

# Roger James William Crisp

*1186 Hunts Cyclist Battalion: 43066 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.  
Died 23 April 1917 aged 22*

Roger was born at Long Stanton in the spring of 1894. He was the second of six children of Arthur Crisp and Rebecca (nee Rogers) and the family lived at Ramsey St Mary, then The Hollow, Ramsey and later in Warboys.

Roger enlisted on 13 August 1915 at Huntingdon with the Hunts Cyclist Battalion with his friend **Frederick Mills**. After training on the east coast both men transferred to the Bedfordshire Regiment where Roger was placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. The battalion formed part of the 15 Brigade, 5<sup>th</sup> Division.



Roger's battalion fought in the major battles of the Somme in summer and autumn of 1916. They moved to a quieter sector that winter but by March 1917 were fighting in the Battle of Arras.

Roger died on 23 April 1917, age 22, in the Battle for Vimy Ridge, part of the Arras campaign.

Roger has no known grave but is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

His parents remained in the area, his father Arthur died in 1943 and his mother Rebecca in 1946.

