

# Hindon

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War 1



44435 PRIVATE

**C. K. INGRAM**

ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT

9th APRIL, 1919 AGE 20

*At Rest*

## Cecil King INGRAM

Cecil King Ingram was born at Fonthill Gifford, Wiltshire in 1899 to parents Charles & Emma Ingram (nee King). Cecil's birth was registered in September quarter, 1899 in the registration district of Tisbury, Wiltshire.

The 1901 Census recorded Cecil Ingram as a 1 year old, living with his family at Stop Street, Fonthill Gifford, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as Charles Ingram (Farm Labourer, aged 43, born Fonthill Bishop) & Emma Ingram (aged 32, born Dorset, Gillingham). Cecil was the youngest of 3 children listed in this Census, all born at Fonthill Gifford. Cecil's older 2 brothers were – George (aged 7) & Bertram (aged 5).

The 1911 Census recorded Cecil Ingram as a 12 year old scholar living with his family in a 4 roomed dwelling at Bakehouse Yard, High Street, Hindon, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as Charles Ingram (General Labourer, aged 53) & Emma Ingram (aged 44). Charles & Emma Ingram had been married for 18 years & had six children, five still living. There were five children listed in this Census, all boys – George (aged 18), Bertram (aged 15) then Cecil, Fred (aged 7, born Hindon) & Percy (aged 3, born Hindon).

Cecil King Ingram enlisted with the Hampshire Regiment & had a service number of 45982. Private Cecil Ingram later joined the Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire) Regiment & had a service number of 44435.

Private Cecil King Ingram died on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1919, aged 20 years. A death was registered for Cecil K. Ingram, aged 19, in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire in the June quarter 1919.

Private Cecil King Ingram was buried in St. John the Baptist Churchyard, Hindon, Wiltshire – near the north boundary. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The CWGC lists Private Cecil King Ingram, 44435, aged 20 of the 2nd/4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment. No family details are listed.

The Medal Index Card for Private Cecil K. Ingram shows that he was entitled to the British War Medal & the Victory Medal. It does not show a date or Theatre of War that he served in.



**British War Medal & the Victory Medal**

C. K. Ingram is remembered as a casualty of World War 1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book 1914-1918.

## 2nd/4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment

1914

A second line territorial battalion formed from the overspill from the 1st/4th in September 1914. They were initially under the command of an old Berkshire Volunteer officer Colonel Hanbury, and it was on his farm at Hitcham in Buckinghamshire that they first formed up. They trained hard in this area and on Christmas day they were treated to a dinner by the townsfolk of Maidenhead.

1915

Early in 1915 the battalion went to Northampton for further training and then to Chelmsford in April to join 184<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Whilst here they assisted in digging trenches for the defence of London. During the Christmas period they were still in training.

1916

On the 26th May the battalion left England for France and regrouped at Merville. Their first action was a raid at Ferme du Bois 13th July 1916. This was close to the Belgian border and well away from the Somme fighting. On the 17th they took part in a further attack but lost forty men to shellfire before they arrived in the front line. This attack failed with the casualties being 22 Killed, 123 missing and 9 missing. They moved south to the Somme on 19th November 1916 but took almost no part in that battle. The rest of the year was spent in different trench locations and at the end of the year they were at Varennes.

1917

The first two months were spent in the rear area, reorganizing and training. They went into the line on the 16th February reliving a French Battalion at Deniecourt. They carried out raids and reconnaissance missions. Their next action was at Bihecourt-Pine Copse on 2nd April 1917. The summer was filled with training and trench duties, gradually moving back northwards. On the 22nd August they began their part in the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) with an attack on the enemy defences SE of St Julien. The next few months were spent in the unremitting mud and carnage of Flanders. On the 21st August the battalion provided thirteen platoons for dealing with strong points during a major attack at St Julien. This was a new tactic whereby the assaulting troops would pass enemy strong points and leave them to designated parties. Each and every one of the assaults on these positions became a mini battle in its own right. In this action the battalion suffered 32 men killed, 111 wounded (some dying later) 79 Missing. They rested during October and later moved back south to take part in the Battle of Cambrai on the 27th November 1917 but their participation was quite marginal. They remained in the line until the 23rd December, when it went back to Lechelle where then spent Christmas.

1918

They returned to the front line on the 14th January facing Pontruet. On the 21st March when the German Spring Offensive started they were at Marteville. Whilst carrying out a counter attack they lost their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Dimmer VC, MC on the 22nd. The next few days they fought a valiant retreat until they were withdrawn on the 30th March. From August to November 1918 they were part of the final British offensive which eventually forced the Germans to seek an Armistice. They finished the war at Sepmeries. They remained in the Cambrai/Arras area until May 1919 when they were sent to Egypt to guard Turkish POWs and help deal with civil unrest. They were disbanded there 25th September 1919 with most of the men transferring either to the 1/6th Glosters or the 1/8th Hampshire's. The colours which had presented to them in France on the 6th January 1919 were returned to Reading and were deposited in Barclays Bank for safe keeping.

*[\(The Wardrobe – Home of the Infantry Regiments of Berkshire and Wiltshire\)](#)*

Cecil King Ingram is remembered on the Hindon War Memorial.



**Hindon War Memorial** (Photos courtesy of Linda Robson 2013)

Private C. K. Ingram is buried in St. John the Baptist Churchyard at Hindon, Wiltshire.



**St John the Baptist Church, Hindon** (Photo by David Milborrow)

Photo of Private Cecil King Ingram's Commonwealth War Graves Headstone in St. John the Baptist Churchyard, Hindon, Wiltshire.



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