

DRIVER STANLEY CLARKE

Service Number: T/211260

Enlisted: 310th Armoured Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Born: 22nd November 1910

Died: 20th September 1944, Aged 33

Memorials: Groesbeek Memorial, Canadian War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands, Panel 9

St Catherine's Church Memorial

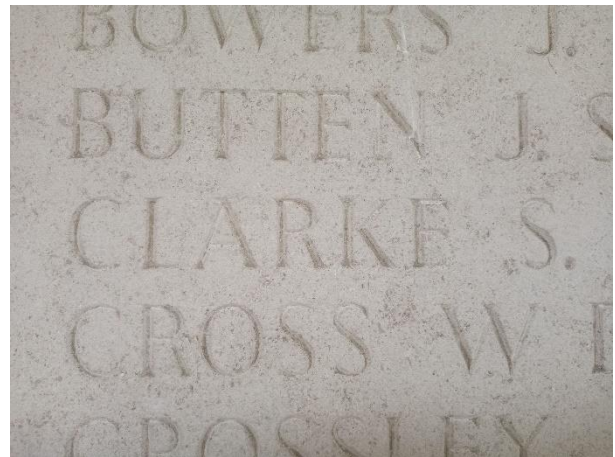
Burbage War Memorial



Stanley Clarke was born on 22nd November 1910, the fifth child of William and Sarah Ann Clarke of 5 Sketchley Cottages, Burbage. His father William was a General Labourer at Sketchley Dye Works and Stanley joined his father at the Dye Works becoming a Dyers Labourer on leaving full-time education.

Stanley died 20th September 1944, aged 33, whilst serving with the 310th Armoured Brigade close to the Netherlands/German frontier.

Stanley is commemorated at the Groesbeek Memorial within the Canadian War Cemetery at Gelderland, Netherlands.



Groesbeek Memorial Panel 9



Driver S. Clarke

Driver Stanley Clarke, youngest son of Mrs. Clarke and the late Mr. William Clarke, of 5, Sketchley Cottages, Hinckley, has been wounded in North-West Europe. Dvr. Clarke has been in the Army four years, and before being sent to France, soon after D-Day, he had seen service in Iceland. He is 33 and before joining the Army was employed at Sketchley Dye Works. In pre-war days he was a member of the committee of Hinckley Angling Society.

Hinckley Times 27th September 1944

Allied forces entered the Netherlands on 12 September 1944. Airborne operations later that month established a bridgehead at Nijmegen and in the following months, coastal areas and ports were cleared and secured, but it was not until the German offensive in the Ardennes had been repulsed that the drive into Germany could begin.

Most of those buried in Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery were Canadians, many of whom died in the Battle of the Rhineland. Others buried here died in the southern part of the Netherlands and the Rhineland. Within the cemetery stands Groesbeek Memorial which commemorates by name more than 1000 members of the commonwealth land forces who died during the campaign in North West Europe between the time of crossing the Seine at the end of August 1944 and the end of the war in Europe, and whose graves are unknown.



Sketchley Dye Works 1950's, now a housing estate



Groesbeek Memorial