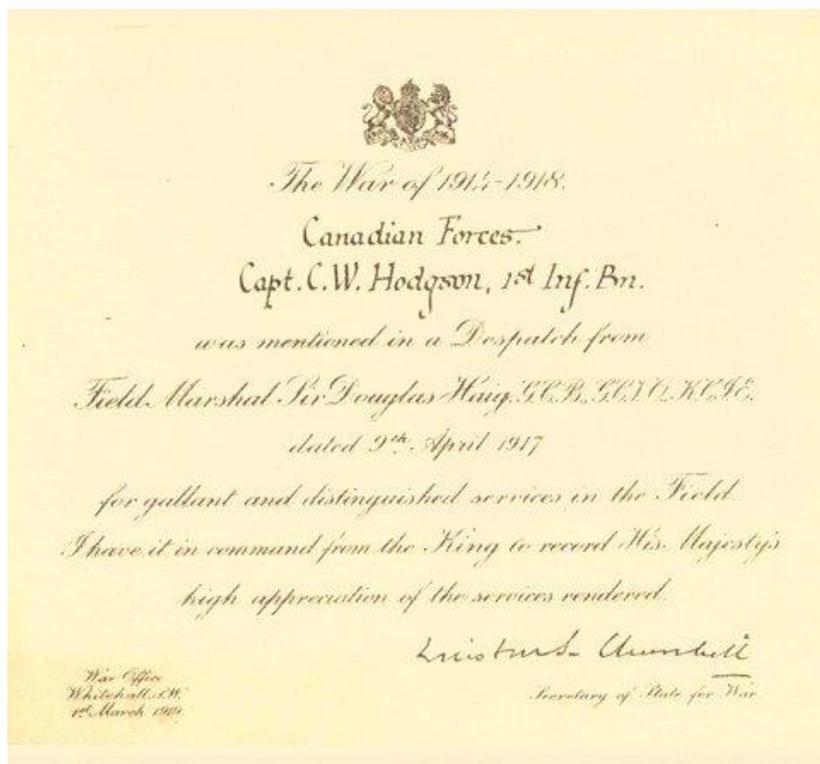


MAJOR CHRISTOPHER WATERHOUSE HODGSON (1899-1906)

He was born in Coston on 30th October 1888 in Norfolk England. His Father was rector of Cranworth parish and Christopher was the youngest of five children. After attending the College he went onto a military college, where he achieved the rank of lieutenant.

He immigrated to Toronto, Canada in 1912 where he worked for a bank. He was awarded a bronze medal by the Royal Humane Society, for saving a life in Clinton, Ontario, Canada. The citation reads "On 5 July 1912 a man while bathing in the river at Clinton, Ontario, sank in 9 feet of water 15 yards out from the bank. Hodgson plunged in and succeeded in saving him." At the time Hodgson was a Lieutenant in 3rd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. He received a Royal Humane Society testimonial on vellum on the 8 October 1912.

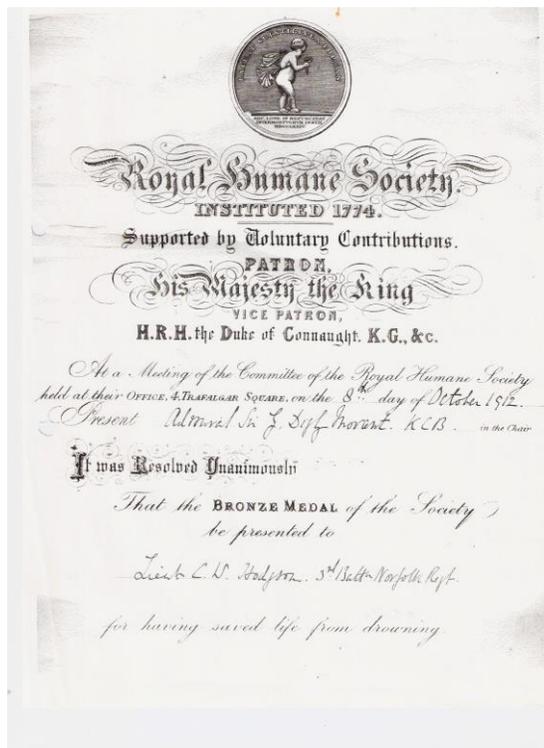


He joined the Canadian Mounted Rifles (?) and went to fight in the 1914-1918 war in France. In 1917 he was mentioned in dispatches [see right]. After the war he continued in the army as Lieutenant Colonel and helped with finding employment for demobilized officers.

In 1923 he set sail for Cape Town, South Africa and then by train to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) where he started tobacco farming in the Marandallas area, but had to leave in 1928 due to ill health (he was gassed during WW1).

He then went to Cape Town and started work for Lever Bros and was subsequently transferred to Durban and then back to Cape Town. After he retired from Lever Brothers he bought a small farm in the Tulbagh district, which is 180 km from Cape Town, where he farmed with fruit for a short while. He died in 1969.

[I'm indebted to his son John Hodgson for the detail on this and the following pictures]



NORFOLK OFFICER IN CANADA. 1912.

PLUCKY RESCUE FROM DROWNING.
 Particulars have just been received of a brave rescue from drowning in Canada by a Norfolk officer. It appears that on July 5th, a young man went down to the river, near Clinton, Ontario, to bathe. He had previously said he could swim, but was evidently a poor performer. When he got into the middle of the river he began to sink, and went under, disappearing entirely. Mr. Christopher W. Hodgson, of Cranworth Rectory, who is a lieutenant in 3rd Batt. Norfolk Regiment, and who is spending some months in Canada, swam to the spot, dived in search of the young fellow, and succeeded in seizing him by the head and in swimming with him to the bank. The young fellow was quite unconscious when rescued, but Mr. Hodgson set to work to revive him, using, it is supposed, Sylvester's method, and in about twenty minutes, brought him round.

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