

Veteran of the Week 2 (August 8-14 2021)

252077 Private Donald Grant of the 209th Swift Current Battalion & 102nd Battalion

(North British Columbians)

Canadian Expeditionary Force

First World War (WW1)



Private Donald Grant (left) L/Cpl Charles D Griffin (right)

Private Donald Grant of Swift Current, Saskatchewan (later of Scotsguard, SK) was born on the 11th of March 1897 in Bower, Caithness, Scotland to Donald Grant Sr. and Elizabeth Grant. Originally the 18-year-old Private Grant enlisted in the 128th Overseas Battalion on the 28th of January 1916 in Swift Current but when the 209th Overseas Battalion (the Swift Current Battalion) was raised he transferred to the 209th on the 15th of February 1916. Donald Grant Jr. was a farmer by trade. He embarked for England with the rest of the 209th on the night of the 31st of October/ 1st of November 1916 aboard the S.S. Coronia that sailed from Halifax Nova Scotia to Liverpool, England. Private Grant arrived in England on the 11 of November that year. That December when the 209th Battalion was disbanded he was transferred to the 102nd Battalion (North British Columbians). On the 6th of December 1916 he arrived in France and met up with the 102nd in the field on the 6th of January 1917. During 1917 he spent about 9 days with the 12th and 13th Field Ambulances with a bout of the flu and returned to duty on the 6th of April.

On the 28th of January 1918 Private Donald Grant was awarded one good conduct badge and then was wounded in action on the 2nd of September 1918. Though wounded he stayed at duty. After the end of the war Private Donald Grant sailed home to Canada on the 10th of March 1919 from Liverpool, England and he disembarked in Halifax on March 18th 1919. Having served a total of 23 months or 2 years in the French theater of war. He then proceeded to "Dispersal Station O" in military district No. 12 – Regina where he was discharged from the army via reason of demobilization on March 24th 1919 at age 22 years. He was awarded the War Service Badge Class A, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. This week we honour the service of Private 252077 Donald Grant of Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Thank you for your service Private Grant.

