



# GRANGER, CARL



Toronto Star

## EARLY LIFE

**Mar 10, 1893**

Born in Kettleby, Ontario to George Alfred and Laura (Mount) Granger. He was the older brother of **Lewis Elmore Granger**.

**1901 Census**

Age 8

Lived in Whitchurch, Ontario with George Granger (head of house – father, age 37), Laura Granger (mother, age 26), Stella Granger (sister, age 5), Lewis Granger (brother, age 3), Zula Granger (sister, age 1) and Fletcher Wayling (boarder, age 35).

**1911 Census**

Age 18

Lived on Timothy Street in Newmarket, Ontario with George Granger (head of house – father, age 47), Laura Granger (mother, age 36), Stella Granger (sister, age 15), Lewis Granger (brother, age 13), Zula Granger (sister, age 11), May Granger (sister, age 8), Annie Granger (sister, age 1) and Levina Turry (boarder, age 60).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**Sep 23, 1914**

Attested to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** 10652
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Granger (Mother) in Newmarket, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Wood Turner
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Church of England
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 21 years, 7 months
  - **Height:** 5'8"
  - **Complexion:** Fair
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Dark
  - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on right leg

**May 25, 1915**

Age 22

Promoted from Private to Lance Corporal.

**Aug 31, 1915**

Age 22

Lance Corporal Carl Granger was killed in action in France. He is remembered at **Ploegsteert Wood Military Cemetery** in Belgium.

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**GUILD LIST OF BOYS OVERSEAS FROM KETTLEBY AREA.**

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Edward S. Williams ..Wounded. | S. Brown.....Killed. |
| S. J. Archibald.              | G. Proctor.          |
| W. M. Watson.....Wounded.     | H. Proctor.          |
| E. J. Watson.....Killed.      | J. T. Jenkins.       |
| L. Robb. ✓                    | Geo. Howitt.         |
| Carl Grainger.                | Harry Mount. ✓       |
| L. Waldock. ✓                 | James Allen.         |
| A. Burdette.                  | Geo. Jefferson.      |
| D. Powell.                    | C. McKinley.         |
| Rev. J. E. Gibson.            | A. McKinley.         |
| G. Anning.                    | Harold Cook.         |
| A. Holmes.....Prisoner.       | W. Woods.            |
| Folten Fox.                   | E. Hutchins.         |
| M. L. C. Mitchell.            |                      |

**IN THE NEWS**

**"B" Co., Aurora, 12<sup>th</sup> York Rangers at Valcartier**

The Aurora Banner

September 25, 1914

**"B" CO., AURORA, 12th YORK RANGERS AT VALCARTIER**



Capt Wm. Taylor, Lieut. J. H. Proctor, Corpl. W. Dixon, Ptes. W. Hall, W. J. Mountain, W. H. Marment, H. Kelley, Rose C. Terrill, W. Cuthbertson, J. Gilkes, J. Amos, Carl Granger, J. B. McDonald, G. McDaniel. With the exception of Capt. Taylor, all the above expect to leave with the Canadian over-seas contingent.

## Notice of Death

The Globe and Mail

Wednesday, Sept 16, 1915 pg. 12

### NEWMARKET MAN KILLED.

Lance-Corp. Carl Granger of 4th  
Battalion Was Only Twenty-one.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Newmarket, Sept. 15.—Lance-Corp. Carl Granger of the 4th Battalion, reported killed in action, was a popular young man in Newmarket. He enlisted when the war broke out, and went away with the first contingent. He was about 21 years of age, and had been employed in Cane's factory here. His father and mother reside here, and another brother is in training at Niagara Camp and will go to the front.

The Toronto Star

Thursday, September 23, 1915 pg. 12

### NEWMARKET SOLDIER DEAD

Lance-Corporal Carl Granger Died for  
the Empire.

Lance-Corporal Carl Granger, 4th  
Battalion, 1st Brigade, was killed in



Late L.-C. Carl  
Granger.

action on August 31; he was born on March 10, 1893. The photograph, from which this cut was made, was taken at the front, and sent to his parents in Newmarket two months ago.

## A Newmarket Hero Lies in France

Lance-Corporal Carl Granger, who enlisted for Overseas Service on Aug. 15th, 1914, has been at the front in the firing line, in his turn, without any mishap, from Feb. 4th till the day of his death, Aug. 31st, 1915, a little more than a year after his enlistment. He went with the first lot from the 12th York Rangers at the commencement of the war. After his arrival in England he was transferred to the machine gun section and was soon promoted to be Lance Corporal. He took part in all the seven engagements the Canadians were in and came through without being wounded. He was 22 years of age.

Carl, as the boys knew him, was born at Kettleby, Ont., on March 10th, 1893, and resided for some time in Northern Ontario, until he came here with his parents several years ago, and was employed during the greater part of his residence here in the Lathe Room at Canes' Factory, where he gave up a good position to go to do his duty to the Empire. That he has done his duty well is borne out by news of his actions reaching us from his associates and companions at the

"Lance Corporal Carl Granger is a No. 1 gunner on one of our machine guns. He is admired and trusted by his crew of 12 men. Devotion to these leaders is shown in some very funny ways. A little fellow, French Canadian by way of nationality, had the misfortune to get buried by a German shell caving in his dugout. Happening to see his plight, Corpl. Granger at once began to dig him out and finally succeeded in bringing him to the surface. During a re-organization of the gun crews, and the drafting in of new men, it was thought advisable to split up some of the old crew and substitute new men. Anyhow, as luck would have it, he was picked out of his gun crew. Tears came to his eyes when he was informed that he would have to be part of a new crew. He told our captain of how the corporal had saved his life, and insisted on being returned to his old gun crew, and he had his wish satisfied. He cannot praise Corpl. Granger enough, and the greatest sacri-

fice he could give would be given gladly for him. There are plenty of heroes, and Corpl. Granger is one of those unregistered heroes, quiet, brave and kind. He wins the admiration of his fellows very soon."

Carl was a brave fellow, but modestly shrank from anything that had the appearance of "blow." A comrade writes to a friend here that early one morning he "sniped" no less than ten Germans, one after another, until it got too hot for him to remain any longer with his head up. The first man was crawling along the ground in the semi-darkness, and Carl knew he hit him because he groaned. As the Germans came to his rescue he picked them off until too many appeared at once.

There is no complaint from Carl, in any of his letters that have been received here, and while he undoubtedly knew and realized the danger he was in, no mention was made of it except in the last letter he wrote to his mother, Aug. 29th, two days before his death, in which he said:

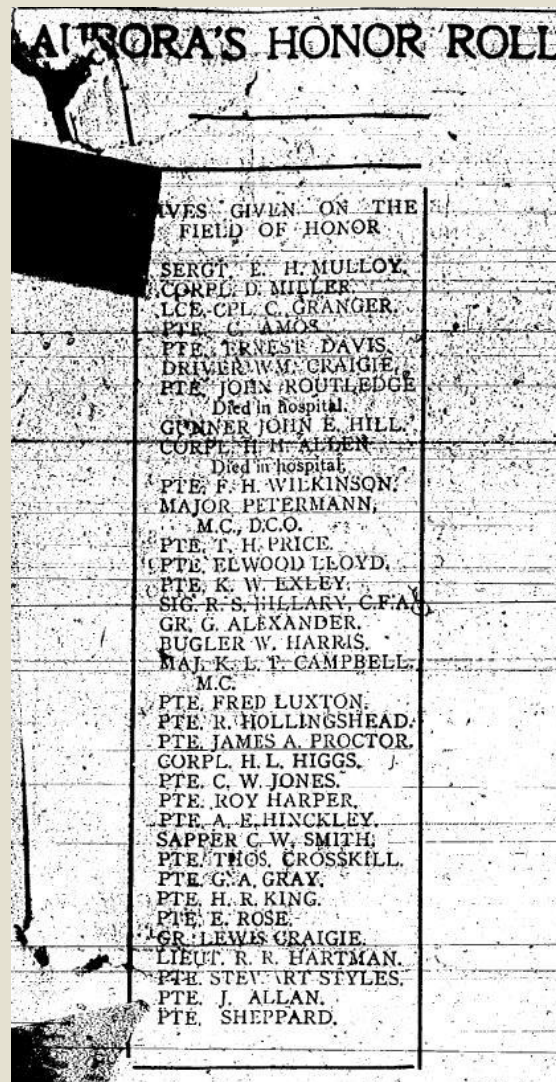
"My life is not worth ten minutes here now. We are only 100 yards from the German trench." Carl when he got his head above the parapet of the trench." This is all we know of the details surrounding the death of this brave boy, but from this stands out clearly and strong the facts that from the earliest moment of the war he realized the need of offering to do his bit, that he steadfastly stuck to it, at the same time earning his stripes showing efficient application to duty recognized by his officers, and that he died while fighting our fight, as well as his own, and undoubtedly as he would wish, "facing the enemy." Let us cherish his memory as one who quietly did what he thought was his duty, without public acclaim or display, and who has cheerfully given his whole life's opportunity to the service of the Empire.

Newmarket has reason to be proud of Carl's record, and he fully deserved the recognition of respect by the flying of flags in Town at half-mast on the day word was received of his death. All honor to the men on the battlefields and in the trenches.

## Aurora's Honour Roll

The Aurora Banner

Friday, January 3, 1919



## Newmarket Honour Roll

The Newmarket Era

Friday, May 12, 1916 pg. 5



## Aurora War Memorial

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### Aurora War Memorial

The names given below are those of the fallen men of Aurora, King and Whitchurch, as ascertained up to the present time by the War Memorial Committee.

Will every reader of the Banner in Aurora, King and Whitchurch, please look carefully over the list and draw attention to any error in initials or spelling of name, or omission of any name, communicating with the Editor of the Banner or with J. G. McDonald, Secretary of the War Memorial Association, without delay.

The Whitchurch list is an official list that has been checked over and pronounced correct; but it is included in above so that any typographical error, if any, may be noticed and corrected.

Although some of the names on these lists may and do appear on some local memorials, it will not be too much honour to these men that their names should also appear on this larger memorial—which from its location, its great size and architecture, will be visited by thousands of motorists and visitors aside from the people of Aurora, King and Whitchurch.

#### Aurora.

Alexander, G.  
Allen, H. H.  
Amos, C.  
Brown, Herman Clifton.  
Brown, S. G.  
Campbell, K. L. T.  
Crosskill, Thos.  
Davis, H.  
Exley, K. W.  
Granger, C.  
Gray, C. A.  
Harris, W.  
Hartman, R. R.  
Higgs, H.  
Hillary, R. S.  
Hinckley, A. R.  
Hollingshead, R.  
Jones, C. W.  
King, H. R.  
Lloyd, Elwood.  
Luxton, Fred.  
McMaster.  
Miller, David.  
Mulloy, E. H.  
Petermann, W.  
Price, T. H.  
Proctor, J. A.  
Rose, E.  
Sheppard.  
Smith, C. W.  
Styles, Stewart.  
Wilkinson, F. H. B.