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1. Hughes, A. The causes of the English Civil War (Basingstoke, 1991)
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3. Firth, C. & Davies, G. Regimental History of Cromwell's Army Vol I & II (Oxford, 1940) – Classmark: Y 355.3 FIR
4. Hutton, R. The Royalist war effort 1642-1646 (London, 1982)
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5. Gibb, M. A. The Lord General, A life of Lord Fairfax (London, 1938)
– Classmark: Y B FAI
6. Markham, C. R. A Life of the great Lord Fairfax, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Parliament of England (London, 1870) – Classmark: Y B FAI
7. Firth, C. H. The Life of William Cavendish, Duke of Newcastle (London, 1886) – Classmark: B NEW
8. Newman, P. R. Marston Moor 1644, The Battle of the Five Armies (Pickering, 2003) – Classmark: 942.062 NEW
9. Tucker, J. The English Civil War: A Military Handbook (London, 1972)
– Classmark: 942.062 ENG
10. ed. Morrill, J. The Impact of the English Civil War (London, 1991)
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5. His Majesties propositions to Sir John Hotham and the inhabitants of Hull (London 1641) – Classmark: STC Wing C2730
6. Reason why Sir John Hotham trusted by the Parliament cannot in honour agree to the Treaty of Pacification made by some Gentlemen of Yorkshire at Rothwell in 1643 (London, 1643)
– Classmark: STC Wing H2908
7. A true and plenary relation of the great defeat given by my Lord Fairfax's Forces unto my Lord of Newcastle's Forces in Yorkshire (London, 1643) – Classmark: STC Wing C7031
8. England and Wales, Parliament, House of Commons. - The charge of the Commons of England against Charles Stuart, King of England (London, 1648)
– Classmark: STC Wing E2537
9. A humble petition of the gentry and commons of the county of York, presented to His Majesty, concerning John Hotham's refusal to give His Majesty entrance to Hull (London, 1642) – Classmark: STC Wing H3504A

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1. Johnson, D. Adwalton Moor 1643 – The battle that changed a war (Pickering, 2003) – Classmark: L ADW 942
Johnson challenges the perception that the Battle of Adwalton Moor was merely a regional battle suggesting that the battle changed the Parliamentarians' negotiation strategy with Scotland.
2. Fox, G. The three sieges of Pontefract Castle (Otley 1987)
– Classmark: YQ PON 942
3. Ashcroft, M. Y. Scarborough Records 1641- 1660 (Northallerton, 1991) – Classmark: YQ SCA 942
A comprehensive chronology of the political, social and military events in Scarborough during the Civil War
4. Johnson, G. W. The Fairfax Correspondence, Memoirs of the Reign of Charles the First Vol I & II (London, 1848)
– Classmark: Y 942.052 FAI
5. ed. Horsfall -Turner, J. The Old History of Bradford 1776 (Bradford, 1834) – Classmark: Y 942.062 FAI
A collection of letters from General Fairfax describing the Battles of Leeds, Wakefield, the Siege of Manchester and the Taking of Bradford.
6. Yorkshire Archaeological Journal Vol. 8 (London, 1884)
– Classmark: Y 906 YOR
Short Memorials of the Civil War by Thomas Lord Fairfax p.199 – 226
7. Proposed Battlefield Register, Adwalton Moor 1643 (London, 1994)
– Classmark: LQP ADW 942
8. Cooke, D. The Forgotten Battle, The Battle of Adwalton Moor, 30th June 1643 (Tadcaster 1996)
– Classmark: LQP ADW 942
9. Haward, W. I. Yorkshire and the Civil War (Burnley, 1971)
– Classmark: Y 942.81 HAW