

Private James Wesley R. BOYCE

No.1 Commando

killed in action Burma

31 January 1945 aged 25

DEATH OF A COMMANDO IN BURMA



Mrs. Boyce has received official news that her husband, Pte. James Boyce ("Ginger"), the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Boyce, of 94, Cannon Street, Bury St. Edmunds, was killed in action on the Burma front on 31st January. He was called up at the outbreak of war with the 5th Suffolk Territorials, later joining the Commandos. Before being called up, he was employed by Whitmore's Timber Company.

Suffolk and Essex Free Press 1 March 1945 p2

KILLED IN ACTION.

Many Irvine folks will learn with regret that Private James Wesley Boyce was killed in action in the Indian Theatre of War last month. After being posted to the Suffolk Regiment, Private Boyce joined the Commandos and was stationed in this district for a considerable time. He made many friends in our town and married an Irvine lady, Miss Martha Bicker, of 131 M'Kinlay Crescent. Every sympathy is extended to the young widow in her bereavement. Private Boyce belongs to Bury-St. Edmunds, Suffolk, where his parents reside.

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Killed In Action.

BOYCE—Killed in action in Indian Theatre of War, January, 1945, Private James Wesley Boyce, commandos, beloved husband of Martha Bicker, 131 M'Kinlay Crescent, and beloved son of Mr and Mrs Boyce, Bury-St.-Edmunds, Suffolk.

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In Memoriam.

BOYCE—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Wesley Boyce, killed Burma, 31st January, 1945.

I often sit and think of you
And things you used to say and do,
And wonder why you had to die
Without a chance to say good-bye.

—Inserted by his loving wife, 131
M'Kinlay Crescent, Irvine.

Just when his years were brightest,
Just when his life was best,
He was taken from this world of
sorrow

To God's home of eternal rest.

—Inserted by his mother-in-law, 131
M'Kinlay Crescent, Irvine.

His cheery ways, his smiling face,
Are pleasant to recall;
He had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.

—Inserted by his sister-in-law Ellen,
131 M'Kinlay Crescent, Irvine.

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