

FREDERICK ERNEST WEBBER

1914 Star and Bar	8468 Cpl F.E.WEBBER. 2/York: R.
British War Medal Allied Victory Medal	8468 Cpl.F.E.WEBBER. York.R.
Memorial Plaque	FREDERICK ERNEST WEBBER

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 16 April 1888 at 32 Arnott Street, Newington, Surrey, the son of George Webber, a general labourer, and his wife Rachel Williams Webber (nee Lord).

He married Amy Beatrice Lee, a laundress, at St Paul's, York, 10 September 1910.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records that: he was the son of George and Annie Webber, and the husband of Amy Beatrice Rodley (formerly Webber) of 1 Brown's Court, Swan Street, York; that he died, age 26, on 30 October 1914; and that he is commemorated on the Menin Gate at Ypres. *Soldiers Died In The Great War* records that he was born in Newington, London, enlisted in Stratford while living in York, and was killed in action France & Flanders 30 October 1914.

The Green Howards In The Great War records that on 30 October the 2/Yorkshire Regiment 'took up a position which formed a salient, with D Company on the left and the other companies in the order A, C, and B. We little knew what a terrible day it was going to be for us. We were fired at fairly heavily during the morning, but this caused no casualties...At 3.30 pm we got a message from the Brigade telling us to retire...Moss-Blundell took the Battalion back by companies, working from the left and starting with D Company. Owing to some very bad shooting on the part of the enemy, and our men keeping their heads, we were able to get back with only eleven casualties [War Diary records ten]; this did not include our losses in the trenches before we retired.'

(Refs: WO 329/2440 p 146; WO 329/953 p 505)

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The Green Howards In The Great War [Wylly] pp 47-8)