

Veteran of the Week 6 (September 5<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

1250651 Gunner Reginald Jacob Hodgson

77<sup>th</sup> Battery Canadian Field Artillery, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Brigade Canadian Field Artillery

Canadian Expeditionary Force

First World War (WW1)



Gunner Reginald Jacob Hodgson of Swift Current, Saskatchewan was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1887 in Forest, Lambton County, Ontario. Reginald came to the Swift Current area with his widowed mother Caroline and siblings, Bill, Arthur, Stanley and Elva. He was a machine worker by trade and before the war he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. He owned a homestead at SE 32-14-14-W3. He enlisted in the 77<sup>th</sup> Battery Canadian Field Artillery on 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1916 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Gunner Hodgson sailed overseas on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1916 from Halifax, Nova Scotia and disembarked at Liverpool, England on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October that year.

Gunner Hodgson then proceeded to France on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1916 and was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column as a replacement. He later was posted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Canadian Field Artillery (22-4-1917). He was Wounded in Action on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1917 at the battle of Passchendaele. The wounds he suffered were, shrapnel wounds and a compound fracture to his right leg, wounds and crushing injury to his right hand, face, head, and left foot. Due to his wounds Gunner Hodgson would be invalided back to Canada on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1918. Again he sailed from Liverpool to Halifax.

Unfortunately Gunner Hodgson lost his right leg due to his wounds as it was amputated above the knee. He also had partial loss of function in his left foot (due to the crushing injury) and in his right hand. These injuries left him permanently disabled. Once back in Canada he was discharged via medically unfit for service on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 1918 at Military District No. 12 located in Regina Saskatchewan.

After the war he found work as a clerk for the RCMP and he lived with his mother until her death in 1935. That same year Reginald married Florence who had come to Canada from England. Together they adopted a baby Boy (the son later moved to BC). 1250651 Gunner Reginald Jacob Hodgson passed away in 1968 at the age of 81 years and was buried on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October that year in Swift Current. This week we honour the service of 1250651 Gunner Reginald Jacob Hodgson of Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Thank you for your service, Gunner Hodgson.

