

Lance Corporal Arthur Harding
Royal Welsh Fusiliers
killed in action on
16th May 1915

Lance Corporal Arthur Harding was born circa 1890, son of George and Lucy. He and his family lived at 3 Ashwood Lane. His occupation was Farm Waggoner. He was 5ft 3½ ins tall with grey eyes and brown hair.

On 7 August 1914 Arthur Harding enlisted into the 1st. Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, having had previous service in the Special Reserve of KSLI. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 13 October 1914 and entered France on 10 November 1914. On 16th May 1915, aged 25, Arthur was officially posted as missing presumed killed.

Extract of a letter received by George from the War Records Office. It read *"The officer in charge of infantry records Shrewsbury regrets to have to inform you that no further official news has been received of Lance Corporal A Harding....If you have received from soldiers, or others, reports that the soldier is dead or a Prisoner of War, you should state the names and addresses of the people who informed you...."*

On 24th February 1916 George replied *"my nephew... who was over on furlough was told by Private Hanmer ...that he saw him blown to pieces by a shell after being wounded...I wrote to Private Hanmer to ask him but have received no reply; trusting you can find out by him"* George (Harding)."

Lance Corporal Arthur Harding was awarded 1914-15 Star Campaign Medal, British War Medal and the Victory Medal; his father George was awarded £5 gratuity for his (Arthur's) death in service.

remembered on Le Touret Memorial, France
Ash War Memorial