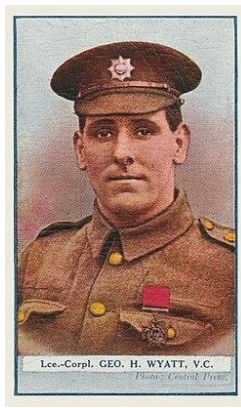


George Harry Wyatt VC – Lance Sergeant – 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards - 1336



George was born on 5th September 1886 in Whitstones, Worcestershire. He was the son of Arthur Digby and Sarah Ann Wyatt (Mason).

He enlisted into the Coldstream Guards on 23rd November 1904 at Birmingham. He served with the 2nd Battalion of his regiment at home, and then with the 3rd Battalion, then serving in Egypt. Transferring to the Reserves on 9th January 1909, he joined the Barnsley Borough Police. At the outbreak of the First World War George was recalled to the Army on 5th August 1914.

In 1911 George was boarding at 16 Highfield Terrace, Churchfield, Barnsley in the home of Mary Ann Hatton. He was working as a police constable.

On 1st January 1912 he had married Ellen Graham at Christ Church, Whitehaven. They had three sons and one daughter.

George was a Lance-Corporal in the 3rd Battalion, the Coldstream Guards, stationed around Landrecies on the night of the 25th August, when the following action took place for which he was awarded his VC:

On 25th/26th August 1914 at Landrecies, France, part of Lance-Corporal Wyatt's battalion was hotly engaged close to some farm buildings, when the enemy set alight some straw sacks in the farmyard. George twice dashed out under very heavy fire from the enemy, only 25 yards (23 m) away, and extinguished the burning straw, making it possible to hold the position. Later, although wounded in the head, he continued firing until he could no longer see owing to the blood pouring down his face. The medical officer bound up his wound and ordered him to the rear, but he returned to the firing line and went on fighting.

He was wounded again in February 1915 at Cuinchy and evacuated back to England, where he served the rest of the war, transferring to the 5th Battalion in August 1915. He was promoted to Lance-Sergeant on 28th February 1917 and was demobilised on 14th January 1919.

After the war he returned to the police and served in the Doncaster Borough Police force until his retirement in 1934 and was awarded a Coronation Medal in 1953. He died on 22nd January 1964 is buried at St John the Evangelist's Church, Cadeby, near Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

