

	Name:	<b>2/Lt Walter James HAYTON Yorkshire 1/4th Bn TF</b>	
Age	Parents:	<b>James HAYTON</b> (born about 1856 in Normanby, Yorkshire - died 20 Jan 1919 in Middlesborough, YKS, ENG) and <b>Eliza Jane MEACHEN</b> (born about 1867 in Middlesborough, YKS, ENG - died in 1954 in Harrow, MDX, ENG)	
24	<b>Life Range</b>	<b>1892 - 16 Sep 1916</b>	
~36	<b>Abt 1856</b>	<b>Birth of Father:</b>	James HAYTON (born about 1856 in Normanby, Yorkshire - died 20 Jan 1919 in Middlesborough, YKS, ENG). In Normanby, Yorkshire.
~25	<b>Abt 1867</b>	<b>Birth of Mother:</b>	Eliza Jane MEACHEN (born about 1867 in Middlesborough, YKS, ENG - died in 1954 in Harrow, MDX, ENG). In Middlesborough, YKS, ENG.
0	<b>1892</b>	<b>Birth:</b>	Middlesborough, YKS, ENG.
9	<b>1901</b>	<b>Census:</b>	Middlesborough, YKS, ENG. 5 Milband (?) Street: <b>HAYTON</b> , James, 45, Deputy Registrar Births Marriages Deaths, born Normanby, Yorkshire Eliza J., 34, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire Elsie, 12, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire <b>Walter J.</b> , 8, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire Robert C., 6, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire Myra (?), 1, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire [Class: <i>RG13</i> ; Piece: <i>4578</i> ; Folio: <i>63</i> ; Page: <i>22</i> .]
19	<b>1911</b>	<b>Census:</b>	Middlesborough, YKS, ENG. "Falconhurst", Windsor Rd, Linthorpe: <b>HAYTON</b> , James, 55, Registrar Births Marriages Deaths, born Normanby, Yorkshire Eliza Jane, 44, (married 23 yrs; 6 children, 4 living), born Middlesborough, Yorkshire Elsie, 22, School Teacher, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire <b>Walter James</b> , 18, Commercial Clerk (Iron Ore Merchant) born Middlesborough, Yorkshire Robert Cuthbert, 16, Jnr Commercial Clerk (Iron Works) born Middlesborough, Yorkshire Myra, 11, School, born Middlesborough, Yorkshire [Class: <i>RG14</i> ; Piece: <i>29254</i> .]
24	<b>12 Jan 1916</b>	<b>Commission:</b>	LG Supplement 17 Jan 1916; p. 727.
24	<b>Jun 1916</b>	<b>Overseas:</b>	
24	<b>16 Sep 1916</b>	<b>Death:</b>	France.
		<b>Burial:</b>	Thiepval Memorial. Commemorated: Pier and Face 3 A and 3 D.
24	<b>10 Nov 1916</b>	<b>Probate:</b>	York. ...to James Hayton registrar of births deaths and marriages. £397. Resworn £529.
27	<b>1 Mar 1919</b>	<b>Probate:</b>	(Father). London, ENG. ...to Eliza Jane Hayton widow. £2,816.
		<b>Personal File:</b>	No file.
		<b>OTC:</b>	SNR: London University.
		<b>Cause of Death:</b>	Shell while Casualty Officer. (Joined 21/7/16)
		<b>Father's Occupation:</b>	CIVIL SERVICE: Registrar Births Deaths Marriages.
		<b>School:</b>	Middlesborough College.
		<b>Higher Education:</b>	LONDON: University of London (?).
		<b>Occupation:</b>	CLERK: Commercial (1911).

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**Siblings:****Brothers:** (Eldest of 2)

**Robert Cuthbert HAYTON, Pte 24429, Yorkshire Regiment**; born 1895; survived; *Service Record on Ancestry*; he enlisted 9 Dec 1915. Overseas 15 June 1916. Attd 9th KOYLI 9 Jul 1916. Posted 10th Yorkshire Regt 4 Sept 1916. Reported KIA 11 April 1917. On 4 July 1917 his parents received a post-card from him stating he was a Prisoner of War in Germany and giving his address as Gefranqenenlager (?) Group 3, Coy 15.A Barrack 29.A Germany. His father wrote to the Infantry Record Office in York on 7 July informing them and asking if his son would be able to draw his pay. When he did not receive a reply he wrote again, only to be informed that there was no record of his earlier letter having been received. He wrote again in scathing terms on 28 July, the correspondence makes interesting reading (*attached*). According to a letter in his service file from his father by 1918 he was in a POW Camp in Holland. There is an undated entry in his Statement of Services - "Prisoner of War cap'd at Arras Ry at Limberg Camp not yet reported. P.M. 161. Y37225". The next entry is 1 January 1919 - "Repatriated X92580". His father died 20 January 1919 - less than three weeks after Robert was repatriated.

Robert married Florence M. MARTIN in Middlesbrough in 1924. He died 14 January 1971 and is buried in Middlesbrough (Linthorpe) Cemetery. He may have had a son John C. HAYTON born abt 1927.

**Living Sisters:**

**Elsie HAYTON**, born 1888  
No conclusive information after 1911.

**Myra HAYTON**, born 1900  
No conclusive information after 1911.

**CWGC Register:**

Son of Mrs. E. J. Hayton, of "Falconhurst", Windsor Rd., Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, and the late James Hayton.

**Memorials:**

Middlesbrough (Linthorpe) War Memorial  
Middlesbrough College (<http://www.ww1-yorkshires.org.uk/html-files/middlesbrough-college.htm>)

## General Notes:

**From Robert Coulson's "Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial":****Hayton, Walter James**

Walter Hayton was a Middlesbrough man born in the town in 1893 and as a young man attended London University where he was also a member of the Officer Training Corps. He was serving with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment when they moved into the Somme offensive of summer 1916. In late August and early September 2nd Lt Hayton was training with the battalion at Millencourt.

On September 10th they moved up to Shelter Wood in brigade reserve and on September 14th assembled in Eye and Swansea trenches for an attack between High Wood and Martinpuich. September 16th saw the battalion attack at 9-25am bombing their way eastward along the German position of Prue trench.

2nd Lt Walter James Hayton was killed in this action on September 16th 1916 aged 23 and his body lost he is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing. He was the son of Mrs Myra Hayton (sic) and the late James Hayton of Falconhurst, Windsor Road, Linthorpe in Middlesbrough.

**From "University of London Officers Training Corps, ROLL OF WAR SERVICE 1914 1919"**

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**WALTER JAMES HAYTON** Second Lieutenant Yorkshire Regiment \* son of the late Mr. J. Hayton and of Mrs. Myra Hayton (sic) of Middlesbrough 4 killed in action while acting as casualty officer near Martinpuich in September 1916.