

# Lance Corporal Alan Carlisle



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Buried at Sea from HMS Kenya.

Remembered with honour Brookwood Memorial

Son of Archibald and Agnes Carlisle



# Letter to his Parents

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Newbury,  
Berks.  
9-1-47.

Dear Mr Carlisle,

Please excuse me for not writing sooner but I have just returned from a hospital ship. Your son was killed by my side about three quarters of an hour after we landed. We had killed 5 Germans in the street & set fire to the main ammunition dump. We were crossing the road, actually the main street of the town - myself in front, your son, & then his

<sup>2</sup> friend Spiers. Suddenly two shots came from a nearby house - one bullet hitting your son & the other Spiers. I ducked just in time to stop a bullet in my back fired from another house. We crawled back under cover & your son died a few minutes later. He looked at me, grinned & said "They've got me. I won't get over this one." He died very soon after. Actually when he was hit he fired his Bren gun & sank to his knees still firing like a good soldier.

I cannot speak too

<sup>3</sup> highly of your son. He was one of my favourite N.C.O's. He was always cheerful, amusing & helpful. He was very brave & in every respect a first class soldier. We shall miss him a lot.

Please accept my most sincere sympathy in your loss of such a fine boy.

Yours sincerely,

W.P. L. Boyd Lieut

Spiers' bullet went through his leg near the groin. He is doing well.

Your son's bullet was just below his heart. He was buried at sea after a full service.

## Letters to his Parents

Breeze Hill  
Holden Rd  
Kersal.  
Salford.

9.1.41.

Dear Mrs Carlisle,

I should like to express my deepest sympathy to you in your sad loss. Words are of little comfort but we were all very fond of "Ginger," and I can appreciate what his loss will mean.

I know that Mr Lloyd has written to you but felt that I must also tell you of the high opinion we had of your <sup>son</sup> ~~husband~~.

If there is anything we can do please let either Mr Lloyd or myself know and we shall be very happy to do it.

Yours very sincerely

Arthur Rowlands.

3 Commando  
Brenford House  
Leeds  
June 5

Dear Mrs Carlisle

I thought I would write a line to tell you how we all sympathise with you in the loss of your <sup>son</sup> ~~husband~~. He was exactly what was wanted for Commando work, fit, intelligent, reliable and full of initiative. I knew him very well personally and can feel with you in your loss.

He was doing a wonderful job when he was killed and his party were responsible for covering the main opposition at the entrance to the town.

Last Thursday about Daily Express gives an accurate account of his Troop Commanders death, which will show you what was going on.

You can be very proud of a very brave and able man. It is certainly wonderful to work with men like him.

Yours very sincerely

John Durnford-Plater