

## DRIVER STANLEY CLARKE

*Service Number: T/211260*

*Enlisted: 310<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps*

*Born: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1910*

*Died: 20<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 1944, aged 33, whilst serving with the 310<sup>th</sup> 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



**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

BURBAGE FALLEN OF WORLD WAR II

5	Ditto	3	1	Clarke William	M 19th Sept 73	M General Labourer Dye Works
			2	Clarke Sarah A	F 26th Sept 74	M Unpaid Domestic Duties
			3	Clarke Stanley	M 22nd Jan 10	S Dye Works

1939 Census for 5 Sketchley Cottages  
(Other occupants have been redacted due to 100-year rule)



Sketchley Dye Works 1950's, now an housing estate

**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

Number of Schedule 242  
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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			Single	Married	Widowed	Other	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account	Whether Working at Home			
1 William Clarke	Head	35	Married	5	5	Clarke	88x	Accessory Dye Works, Works			Hambley Leicestershire		
2 Sarah Ann Clarke	Wife	36	Married	12	5						Hambley Leicestershire		
3 William Alfred Clarke	Son	11	Single								Hambley Leicestershire		
4 Nellie Clarke	Daughter	7									Hambley Leicestershire		
5 Leslie Clarke	Son	5									Hambley Leicestershire		
6 Arthur Clarke	Son	3									Hambley Leicestershire		
7 Stanley Clarke	Son	4 months									Burbage Leicestershire		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

I certify that—		Total	
(1) All the names on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns	Male	Female	Persons
(2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.	5	2	7
(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be incorrect.			

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature William Clarke  
Postal Address 5 Sketchley Cottages Burbage Hambley

1911 Census 5 Sketchley Cottages, Burbage