

Lance Corporal Alan Carlisle



No.3 Commando 4 Troop

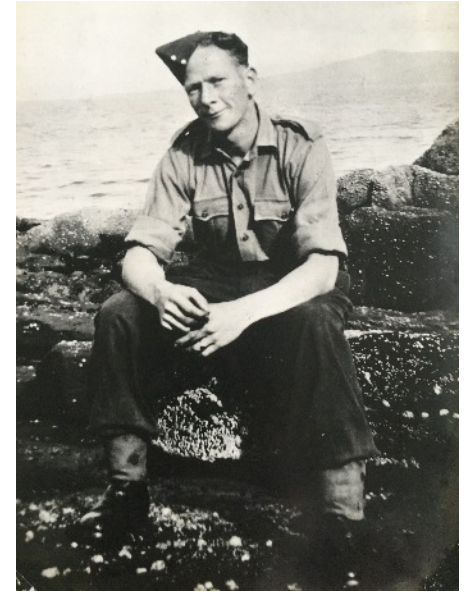
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27 December 1941 aged 21

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.
9-1-42.

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

² 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

³ 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,

H.P. Lbyd Lieut

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

⁴
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 Mr^s 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 ^{son} ~~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 Kourouze.

I Command
Broomfield House
Larps
June 2

Dear Mrs Carlisle

I thought I would write a line to tell you how we all sympathise with you in the loss of your ^{son} ~~husband~~. He was exactly what was wanted for Communist 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-Slater