sup> Room at the Swift Current Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 56). He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. As he was not married, he was survived by his sister Mrs. Duncan Boyd of Elgin, Scotland and his friend Samuel D Guthrie of Eston, Saskatchewan. This week we honour the service and sacrifice of Private John James Hart.