

## Richard Wincott

Richard is recorded in the Leamington Courier published in January 1915 as having joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The article also recorded the names of a number of others from Moreton Morrell who enlisted in various units.

The Medal Rolls Index accessible through Ancestry.co.uk shows he enlisted on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1914 and was discharged from the army on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1917 because of wounds received. He was awarded the Silver War Badge which was issued to soldiers who had been discharged because of the effect of wounds received and in part it was to allow them to demonstrate they had good reason not to be serving at a time when white feathers were often given to apparently fit young men who were not in uniform.

No information has been found of where he served or how he was wounded. The Royal Warwickshire's served not only on the Western Front but also in the Dardanelles, Italy and other fronts. Unfortunately there is no information on Medal Rolls Index of which unit of the Warwickshire's he was serving in.

The article in the Leamington Courier says he came from Moreton Morrell. It has not been possible to determine which of two families of Wincotts he came from.

A couple of houses away from the Post Office, the 1901 Census shows Charles and Hannah Wincott living with their six children, Frederick was the eldest and also served (See a separate report) then there was Richard born in 1891. The other children were Mary, Wilfred, Ellen and Maggie.

By 1911 according to the census, Richard the son of Charles and Hannah was a police constable boarding in London but he appears in 1915 to have married in Stratford upon Avon, Edith Mary Mann from Moreton Morrell. A record has been found of the banns for the marriage having been read out in the church in Moreton Morrell and also in St Marys, Hoxton, Hackney. It perhaps can be assumed he was still a police

constable in London in 1915 so perhaps that means he was not the Richard Wincott who enlisted in November 1914.

In 1933 according to the Electoral Roll, he and Edith Mary were living in Stepney and Stoke Newington.

The second family were those of another Hannah Wincott who on the 1911 census is described as an “unmarried person”. She has two sons Jesse age twenty three who also served (See separate report) and Richard age sixteen. There are two younger children Alice and Arthur age ten and eight respectively.

No trace of Richard has been found other than a Richard Wincott dying in 1980 at the age of 75 and registered in Warwick and Leamington.

Further information which allows us to establish from which family this soldier came from would be much appreciated.

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