

Stanley Ferguson

Stanley Ferguson was born in June 1918 in Sunderland, where his father worked as a plater in the shipyards. When he was 14 years old, Stanley left school and first worked as a delivery boy. After several other jobs, he was working as a bus driver in Sunderland, when he was conscripted into the Army in September 1939.

After basic training at the DLI's Depot at Brancepeth Castle, 4457410 Private Stanley Ferguson was posted to the 9th Battalion DLI, then reforming and re-equipping in the south of England after the retreat from Dunkirk. There he trained as a Carrier driver.

In May 1941, 9 DLI, as part of the 50th Division, sailed for the Middle East and Stanley Ferguson served in the Carrier Platoon in Cyprus, Iraq and in the fighting in North Africa at Gazala, Mersa Matruh and El Alamein. Stanley Ferguson also took part in both the invasion of Sicily and the fighting at Primrose Bridge in July 1943 and the D-Day landings in Normandy on 6 June 1944. Finally with 9 DLI, he drove into Germany and served with the Army of Occupation in Berlin.

After he was demobilised in 1946, Stanley Ferguson returned home to Sunderland and his work as a bus driver.

Stanley Ferguson was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum in 1988 at his home in Sunderland.