



Wilts Rifle Association.

Shooting at Devizes

A Swindonian Wins The Cup

On Wednesday, at the County Rifle Range, Kings Way Down, Devizes, under the auspices of the Wilts Rifle Association, there was an interesting competition for a handsome challenge cup offered by the Marquis of Landsdowne, K.G. (president of the association), in commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. Prizes in cash were also given by other gentlemen, so that attractive competition was arranged.

The meeting was held with the object of developing shooting at the longer ranges and competitors had to fire at 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, and 1000 yards. There were 35 entrants, and despite a showery day, and a somewhat troublesome right-rear wind, some good shooting was witnessed.

Sergeant W. C. Strong, of Warminster, obtained a possible at 300 yards, and there was some creditable marksmanship at the longer ranges.

The cup and jewel and a money prize of £4 went to Lance-Corporal H. K. Blyth, 2nd V.B. Wilts. Regiment, Swindon, who headed the list of competitors for the Coronation prize (500, 600, 800, 900, 1000 yards - 7 shots at each distance) with a score of 141.

At the conclusion of the shooting the prizes were presented by Lady Methuen at a gathering at which Colonel C. E. Colton, M.P., made a brief speech.

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