

First World War Service Record Robert Shuttleworth Clarke

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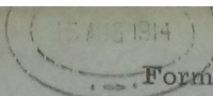
Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number.....

Rank 2/b Regiment or Corps my corp
 Surname Clarke Christian Name P. S.
 Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months
 Enlisted (a)..... Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....
 Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b).....
 or Corps Trade and rate.....
 Occupation..... Signature of Officer 47

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 219, Army Form A. 56, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 219, Army Form A. 56, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...		9/6/18	
		Disembarked ...		9/6/18	85280 479
19/6/18	B. Depot	From England	Canterbury	9/6/18	
15.6.18	—	to 47 R.	—	14.6.18	B. 213, 0810 463
24/6/18	47 R.	James R.	India	16.6.18	B. 213
12.10.18	—	Miller in Action	—	4.10.18	B. 213 9/1029
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Form M.T.
393

This Form is to be used for a candidate who is neither a cadet or ex-cadet Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, nor a member of a University. M.T. 392 should be used for an Officers Training Corps (Senior Division) university candidate.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

Name in full {	Surname.	Clarke.	Ca/234
	Christian names.	Robert Shuttleworth	
Date of birth.	April 22 nd 1890 ✓		
Whether married.	No ✓		
Whether of pure European descent.	Yes. ✓		
Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.	British born. ✓		
Permanent address.	The Thorn Ross-on-Wye.		
Present address for correspondence.	The Thorn Ross-on-Wye.		
Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.	No.		
Whether able to ride.	Yes.		

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, state

10. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Infantry

11. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

The Welsh

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date

August 14th 1914

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Usual Signature of Candidate

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magister, a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in his life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Robert S. Clarke, age 17 years for the last 17 years.

Signature

R. Hoskins

†Rank, office or occupation

Leut Colonel, Retired

Date

August 14th 1914

Address

Fairfield, Denbury Road, Hereford

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from

to

Signature

†Rank, office or occupation

Date

Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912, Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated;

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof, the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that a good standard of education.

State here educational position, e.g.,
Head of a College or School, etc.

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, &c.

SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours.)

ATTESTATION OF10 Name Robert S. ClarkeCorps A S L I

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

What is your name?

In or near what Parish or Town were you born?

Are you a British Subject?

What is your Age?

What is your Trade or Calling?

Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your Apprenticeship expire?

8. Are you Married?

9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power?

10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? if so to what unit and Corps?

11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge

12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service?

13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? if so, on what grounds?

14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?

15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?

16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?

17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depôts of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If, however, the War lasts for less than three years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

I, Robert S. Clarke do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.Robert S. Clarke

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT

A. Mitchell

Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.I, Robert S. Clarke swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.**

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me.

at Shrewsbury on this 26 day of Aug 1914.

Signature of the Justice

H. L. Cotton

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 8 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2065a.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 11110

Name Robert Sh...

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depôt	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		
					years	days	years

Service towards limited engagement reckons from 24 $\frac{8}{14}$ Joined at St Leonards on 24 $\frac{8}{14}$

1st S.L.I	Depôt	Attested	Private	24 $\frac{8}{14}$
5th K.S.L.	B'dom	promoted	Capt	14-9-14.
5th K.S.L.	B'dom	promoted to Commissioned ranks.	2nd Lieut.	17-9-14.

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n B. 178
Special Re

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Age
Occur

is used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.
 Form B. 178A to be used for Special Reserve recruits
 and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

Army Form B. 178.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

surname Clarke

Christian Name Robert S Littleworth Clarke

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ...	Parish <u>Marston</u>	County <u>of Hereford</u>
Examined ...	on <u>24</u> day of <u>Aug</u> 191 <u>4</u> at <u>Shrewsbury</u>	
Declared Age ...	<u>24 yrs. 120 days</u>	
Trade or Occupation ...	<u>School master.</u>	
Height ...	feet, _____	inches. _____
Weight ...	_____	lbs. _____
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully Expanded. _____	inches. _____
	Range of Expansion _____	inches. _____
Physical Development and Pulse rate {		
Vaccination Marks {	Arm... Right. _____ Left. _____	
	Number _____	2.
When Vaccinated...		
Vision ...	R.E.—V = $\frac{6}{6}$ L.E.—V = $\frac{6}{6}$	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease {	(a) _____	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection {	(b) _____	
Approved by ... (Signature)	<u>John Keynes</u>	<u>Major</u> <u>RAMC</u> Medical Officer.
(Rank)		
Enlisted ...	at <u>Shrewsbury</u> on <u>24</u> day of <u>Aug</u> 191 <u>4</u>	
Joined on Enlistment ...	Corps <u>KSLI</u>	Regt. No. <u>11110</u>
Transferred to ...		
Became non-effective by ...	<u>received a Temporary Commission from</u> <u>L.O.C. Aldershot Training Centre 17/9/14.</u>	
	on _____ day of _____	191 _____
(Signature)		
(Rank)		

P.T.O.

Description of Robert S Luttleworth Clarke

Apparent Age 24 years 12 months 12 days.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 6 feet 4 inches.

Weight 176 lbs.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 40 inches.
Range of expansion 4 inches.

Complexion Brown Red

Eyes Br Brown

Hair Black

Religious denomination { Church of England _____
Presbyterian _____
Wesleyan _____
Baptist or Congregationalist _____
Other Protestants _____
(Denomination to be stated.)
Roman Catholic _____
Jewish _____

Distinctive marks, and marks of peculiarities or previous disease.
(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that before, he will, unless the man is sent to service, attach a slip to that effect, for the approving Officer.)

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named man and find that he does not present any of the conditions of rejection specified in the Regulations for the Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye: his heart and lungs are healthy: he is in the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him * fit for the Army.

Date 24 Aug 1914.

Place Shrewsbury

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

fit I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me and I consider him fit for service in the Special Reserve and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 24 8 1914.

Place SHREWSBURY

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

H. L. Cotton Capt } Recruiting Officer
for Capt R. O. Salge

† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint to the Post

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 24 8 1914

Place SHREWSBURY

H. L. Cotton Capt } Approving Officer.
O. C. 53rd Rec Area R. O. Salge

* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

ENC.

G.W.E.

R o s s , Herefordshire,

11th Decr 1918.

F. S. COLLINS.

TELEPHONE P.O. X9.

Sir,

Accounts 4 - Plaque & Scroll.

List No.115 - 1914-15.

Captain R.S.Clarke (Shropshire Light Infantry
deceased.)

We return the Official form of Enquiry
for the address of Captain Clarke's nearest
relative, to whom you wish to send a Plaque &
Scroll, with the reply that this is his father,
the Rev: William Shuttleworth Clarke, who
resides at Abbeville, Highbury Parade, Weston-
super-Mare.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.H. Collins

The Assistant Financial Secretary,
War Office,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
LONDON,
S.W.1.

~~Sister~~ ...

Owing to the great number of
cases to be dealt with it is impossible
to say how soon the distribution will
be effected in any individual case.

Effects.

Issue Form.

No. 12.^a

Paper: 38210/3.

Record No. 014593.

Year of Effects: 15/16.

Rank and Name Lieut. R. S. ClarkeRegiment King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Whether a Will exists

Domicile English.

Whether born in wedlock

Whether ever married

Administration

AMOUNTS OF PRESENT CREDITS, £ 76 .. 18 .. 6.

Whether Pay Bk. received

Gratuity \$ 76 - 18 - 6.Date of death 25. 9. 15.Claims, if any:— Nil. C. of A.SHARES ISSUABLE:—

Amount	Relationship	Names in full	Addresses	Remarks
6 .. 18 .. 6.	Administrator	The Rev. William. Shuttleworth Clarke M. A.	c/o Messrs W. H. & F. S. Collins. Solicitors. Ross. Herefordshire.	Pay by draft

SHARES RETAINED—

Action to be taken, if any.

Amount

For whom

Instructions for Acquaint, overleaf

18/45) W4254—HP1520 10,000 1/18 BWV(P204)
42—HP2011 10,000 4/18

H18/207

Register No. 38210/3
Accounts

Extract from Letters of Administration
~~Probate of Will~~

Dated 27th June 1918 Granted at The District Probate Registry at
~~Hereford~~ Hereford.

1. Estate of Robert Shuttleworth Clarke, of The Thorn, Marslow, in the
of Hereford, a Captain, in His Majesty's the King's Shropsh
Light Infantry

2. Date and Place of Death Died on the 25th September 1915 in France (having
killed in action there) a bachelor and intestate

3. Grantees The Reverend William Shuttleworth Clarke M.A., Clerk, the
natural and lawful father and next of kin of the said

4. Gross value, £4003. 19. 3.

5. Disposal of Medals

Extracted and) Messrs W.H. & F.S. Collins,
Produced by) Solicitors,
Ross,
Herefordshire.

to whom returned by registered post 15th July 1918.

Field Service.

Report of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B.213 or Army Form A.36 or from other official documentary sources.

Unit) 5th(Ser) Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Rank) Lieutenant.

Name) Clarke. R.S.

By whom reported D.A.G. 3rd Echelon.

Date of Death. ✓ 25-9-15.

Place or hospital. ✓ Belgium.

DIED

Cause of death. ✓ Killed in Action.

Place of burial. Not forthcoming.

State whether he(leaves a will (Not forthcoming.
or not. (

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions of a deceased officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his effects should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Date.

27-2-16.

General Headquarters,
3rd Echelon.

E. Wood Captain for,

1/c Infantry Section. New Arrivals,
Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

British Red Cross

Order of [^] St. John

1554

Nov 10th 1915

Capt. Robert S. Clarke D. Coy. 5th Batt K. S. L. I.

Dear Madame

Referring to our previous letters, we deeply regret to inform you that we have just received a report from Cpl Farrernden, on leave at Boulogne on the 4th inst, as follows: -

Capt. Clarke was I know killed before the charge while he were in Trench H 18, and he is buried down by H. 15. I buried eight men close by where he is lying and a Cross was over his grave but I know this part was subject to heavy fire afterwards.

Again assuring you of our sincere sympathy

yours faithfully
W. J. Reeves

For Sir Louis Mallet

(Cpl Farrinden's Statement)

BRITISH RED CROSS

S./557.

and

ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

Nov. 10th 1915.

Capt. Robert S. Clarke, "D" Coy. 5th Batt. K.S.L.I.

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5/557
Western General Hospital

Oct 31 1915

St. Mary's Puddleton

Manchester

Mr W. S. Clarke

Dear Sir

Lance Corporal Kelwyne is at present in this hospital
seriously wounded. His condition is critical, and he is unable
to write. I read your letter to him & he gave me the following
details: —

"On Sept 25th we were ordered to take two lines
of trenches, we advanced about dawn and captured the first line.
Just then I was struck by a bursting shell, Captain Clarke was
hit by the same shell. He was hit in several places. We crawled into
the communication trench and lay there. Captain Clarke had his
flask with him and gave me some drink from it. He did not
speak much. He did not say anything about himself. I do
not think he was in much pain, though he was not the sort to
show it if he was. I think he died from loss of blood. It was
almost dusk when he died."

If I can be of service in getting any further particulars please
do not hesitate to let me know. If you should wish to see
Kelwyne, it would be well to see him soon as his chances of
recovery are not good.

I remain yours faithfully

Andrew C Clarke

M O in charge.

(Lance Corporal Kelwynes' Statement)

From:

2nd Western General Hospital,
Leaf Square, Pendleton,
Manchester.

S./557.

To:

The Revd. W. S. Clarke.

31st Oct. 1915.

* * * * *

"On Sept. 25th we were ordered to take two lines of trenches, we advanced about dawn and captured the first line. Just then I was struck by a bursting shell, Captain Clarke was hit by the same shell. He was hit in several places. We crawled into the communication trench and lay there. Captain Clarke had his flask with him and gave me some drink from it. He did not speak much. He did not say anything about himself. I do not think he was in much pain, though he was not the sort to show it if he was. I think he died from loss of blood. It was almost dusk when he died".

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5/557

British Red Cross
Order of ^L St John

Oct 28th 1915

Capt Robert S. Clarke D Coy. 5th Batt K.S.I.I

Referring to your enquiry we beg to inform you that we have just received two reports which we much regret to say are as follows. The Cross 14967, in the 23rd General Hospital files on the 18th October states:

"I was with the Captain all day. We were both wounded in the morning early. I got a broken leg and he was badly wounded by a bomb explosion. We managed to crawl about 20 yards away from the trench. In the afternoon he insisted on my going away, and I was several hours crawling to our trench. I covered him with some coats and made him as comfortable as I could. When I got to our trench we were relieved by the D.I.I. I asked some soldiers to fetch him but they were not able to leave. Then an officer, I do not know who it was, and a man went out to fetch him in. They came back and told me he was dead."

L/Cpl H Adams, 7911 in 5th Batt K.S.I.I in V.A.D. Hospital Rushall Tewbridge Wells on the 20th October whose Home address is 46 Wingfield Gardens Ditterington Shrewsbury states: —
"I last saw Capt Clarke on Saty. Sept 25th at Hodge on the left of the Lake about 10 in the morning. It was after the charge in the counter attack, and I was close to Capt Clarke in the barbed wire. A bomb exploded severely injuring Capt Clarke."

Yours truly
R. S. Clarke

The Medical Secretary
War Office

S/537

I was able to go on for a little. Then I was wounded and I crawled back down the communication trench I came across Capt. Clarke but I think they could never get him away as the Germans were coming on in hundreds and he was so severely wounded.

In the boat coming to England I saw Capt. Firth of the regiment and enquired about Capt. Clarke. Capt. Firth said that he thought Capt. Clarke had been brought out but was severely wounded. I said I was doubtful if Capt. Clarke had been made a prisoner as we were fighting against the Russian Guard.

Although it is frequently found that the observation of privates in the stress and confusion of battle is not to be relied on yet it is to be noted that in this case there are two privates and that both speak as definite eye-witnesses, it is however to be also noted that the statement that Capt. Clarke is dead is hearsay and should not be taken as accepted without confirmation.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy
yours faithfully

W. S. Geerres
for Sir Louis Mallet

Yours up trust
B. S. Clarke

The Holiday Secretary
- Mr. Apple

Telegram

S/557

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS. (Inland Telegrams.)		No. of Telegram
Code	Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.
	H M S War Office	Sent
	London	At
		To
		By

For Postage Stamps.
The Stamps must be affixed by the Sender, and must not overlap. Any Stamp for which there is not room here should be affixed at the back of this Form.

A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.

NOTICE.—This Telegram will be accepted for transmission subject to the Telegraph Acts, the Regulations made thereunder, and the Notice printed at the back hereof.

TO { Rev W. S. Clarke Vicar of Marston
Ross Herefordshire

12 words
6 D.
Every additional word,
1 1/2 D.
Every word telegraphed
separately

Regret to inform you that Lt R. S. Clarke,
5th Shropshire L I is reported wounded
and missing between 25/26 Sept
Secy War Office

FROM {

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the Space provided at the Back of the Form.

25/26/9

Enquiring from

Marston

Ross

Oct 5th 1915

Dear Sir

I am told
that there is an appt
of for tracing. Now
ad and missy in con
nection with the Recd
Office. Will you kindly
make enquiries about
my son Capt R. S. Clarke
He was in command of

D Company 5th Batt
King's Shropshire L.I.

I had a telegram from
the War Office last
Wednesday saying that
he was wounded and
missing on Sept 25.26.

This was in the battle
of Hage. If you
can find out anything
about him, my wife &
I will be grateful.

Yours truly
A. S. Clark

Postal Address—

Marston

Ross on Wye

Capt. R. S. Clarke H.C. 10th 1916

Respondents:
one side only
rate sheet for

Dear Sir

On the 6th inst I received a letter from you telling me that my son was killed in action on Sept 28th 1915 for which I thank you. I should be much obliged however if you would let me know why you describe him as Lieutenant R. S. Clarke. On Sept 22nd we had a letter from him in which he said, "You will be glad to hear that I have been promoted Captain now." On Oct 5th I had a letter from his C.O. in which he is called Captain, the Colonel says Captain R. S. Clarke led his company in the charge. On November 6th I had a letter from the War Office in which he is again called Captain R. S. Clarke, but in your letter of the 5th inst he is now called Lieutenant R. S. Clarke. I do not understand the reason for this.

Believe me

Yours truly

R. S. Clarke

The Military Secretary
War Office

M.S.3.(Cas.).

12th March, 1916.

M.S.3. Casualties.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. W.S. Clarke, and in reply to his letter of the 10th instant begs to inform him that his Son should have been described as Captain.

The Military Secretary much regrets that an error was made in describing him as Lieutenant.

SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

CLARKE, Captain Rob.

This officer was, I know killed before the charge while we were in Trench H.18 and he is buried down by H.15. I buried eight men close by where he is lying and a cross was over his grave, but I know the grave was blown up again in the night of the charge on the 25th September at Hooze, so whether they buried him after that or what they did I do not know, but I actually saw his grave myself at H. 15, at Hooze.

Reference: Corporal Farrenden, 10731.

On leave,

November 4th 1915 Boulogne. EFN.

5th. Shropshire Light Infantry

Clarke, Capt. Robert S.
(W.&M. Sept. 25-27 Hooze)

Informant said he last saw Capt. Clarke on Sat. Sept. 25th. at Hooze on the left of the Lake about 10 in the morning. It was after the charge, in the counter attack, and informant was close to Capt. Clarke in the barbed wire. A bomb exploded, severely injuring Capt. Clarke, but informant was able to go on for a little. Then informant was wounded and as he crawled back down the communication trench he came across Capt. Clarke who spoke to him; four men were trying to move Capt. Clarke but informant thinks they could never get him away as the Germans were coming on in hundreds and he was so severely wounded. Informant was afraid that both thighs were shattered. In the boat coming to England informant saw Capt. Firth of his regiment and enquired about Capt. Clarke. Capt. Firth said that he thought Capt. Clarke had been brought out, but was severely wounded. Informant said he was doubtful if Capt. Clarke had been made

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a prisoner as they were fighting against the Prussian Guard. He spoke most highly of Capt. Clarke and said he was a splendid man.

Reference: L/C. H. Adams, 7911,
5th. Shropshire L. I.,
V.A.D. Hospital,
Rusthall,
Tunbridge Wells

Home address:
46, Wingfield Gardens,
Ditterington,
Shrewsbury.

London
Oct. 20th. 1915
Talbot.

SHROPSHIRECapt. R. Clarke.

W. & M. Sept. 25th.

"I was with him all day. We were both wounded in the morning early. I got a broken leg and a bomb explosion shattered his lower quarters and two or three fingers. We managed to crawl about 20 yards away from the trench. In the afternoon he insisted on my going away, and I was several hours crawling to our trench. I covered him with some coats and made him as comfortable as I could. When I got to our trench we were relieved by the D.L.I. I asked some soldiers to fetch him but they were not able to leave. Then an officer, I do not know who it was, and a man, went out to fetch him in. They came back and told me he was dead, and nearly covered with water as it had been raining."

CR.

Reference: Pte. Cross. 14967. 23 Gen.
Etaples. 18th. Oct. 1915.

5th Shropshire Light Infantry,
Clarke Capt.

D. Co.


[Informant states that] On Sept. 25th 1915 at Hooge, Capt. Clarke was wounded but got back to our trenches. He was subsequently killed by shell fire in the trench.

Informant was not an eye-witness but was told by Pte. Titley 5th Batt., D. Co., who was an eye-witness.

Reference: Pte. G. Davies, 11266, 5th Batt., D. Co.,
Shropshire L.I.,
Graylingwell Hospital,
Chichester.

Home address:
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Oct. 21st, Gloucester.
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Regret	to	inform	you	that
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*Rev. W. S. Clarke Vicar of Warston
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Regret	to	inform	you	that
<i>Reverend W. S. Clarke Shropshire Light Infantry admitted 3 General Hospital Le Treport 2nd July Case not then diagnosed Particulars will be wired on receipt.</i>				