Albert John Brier





Rank: - Sick Berth Attendant

Number: - D/SBRX7888

Service: - Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve H.M.S. Landrail.

Died: - Died at sea due to flying accident 11/04/1944 Age: 25 years

Cemetery: - Campbeltown (Kilkerran) Cemetery Division 4, Grave 636

Batley News, 22 Apr 1944 (Acknowledgments)

Albert John was born in Batley on 29 August 1919 the son of Doris Brier. On 5 May 1928 his mother married Harold Starkie at the Providence Chapel, Hanover Street, Batley. Ronald was born in late December 1928 followed by Colin 1930, Roy 1932, Brenda 1934, Raymond 1936 and Ian 1938. In 1939 the family lived at Rouse Mill Lane, Batley. In 1942 Albert married Nora Ellis.


BRIER.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Starkie and family wish to thank relatives, friends, neighbours, and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, for kind expressions of sympathy received in the loss of their son, Albert Brier, killed in Scotland. —56, Woodsome Estate, Batley.

The Royal Navy requisitioned Campbeltown in February 1940 and shared it with the airliners. Commissioned by the Navy as HMS Landrail in April 1941, the airfield saw use

by a number of Fleet Air Arm units, flying aircraft such as the Fairey Swordfish during the earlier years of the Second World War, usually on short-term visits.

Albert John was killed in a flying accident at Carradale Point, Argyll, Scotland on the 11 April 1944.

BRIER. Albert John	D/SRR/X.7888	R.N.A.S. B.R.	S.B.A.	H.M.S. LAMBRAIL	29.8.1919	Batley, Yorks.	11.4.1944	1.	Carradale Point, Argyll, Scotland

Albert was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial,



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