

**Holy Ascension Churchyard,
Settle, North Yorkshire, England**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5732 PRIVATE

H. HODGSON

AUST. ARMY SERVICE CORPS

5TH FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 33

Also Nellie Hodgson

25th Dec. 1912. Age 29

And Samuel Hodgson

9th Sept. 1916. Age 81

Harold HODGSON

Harold Hodgson was born at Settle, North Yorkshire, England on 22nd May, 1885 to parents Samuel and Ann Hodgson (nee Sutton).

Harold Hodgson attended Settle National School, North Yorkshire, England.

The 1891 England Census recorded Harold Hodgson as a 6 year old Scholar, living with his family at 3 Craven Cottages, Settle, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Samuel Hodgson (Cabinetmaker, aged 54, born Settle, Yorkshire & listed as deaf & dumb) & Ann Hodgson (aged 46, born Gomersal, Yorkshire & listed as deaf & dumb). Harold was the youngest of 4 children listed on this Census – Tom W. S. Hodgson (Scholar, aged 12, born Gomersal, Yorkshire) Mary E. Hodgson (Scholar, aged 10, born Settle, Yorkshire) then Harold & Godfrey Sutton (Stepson of Samuel Hodgson, Cabinet Makers Apprentice, aged 19, born Gomersal, Yorkshire).

The 1901 England Census recorded Harold Hodgson as a 15 year old Joiner's Apprentice living with his family at 3 Craven Cottages, Settle, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Samuel Hodgson (Cabinetmaker, aged 65 & listed as deaf & dumb) & Ann Hodgson (aged 56 & listed as deaf & dumb). Harold was the youngest of 3 children listed on this Census – Thomas W. S. Hodgson (Mason, aged 22), Mary E. Hodgson (aged 19) then Harold.

Ann Hodgson, mother of Harold Hodgson, died on 6th October, 1910 at Keighley, Yorkshire, England.

According to information provided by his sister for the Roll of Honour – Harold Hodgson came to Australia when he was 25 years old.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Fremantle, subdivision of Maylands, Western Australia recorded Harold Hodgson, Car Builder, from Railway Parade, Maylands.

The 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Fremantle, subdivision of Maylands, Western Australia recorded Harold Hodgson, Car Builder, from 39 Kennedy Street, Maylands.

Harold Hodgson was a 31 year old, single, Car Builder & Wheeler from Kennedy Street, Maylands, Western Australia when he enlisted in Perth, Western Australia on 15th March, 1916 (date as Embarkation Roll, however his Attestation Papers have the date of 17th February, 1916) with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5732 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Samuel Hodgson, King William Hotel, Settle, Yorkshire, England. Harold Hodgson stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been an apprentice for 7 years with Brussington Brothers.

Private Harold Hodgson was posted to 56th Depot on 15th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 18th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion on 4th April, 1916.

Private Harold Hodgson embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Seang Bee (A48)* on 18th July, 1916 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 16th Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements. He was promoted to rank of Provisional Corporal as from 27th July, 1916 for voyage only. Provisional Corporal Hodgson disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th September, 1916.

Samuel Hodgson, father of Harold Hodgson, died on 9th September, 1916 at Settle, Yorkshire, England.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Provisional Corporal Harold Hodgson was marched in to 4th Training Battalion from Overseas Reinforcements on 10th September, 1916. He reverted to rank of Private on 10th September, 1916.

Private Harold Hodgson was marched out from 4th Training Battalion, No. 1 Camp, Codford, Wiltshire on 23rd November, 1916 & was marched in to A.A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps) Training Depot at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 24th November, 1916.

Private Harold Hodgson was marched out from A.A.S.C. Training Depot at Parkhouse on 10th December, 1916 & was detached to Hurdcott, Wiltshire.

Private Harold Hodgson was marched in to A.A.S.C. Training Depot at Parkhouse at 27th January, 1917 from Fovant detachment (Note: some forms have recorded "detention" instead of detachment).

Private Harold Hodgson was marched in to Codford, Wiltshire from Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 24th May, 1917.

Private Harold Hodgson was marched out to A.S.C. Detachment at Hurdcott from Codford Detachment on 2nd September, 1917. He was marched out to A.S.C. Detachment at Codford from Hurdcott Detachment on 6th September, 1917.

Private Harold Hodgson was marched in from Boyton A.S.C Detachment on 1st June, 1918 & marched out to Fovant A.S.C. Detachment on 7th June, 1918.

Private Harold Hodgson was written up for an Offence at Hurdcott, Wiltshire – AWL (Absent without leave) from 23.59 hrs on 31st December, 1918 to 10.00 hrs on 2nd January, 1919. Award – Admonished by Lt. G. W. Morris. He forfeited a total of 2 days' pay,

Private Harold Hodgson was sent sick to No. 2 Group Clearing Hospital at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 30th January, 1919 with Influenza. He was transferred & admitted to Fovant Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 2nd February, 1919 & was reported to be seriously ill with Pneumonia on 4th February, 1919. The Hospital Admission form recorded "*Pneumonia following Influenza. Very Septic – Temp 104 – Weakness.*"

Private Harold Hodgson died at 16.05 hrs on 5th February, 1919 at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for Harold Hodgson, aged 33, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

A telegram was sent on 6th February, 1919 from Commandant Military Hospital, Fovant to Administrative Headquarters, London stating No. 5732 Harold Hodgson had died on 5th February, 1919. "*Sister Mrs Wain, King William Hotel, Settle, Yorkshire desires body removed to Settle for private burial and transportation charges have been paid at Dinton Station. Authority is requested to remove body.*"

Private Harold Hodgson was buried on 8th February, 1919 in Holy Ascension Churchyard, Settle, North Yorkshire, England – Plot number G. 53 (private grave) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Harold Hodgson - *Coffin was good. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and conveyed to the graveside, surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from: His Old Chum "Anty", Saidie, Bertha & Agnes. His Old Chum "Ben" nephew & Niece, Brother & Sister & Miss Sylvia Williams. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and Chaplain the Rev: McTiney of Settle, Yorks officiated. The Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives & Friends present at the Funeral – Mr, Mrs & Master Wain, Mr William Sutton, Mr & Mrs McFadden, Misses E. & M. Metcalf, Lt. Gilchrist, M.G. Coy, Sgt Robinson, "D.C.M." and 100 Soldiers.

A. G. S. Timms, 14 Lacey St, Perth, Western Australia, wrote to Base Records on 5th March, 1919 stating he was the Executor of the Will of the late Private Harold Hodgson & requested the death Certificate in triplicate. Base Records replied on 23rd May, 1919 & enclosing three certificates of death. A previous letter to Base Records on 14th April, 1919 by Mr Timms stated that the Will of the late Private Hodgson had been lodged for Probate & that it provided and bequeathed all moneys etc to Miss Sylvia Williams, 10th Avenue, Maylands Western Australia.

The Acting General Secretary of W. A. Amalgamated Society of Railway Employees, Perth, Western Australia wrote to Base Records on 17th April, 1919 stating that one of their members Harold Hodgson had been reported as having

died on 5th February, 1919 of Pneumonia. The letter went on to state “as there is a death Benefit payable to the next of kin I shall be thankful if you give confirmation in writing and if it would not be too much trouble to supply us with the following particulars :- Place of birth, Age, Height, Color of eyes, color of hair, any distinguishing marks, next of kin & if any Union medallion was found amongst his property ? I would be obliged if you could let me know how long this Comrade was ill before his death occurred as at present it appears he was an unfinancial member of this Union, of he was ill only a few days before the date of his death, which I am informed took place on the 5/2/19, and his next of kin would not be entitled to claim the death benefit allowance as provided by this Union, if on the other hand he was ill for some time before his death had taken place he would be a financial member and would not be responsible for any dues during his illness of same were over a month.”

Base Records replied on 3rd May, 1919 stating “it is no known here if any Union Medallion was found amongst his personal effects – sufficient time having barely elapsed for same to be returned to this office. The only information yet available regarding this soldier’s death is the brief advice – died on 5/2/19 of pneumonia at Fovant Camp Military Hospital. Official documents which should come to hand by mail shortly, will it is anticipated, contain particulars regarding duration of illness, and these will be available to you on receipt of your further request.”

The Acting General Secretary of W. A. Amalgamated Society of Railway Employees, Perth, Western Australia wrote to Base Records on 16th May, 1919 referencing their previous letter & a reply from Base Records regarding Private H. Hodgson & requested to be forwarded “any particulars that may have reached your Office regarding the duration of illness of our late Comrade. As pointed out in my previous letter it is necessary that I should have that information in order to make certain if his next of kin is entitled to the Death Benefit Allowance paid by this Union.”

A Certificate of Death of the late No. 5732 Private H. Hodgson was sent to The Acting General Secretary of W. A. Amalgamated Society of Railway Employees, Perth, Western Australia on 23rd May, 1919.

Private Harold Hodgson was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hodgson’s father – Mr S. Hodgson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in November, 1922). Mr Samuel Hodgson, father of the late Private Harold Hodgson, had died in 1916 but apparently A.I.F were not advised of his death.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harold Hodgson – service number 5732, aged 33, of Australian Army Service Corps. He was the son of Samuel and Ann Hodgson.

Private H. Hodgson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. Hodgson is remembered in the Maylands War Memorial, located In Maylands Town Hall Gardens, Guilford Road & Eighth Avenue, Maylands, Western Australia.



Maylands War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



Harold Hodgson is remembered on the Midland Railway Workshops Soldiers Memorial, located at Former Midland Railway Workshops, Yelverton Drive, Midland, Western Australia.



Midland Railway Workshops Soldiers Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Bryan Hardy)



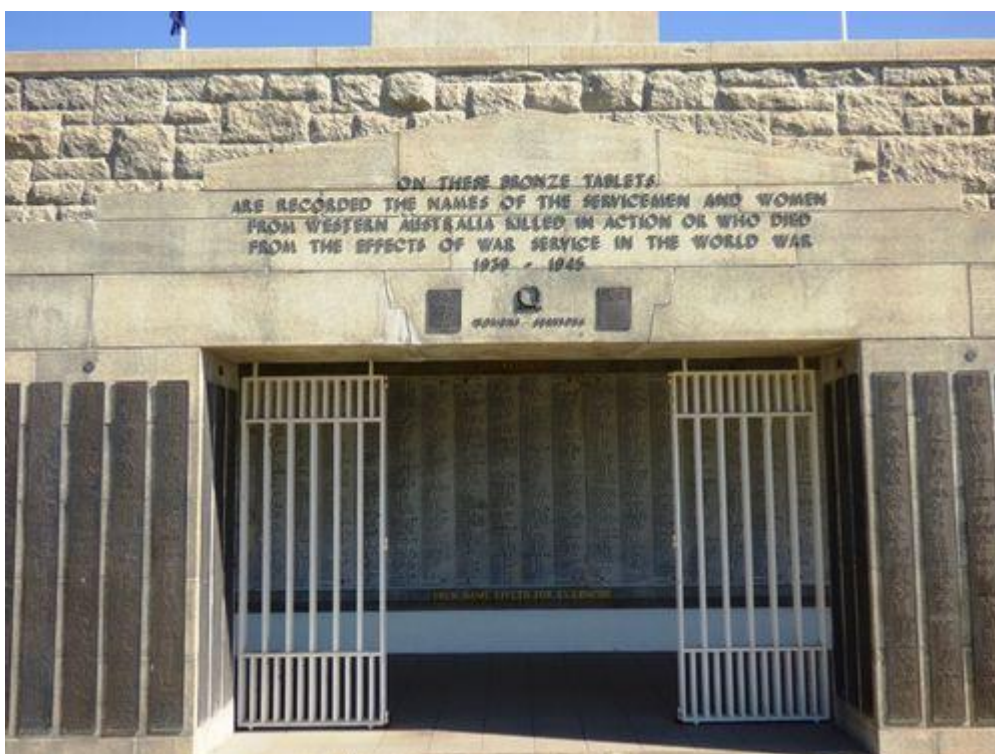
H. Hodgson is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



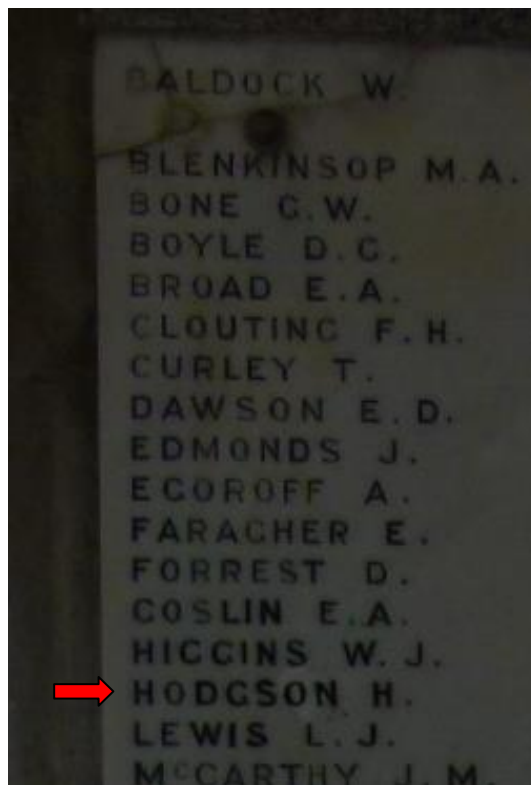
**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)





(Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)



Private Harold Hodgson is remembered with a Memorial Plaque (M725) on the Kings Park Honour Avenues. At the base of each commemorative tree is a plaque inscribed with details of the deceased: name, age, unit in which they served, nature of death, place of death, and who dedicated the plaque. Honour Avenue memorials commemorate service personnel who are listed at the State War Memorial, Kings Park. These soldiers enlisted in Western Australia, died overseas on active service, and were either buried overseas or have no known graves.

(NOTE: The service number & "A A S C" are correct, however the date, cause & place of death is incorrect. The Australian War Memorial does not list any other "Harold Hodgson" & The Commonwealth War Graves Commission does not list any "Harold Hodgson" who died on 9th August, 1917)

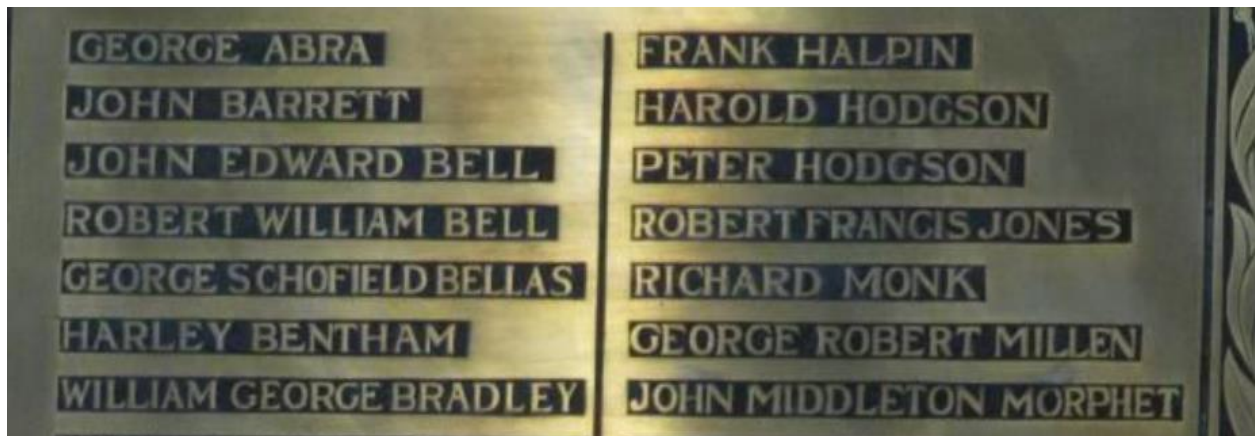


(Photos from Kings Park Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority)

Harold Hodgson is remembered on the Church of Holy Ascension Roll of Honour located at Church Street, Settle, North Yorkshire, England.



Church of Holy Ascension Roll of Honour, Settle (Photos from War Memorials Online – Philip Platt)



Harold Hodgson is remembered on the Settle Primary School Roll of Honour, located at Bond Lane, Settle, North Yorkshire, England.



Settle Primary School Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials Online)

(66 pages of Private Harold Hodgson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Private Harold Hodgson is remembered in the *Craven's Part in the Great War* book – page 334



PRIVATE HENRY PARRINGTON, Duke of Well's Regt., son of Mr. & Mrs. Parrington, 26, Rowland Street, Skipton, killed in action 27th February, 1918. Aged 24 years.

PRIVATE SYDNEY PLUMB, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mrs. Plumb, Aireview, Silsden, killed in action December, 1917.



SEAMAN JOHN BARLOW, R.N., son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Barlow, Call Head Road, Barnstaple, died of pneumonia at Scapa Flow, 8th February, 1918. Aged 19 years.

PRIVATE HAROLD HODGSON, Australian A.S.C., a native of Settle, died of pneumonia at Fovant Camp, Wiltshire, February, 1918. Aged 33 years.

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GUNNER GEORGE THISTLETHWAITE, Royal Field Artillery, second son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Thistlethwaite, Main Street, Austwick, died of wounds 29th February, 1918. Aged 20 years.



PRIVATE R. WILSON, A.S.C., of Lower Bentham, died at Hursley Military Hospital 3rd February, 1918. Aged 36 years.



PRIVATE JAMES VARLEY, Royal Fusiliers, son of Mrs. Varley, West Marton, accidentally killed in France 8th February, 1918.

PRIVATE HAROLD HODGSON, Australian A.S.C., a native of Settle, died of pneumonia at Fovant Camp, Wiltshire, February, 1918. Aged 33 years.



Private Harold Hodgson (Photo from *Craven's Part in the Great War*)

Newspaper Notices

HODGSON – February 5th, at Fovant, from pneumonia, Wheeler Harold Hodgson, of the Australian Expeditionary Force (late of Settle), aged 33 years.

(Craven Herald & Wensleydale Standard, England – 14 February, 1919)

SETTLE

Sad Death of a Settle Colonial Soldier

Wide feelings of sympathy were shown on all sides at the funeral of Sunday of Private Wheeler Harold Hodgson, of the Australian Army Service Corps, a native of Settle. The deceased was spending a leave in Settle only three weeks ago and attended the last meeting of the Castleberg Lodge of Freemasons, to which he was a visitor, and the news of his death came as a great shock to his many friends in Settle, the cause of death being pneumonia, which apparently was very prevalent at Fovant Camp, Wiltshire, where deceased was in training. He joined the Colonial Forces nearly three years ago, being drafted to England soon afterwards. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends, including 50 local soldiers on leave and at home pending demobilisation, who paraded under Lieut. Gilchrist, and provided the bearer party, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack. Deceased, who emigrated to Australia eight years ago, was only 39 years of age. Many expressions of sympathy have been extended to his relatives at his sad and untimely end.

(Craven Herald & Wensleydale Standard, England – 14 February, 1919)

DIED ON SERVICE

HODGSON – Died of influenza in England, Harold Hodgson, A.S.C., dear friend of Mr and Mrs Pearce and family, West Guildford (Charlie's chum)

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 15 February, 1919)

DEATHS

HODGSON – In England, of influenza, Harold, the dearly beloved fiancé of Sylvia Williams, Tenth-avenue, Mayland.

(Western Mail, Perth, Western Australia – 21 February, 1919)

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

W.A. ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LIST NO. 460

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

5732, Harold Hodgson, England, 5/2/'19, illness

(Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 18 March, 1919)

WILLS FOR THE WEEK

The following list of probates was issued by the Supreme Court last week:-

Probates:.....Harold Hodgson, late of Maylands, to Alfred George Staunton Timms, £245/4/8

(Sunday Times, Perth, Western Australia – 15 June, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

HODGSON – In loving memory of Private Harold Hodgson, Australia Army Service Corps, who died in Fovant Military Hospital, England on February 5, 1919.

Inserted by his fiancée, Sylvia Williams

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 5 February, 1920)

HODGSON – In loving memory of our dear brother, Harold Hodgson, who died February 5th, 1919.

Today brings back sad memories

Of a dear one who's gone to rest;

And those who think of him tonight

Are those who love him best.

From his loving Sister and Brothers, Settle.

(Craven Herald & Wensleydale Standard, England – 6 February, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

HODGSON – In loving memory of Private Harold Hodgson, who died February 5, 1919 at Fovant Military Hospital, England.

Inserted by Sylvia Williams

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 5 February, 1921)

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Anzac Heroes

HODGSON – In ever loving memory of Private Harold Hodgson, A.A.S.C., who died of influenza, at Fovant Military Hospital, England, February 5, 1919.

Inserted by Sylvia Williams, Maylands.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 6 February, 1922)

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(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 6 February, 1922)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

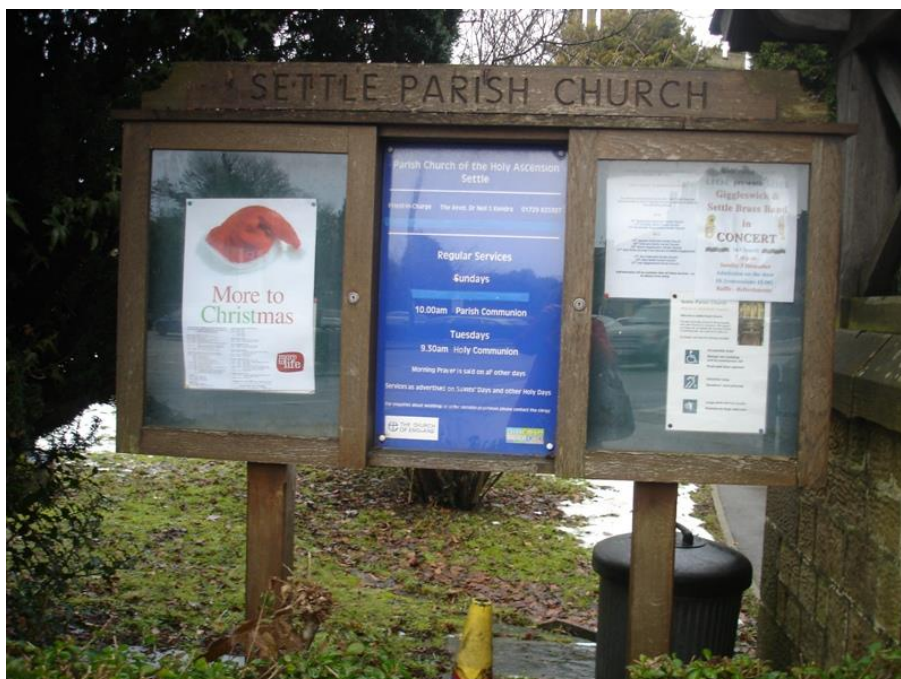
Private H. Hodgson does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Also Nellie Hodgson 25th Dec. 1919. Age 29

And Samuel Hodgson 9th Sept. 1916. Age 81

Holy Ascension Churchyard, Settle, North Yorkshire, England

Holy Ascension Churchyard, Settle has 6 Commonwealth War Graves – 5 relating to World War 1 & 1 relating to World War 2.



(Photo by Kilmarnock)

Photo of Private H. Hodgson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Holy Ascension Churchyard, Settle, North Yorkshire, England.



(Photo by Dimitrios Corcodilos – January, 2021)



(Photo by Kilmarnock – December, 2010)

** Nellie Hodgson, sister-in-law of Harold Hodgson, died on 25th December, 1912. Nellie was the wife of his brother Thomas Hodgson.

**Samuel Hodgson, father of Harold Hodgson, died on 9th September, 1916 at Settle, Yorkshire, England.



Holy Ascension Churchyard, Settle *(Photo from CWGC)*