Durrington

Roll of Honour



World War I



43912 PRIVATE

C. R. RANGER

ESSEX REGIMENT

26th AUGUST, 1918

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Cecil Reginald RANGER

Cecil Reginald Ranger was born at Durrington, Wiltshire, to parents Mark & Charlotte Jane Ranger (nee Sturgess). Cecil's parents had married at St Leonard's Church, Bulford, Wiltshire in 1870. Cecil's birth was possibly registered in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire in the September quarter of 1892 as "Male" Ranger.

The 1901 Census records Cecil Ranger as a 7 year old, living with his family at Durrington, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as Mark Ranger (Grocer, aged 50, born Durrington) & Jane Ranger (aged 47, born Bulford). Cecil was the youngest of 5 children in the 1901 Census – all born in Durrington out of probably 11 children born to Mark & Charlotte Ranger. The children listed in this Census were – Thomas A. (aged 27), Ambro (aged 20), Ernest (aged 15), Percival (aged 13) & then Cecil.

A death was registered for Charlotte Jane Ranger, aged 55, in the district of Amesbury in the September quarter of 1909.

The 1911 Census records Cecil as an 18 year old "Engaged at Home" living with his family in a 5 roomed dwelling at Durrington. His father was listed as Mark Ranger (Grocer, aged 62, Widower). There were 4 "children" listed in the Census – Herbert (Assistant Grocer, aged 32), Ambro (Labourer, aged 30), Percey (Unemployed, aged 23) & then Cecil.

Cecil Reginald Ranger enlisted with the Army at Salisbury, Wiltshire. Private Ranger's records show that at the time of his death he was attached to 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment with a service number of 43912. He was previously attached to Royal Flying Corp with a service number of 15074.

Pte Cecil Reginald Ranger was killed in action on 26th August, 1918, aged 27 years.

Pte C. R. Ranger is remembered on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial in France – Panel 7, as he has no known grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The CWGC does not have any further information on him.

Pte C. R. Ranger was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card does not show when he had entered a Theatre of War.

Vis-En-Artois Memorial, France

Vis-en-Artois and Harcourt are villages on the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai, about 10 klms south-east of Arras.

The Memorial is the back drop to the Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery. The Memorial bears the names of over 9,000 men who fell in the period from 8th August 1918 to the Armistice in the

Advance to Victory, who have no known grave. Those remembered on this Memorial belonged to the forces of Great Britain, Ireland & South Africa. The Canadian, Australia and New Zealand forced are commemorated on other memorials to the missing.



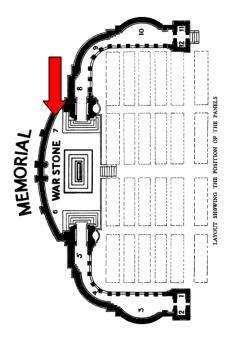
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Panel 7 (Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



Pte Cecil R Ranger is also remembered on the War Memorial at Durrington, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Ian King 2010)

C. R. Ranger is remembered as a Casualty of WW1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for Durrington.



Cecil Reginald Ranger is also remembered on a plaque inside All Saints Church, Durrington.

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To The Glory Of God

And In Loving Memory Of

CECIL REGINALD RANGER

1st Essex Regiment

Killed In Action In France August 26th, 1918

Youngest Son Of Mark & Charlotte Jane Ranger

Of Durrington. Aged 27 Years

"Peace Perfect Peace."