

Lance Corporal Alan Carlisle



No.3 Commando 4 Troop

Killed in action Vaagso, Norway

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

Wintecourne Hoer,
Newbury,
Berks.
9-1-47.

Dear Mr Carlish,
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,

W.P. Lloyd Kent

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

^{W.P.}
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 ^{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 Rowlands.

3 Commando
Bramhall House
Leaps
Jun 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 ^{son} ~~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

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Remembered with honour



Headquarters
Special Service Brigade
Castle Donzlas
Kirkcaldy Brightside.
Scotland.
22.1.42.

My dear Mr. Carlisle -
I am writing to tell you how
very sad and sorry I am that your son
Cpl. Carlisle should have lost his life in
the recent raid in Norway.
It is tragic beyond belief that he and
others like him, who represented all that is
good and brave, should be lost to us in
battle. Yes, without them, no battle
would ever be won or even attempted -

Your son was in my Brigade and no one
could be prouder than I am of my
Command and of those who form it.
He was a member of a very
fine Commando and I know that you
will feel the same pride in him that
they do.
I am enclosing some photographs which
were taken during his funeral service
at sea.
You will like to know that all the
ships company who could be spared from
duty; all of his soldiers and the
Admiral and his staff were there to do him
honour. No.2 Commando, some of whom
were on board, provided the firing party

for him.
My Brigade Major asked the Chaplain
to give him a copy of the prayer he
read out and this is, I know, being
sent to you separately.
Please do not think of answering
this letter.
I write only to tell you how truly
sad and sorry I am and to send
you these photographs which I think
you will like to have -
Yours sincerely
J. Haydon