Stanley Grundy



Rank: - Private

Number: - 5193330

Regiment: - Gloucestershire Regiment 2nd Bn.

Died: - Died as a result of accident 10/08/1944 Age: 22 years

Cemetery: - Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France II. J. 17.

Stanley was born in 1922 in Liverpool, registered West Derby the son of Vincent James and Sarah Grundy (nee Evans, m.1916, registered West Derby) of Cedar Street, Bootle. Vincent James was born in1916 but died aged 3 months, followed by, Alexander James 1919, Alfred C 1921, Stanley, Lillian 1924, Evelyn Georgina 1926, Harold 1928, Doris 1931. In 1939 the family was living at 38, Beech Street, Bootle. His father had served with the Border Regiment in the Great War. In 1943 Stanley married Gladys Milgate, registered Prescot, Lancs who lived at Carlinghow, Batley, Yorkshire.

It is not known when Stanley enlisted.

The 2nd and 5th Battalions both fought in the Battle of France and, after being lost almost in its entirety during the Battle of Dunkirk, they re-formed the 2nd Battalion eventually landing at Gold Beach on 6 June 1944.

The men landed under heavy fire from gun emplacements overlooking the beaches, and the shore was mined and covered with obstacles such as wooden stakes, metal tripods, and barbed wire, making the work of the beach-clearing teams difficult and dangerous. Casualties were heaviest at Omaha, with its high cliffs. At Gold, Juno, and Sword, several fortified towns were cleared in house-to-house fighting, and two major gun emplacements at Gold were disabled using specialised tanks on Gold Beach on D-Day. Only two of the beaches (Juno and Gold) were linked on the first day. The fighting continued towards Bayeux which was the first French town of importance to be liberated although there was not a lot of fighting and burials at the cemetery was brought in from the surrounding districts.

It was reported on Casualty List No.1530 which was reported to the War Office Casualty Section that Stanley had died as a result of an accident.

SLEEP ON, DEAR STAN. YOUR LABOUR'S O'ER WE'LL MEET YOU ON THAT HEAVENLY SHORE

Stanley is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial, Addenda.



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