

<i>Name</i>	William Bailey CLARKE
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Labourer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Late 1885
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	August 1914 or earlier

Photograph

<i>Parents</i>	William & Rose Ana (née EALES)
<i>Married</i>	Single

*Information from National Roll of the Great War*

No entry found.

*Additional Information*

William enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery (RFA), as Gunner 27068; as he arrived in France on 16 August 1914, he may have enlisted before the outbreak of war.

He must have been a natural soldier, for by 1917 he was acting as a Battery Sergeant Major in 36 Regiment, RFA. He was commissioned "...for service in the Field" as a Second Lieutenant within the RFA from 1 April 1917, as announced in the *London Gazette* Supplement of 30 April, at page 4075.

William was awarded a Military Cross "For distinguished service in connection with military operations in France and Flanders", as announced in the *London Gazette* Supplement of 3 June 1918, at page 6464.

The 'Periodic' (as opposed to 'Immediate') Military Cross awarded to Second-Lieutenant William Bailey Clarke, Royal Field Artillery, '...for distinguished service in connection with the Military Operations in France and Flanders ...' was announced in the *London Gazette* Supplement of 3 June 1918 at page 6464, without citation. Clarke had been commissioned '... for service in the Field ...' from the position of Battery Sergeant Major, as announced in the *London Gazette* Supplement of 30 April 1917 at page 4075 (effective from 1 April 1917).

His two younger brothers, Mark and (Walter) James, were killed in action with the Northamptonshire Regiment during the war.

During the process of claiming his three medals (1914 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal), William gave an address in Wellingborough in 1921.