

GEORGE HAITHWAITE

1914 Star & Bar	3-7097 Pte G.HAITHWAITE. 2/York:R.
British War Medal	7097 Pte.G.HAITHWAITE. York.R.
Allied Victory <i>Medal</i>	7079 Pte.G.HAITHWAITE. York.R.
Memorial Plaque	GEORGE HAITHWAITE

Army Medal Office rolls confirm the award of the 1914 Star and Bar, giving his date of disembarkation as 5 October 1914.

Born at Waterworks, Norwood, Fewston, Yorkshire, 7 March 1875, he was the son of Samuel Haithwaite, a striker for blacksmith, and his wife Margaret (née Kay). [His family name was registered as Hathwaite.]

Regimental records at Richmond hold no details about his enlistment. (His number indicates an enlistment very early in 1903.) While serving with 2/Yorkshire Regiment he extended his service to complete eight years with the colours 25 July 1905.

Soldiers Died In The Great War records that he was born at Otley, enlisted at Keighley, and that he was killed in action France & Flanders 11 March 1915 (during the battle of Neuve Chapelle). Commonwealth War Graves Commission records state that he died age forty, the son of the late Samuel and Margaret Haithwaite, and that he is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Richebourg-L'Avoue.

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