

# **Able Seaman Alexander Richardson Rush**

## **Royal Navy**

Service Number: JX304807

Date Died: 27 August 1990                      Age: 66

How Died: Heart Attack

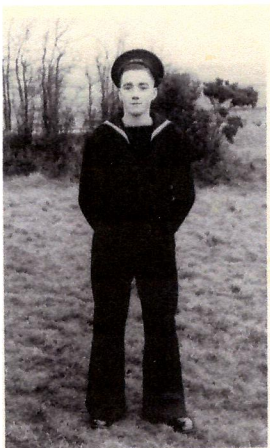
Country of burial: Cremated at Carlisle, England

Cemetery or Memorial: Plaque at Carlisle Crematorium

Town Memorial: Not applicable

### **Extra Information**

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Alexander Richardson Rush was born on 13 October 1923 at Gilchristland Cottages, near Closeburn in South West Scotland. Not much is known about his childhood, but his certificate of service from the Royal Navy states he was involved in farm work before he joined up. He volunteered to join the Royal Navy (I understand from my mother that, if you volunteered before you were officially called up, you could choose which service to join).

On joining the Royal Navy, he was assigned to HMS Raleigh from 12 November 1941 to 20 January 1942. He was then posted to various ships for the duration of his service. My father was a very private man and did not talk much about his wartime experiences so most of my knowledge came from my mother.

He served on the Atlantic convoys to America and Canada and also served on minesweepers and anti-submarine craft. He was involved in minesweeping duties around D-Day. My mother also talked about them using Iceland as a mid-crossing base during the convoys. I do recollect my father talking about terrible sea sickness when he was first aboard a ship but that an experienced sailor was able to suggest a remedy which apparently worked (although there were never any details about the remedy!).

During his service in the Royal Navy, he also undertook Wireless Signalling instruction, gaining two awards in November 1944 and November 1945. He also gained a good conduct award in November 1944

My father left the Royal Navy on 27 May 1946 and, for the rest of his working life, was employed with the Post Office. He retired on the 64<sup>th</sup> birthday but sadly passed away in August 1990, just before his 67<sup>th</sup> birthday.

(Information for her father is provided by Maureen Austin (nee Rush))

**Memorials found on:**

Not applicable