

HORACE JOHN KING

1914 Star and Bar	9311 Pte H.J.KING. 2/York: R.
British War Medal	9311 Pte H.J.KING.
Allied Victory Medal	York.R.
Memorial Plaque	HORACE JOHN KING

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

He was born 25 November 1894 at Married Quarters, Harwich, the son of Arthur King, Master Gunner, Royal Artillery, and his wife Eliza Ann (née Wood). Regimental Headquarters has no details of his enlistment, which his number indicates was early in 1911.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records that: he died 4 November 1914; he was the son of Arthur and the late Eliza Ann King of 59 Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey; he was educated at the Royal Hibernian School, Dublin; he was age 19; he is commemorated on the Menin Gate at Ypres. *Soldiers Died In The Great War* records that: he was born in Harwich, enlisted in Dublin while residing in West Norwood, Surrey, and was killed in action France & Flanders 4 November 1914.

On 4 November the 2/Yorkshire Regiment was in reserve, occupying dugouts opposite Gheluvelt. The War Diary records that it was a very quiet day. He may therefore have been killed either 3 November, when four men were killed and six wounded as a result of artillery fire, or 5 November, when the battalion was subjected to another heavy bombardment.

(Refs: WO 329/2440 p 78; WO 329/953 p 544
WO 95/1659
General Register Office
The Green Howards In The Great War [Wylly] p 49)