

# George Francis Clarkson

## No.2 Commando

### MR GEORGE CLARKSON

THE death has occurred of Mr George Clarkson, secretary of the Crewe branch of the Royal British Legion, and a former president of the town's Chamber of Trade.

Mr Clarkson who was 72 died at his home, 90 Waterloo Road, Haslington, early on Sunday.

A native of Cumbria Mr Clarkson first came to Crewe in 1938 as a young officer in the Cheshire Constabulary. He was stationed in the town until he was released from the Police Force to join the Commandos, and was later commissioned and served with the Royal West African Frontier Force in the Burma Campaign.



Mr Clarkson was keenly interested in the local community and in 1969 was narrowly defeated when he stood a Ratepayers' candidate for the Central ward in the local elections.

In 1950 he resigned from the Police and went into the clothing trade, and in partnership with his wife Florence, also kept a gift shop in Edleston Road, until their retirement in 1985.

Mr Clarkson was best known for his involvement with the ex-service community, helping to raise thousands of pounds over the years.

For 11 years he was responsible for arranging the South Cheshire Combined Services Association annual re-unions.

He was president of the Crewe and District branch of the Burma Star Association for 18 years and was elected an honorary vice-president on relinquishing the office.

He was also vice-president of Crewe (94) Sea Cadet Corps, having served on the management committee for 20 years, 18 as chairman.

During his long association with the local Royal British Legion branch he received numerous awards, including the coveted Gold Badge.

Mr Clarkson was formerly president of Crewe Chamber of Trade and was made an honorary member on his retirement from business.

A service will be held at St John's Church, Crewe, at on Friday. And there will then be a service for close family and friends at Crewe crematorium.

There are no flowers, by request. Any donations in lieu, will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Burma Star National Welfare Fund.

The coffin will be draped with the Union Flag, and Last Post and Reveille will be sounded.