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E mail from

Mr. D. Rice

on Grandfather

D. R. Wyatt

(L149)

## Ian MacFarlane

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**From:** Les Tucker [les10tucker@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 18 October 2009 14:04  
**To:** 'David Rice'  
**Cc:** imacfarlane@royalgunpowdermills.com  
**Subject:** RE: Information - Dr Wyatt

Dear David

Your information was most helpful and I will be able to tell you more about Building L149 and the work there.

However there will be a gap before I can reply as I want to talk to one or two people from that period and this can take a little time as it is possible only at Committee meeting times and the next is Nov. 6th.

In the meantime could you tell me how the conclusion was reached and with whom that he worked in L149 as this might be helpful.

As regards any possibility of L149 being opened, the future of that run of buildings is under examination and I'm afraid it is not possible to give any further detail at this time.

Regards

Les

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**From:** David Rice [mailto:davidjohnrice@hotmail.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2009 22:46  
**To:** les10tucker@btinternet.com  
**Subject:** RE: Information

Dear Les,

I have attached a picture of my granddad (Dr Wyatt) and a picture of the building i was told he worked in last time i visited Waltham Abbey. to answer you question about his type of work i found one of his papers:

The Quantity/Distance Category of Gun and Rocket Propellants

K. N. Bascombe, R. M. H. Wyatt

Explosives Research and Development Establishment, Ministry of Defence (PE), Waltham Abbey, (United Kingdom)

Abstract

The quantity/distance categorisation of explosive materials is discussed. The procedure for the standard UK laboratory-type test (large sealed vessel test) is described. The borderline, in terms of the test, between fire and explosive risks has been established by testing materials for which the nature of the hazard is previously known. Trials have established that boxed UK plastic (composite) propellants are fire risks only.

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Received: 30 December 1975

Any other information you have would be gratefully received. Also is the building i am lead to believe he worked in open yet?

kind regards,

David

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From: les10tucker@btinternet.com  
To: davidjohnrice@hotmail.co.uk  
CC: imacfarlane@royalgunpowdermills.com  
Subject: Iformation  
Date: Tue, 13 Oct 2009 17:05:56 +0100

Dear David

Thank you for your enquiry on Dr. Wyatt.

We do not have individual personnel records for later years at the Mills.

However we could give you a description of the nature of his work if we knew what particular research subject he was pursuing or what product of the Mills he was involved with. Have you any indicator, sometimes the most slender of clues is enough.

Regards

Les Tucker

Archivist Royal Gunpowder Mills

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## Ian MacFarlane

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**From:** David Rice [davidjohnrice@hotmail.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 31 August 2009 23:21  
**To:** archives@royalgunpowdermills.com  
**Subject:** Information Request - Dr R Wyatt

Dear sir or madam,

I am currently trying to find out as much information as I can about my grandfather's work. His name is Dr R Wyatt and he worked at Waltham Abbey for a number of years. I would be grateful for any information you may have.

Regards,

David Rice

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