



**Private Fred Clarke**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry**

- Little is known of Private Clarke. Pte. Clarke was the son of Andrew and Ebeneza Clarke, and was age 23 in November 1916 when he was missing and presumed killed in action on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1916.
- Pte. Clarke had 6 sisters (3 married) and one brother to whom a gratuity was paid (Dec 1919 to Sarah Clarke); this suggests that his father and mother were either deceased or untraceable by then.
- Pte. Clarke was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. Pte. Clarke's war record contains a note dated 20/7/1922 that the Commanding Officer KSLI requests permission to dispose of his medals which suggests that none of his next of kin could be traced in 1922.
- Pte. Clarke's service papers are missing, presumed 'burnt' but details of his sisters and parents would have been declared when he enlisted 1914 – 1916.