

Sgt Clive Elbert Steele Gerow

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Clive was born on January 29, 1915 in Burks Falls, Ontario to John Gerow (English national, died in 1943) and Minnie Gerow-Magar. His mother was a Scottish national and died in 1920 when Clive was 5 years old. His sister was Thelma Beatrice Gerow (died 1941) and from his father's second marriage he later had two half-sisters: Hope Francis and Laura May Gerow. Clive's family belonged to the Anglican Church

Clive left school at the age of 17, having completed 11 years of education. After school he worked on his parents' farm for 5 years and the last two and a half years, before enlisting in the army, as a mechanic at the Beaver Lake Gold Mine in Kirklake, Ontario.

Clive entered military service on November 2, 1939 in Three Rivers, Quebec. He received his military training there and in Borden, Ontario.

On April 28, 1941 in Three Rivers he married Elsie Mae Dickinson who was resident there.

More than a year later, on June 22, 1942, Clive was shipped overseas to Gourock Scotland. He did not go to the front in NW Europe until 8 September 1944 and took part in the further advance through Belgium and the Netherlands.

Clive was killed on Tuesday, April 10, 1945 during the liberation of Deventer and he was temporarily buried at the Roman Catholic Church in Schalkhaar before being reburied on April 9, 1946 in Holten.

His medals are: 1939-45 Star; Italy Star* ; France Germany Star; Defense Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

**His military record states that he was awarded the Italy Star, although there is no record of his military service there. His regiment was also only active in Northwest Europe.*

His widow was awarded The Memorial Cross on May 21, 1945.

He served with the Sherbrooke Fusiliers Reg. 27th Armored Regiment.

