

Guardsman 10910 George Waplinton
Age 19
1st Battalion Coldstream Guards

Reported missing in action on the Western Front on 22nd December 1914
 (It was confirmed on 4th February 1916 that he had been killed in action)

No known grave

Commemorated on Le Touret Memorial France, Harthill, and Kiveton Park
 Colliery War Memorials

Son of William and Fanny Waplinton, who were newsagents at Firvale, Harthill. He was baptised 10th March 1895 at All Hallows Church, Harthill. Prior to joining the Coldstream Guards, he worked as a Surface Labourer at Kiveton Park Colliery.

George was reported as missing in action for approximately 14 months.

The Worksop Guardian - July 2nd 1915

“Harthill’s Missing Guardsman

Nothing has been heard of Pte. George Waplinton of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards since December 22nd last. Application has been made to the War Office a considerable time since for information as to whether he has been killed, wounded, or taken prisoner, but the authorities have not been able to find any trace of him. He is on the 'missing' list.

The parents are passing through a very anxious time, but are hopeful if any of our wounded soldiers of the Coldstreams’ who have seen or heard of him would get in touch with them it would help to relieve their anxiety.”

Worksop Guardian - 4th February 1916

“Private George Waplinton- (From Harthill)

After 14 months of anxiety as to the whereabouts of George Waplinton, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, his parents have now received notification from the War office that their son is dead. Pte. Waplinton last wrote home on December 24th 1914, when he sent a field card stating he was quite well.

Since then nothing had been heard of him and application to the War Office for information failed to find out whether he was a prisoner or wounded.

It is believed that Waplinton paid the supreme sacrifice during one of the many attacks on the Coldstream Guards in December 1914.

He was known in the Guards as a crack shot and was nearly 21 years of age. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and was drafted out to France in October 1914. The deceased lived two doors away from the late Pte. Harold Gay. Pte. Joseph Waplinton also of the Coldstream Guards, a brother of the late George Waplinton, has been wounded in the leg. He was a reservist.

A service in memory of the late Pte. Waplinton, was held in All Hallows Church, yesterday afternoon week, conducted by the rector (the Rev B. Darley). There was a large congregation. The Rector spoke very sympathetically, and spoke of what we owed our soldiers and sailors who laid down their lives for King and Country. He was sure the parents of the deceased Guardsman would have sympathy of all in their sad loss.”