

JOHN CHRISTOPHER HEBBLETHWAITE was the second son of Rhodes and Louie Hebblethwaite of Highthorne, Husthwaite, Yorkshire; he was born at Leeds on May 31, 1896. He was for a time at Southcliffe School, Filey, and Nash House, Burnham, before entering Oundle (Grafton) in May 1911.

He left school in July 1914, and, immediately war was declared, started to help in finding horses for the Army, but as soon as he was able he enlisted in the Yorkshire Hussars, and was shortly afterwards offered a commission in the R.F.A., which he accepted (October 1914).

After finishing his training at Larkhill, he proceeded to France in September 1915, being attached to the 6th Division. He was thus on the Ypres salient all the time he was out in France.

For consistent good work he was promoted Lieutenant in March 1916. On June 22, 1916, he was killed by a chance shell, which also mortally wounded another officer.

He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Vlamertinghe. An Officer wrote: "He took such a great interest in the Battery, and in all his work, and was in every way a first class subaltern. Besides which, we all liked him so very much for himself."



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