

Anne settled down to a very comfortable life in England. The king granted her a substantial financial allowance and much property, including Anne Boleyn's former home at Hever Castle. As the 'King's Sister', Anne made frequent visits to court and became a favourite with the royal children. When she died in 1557, Queen Mary I, gave her a state funeral at Westminster Abbey. Of all the wives of King Henry VIII, Anne of Cleves was, perhaps, the most successful, managing to outlive the king by ten years and to maintain her independence in the years that followed. As for Thomas Cromwell, he felt the king's displeasure following the breakdown of the Cleves marriage and other issues. Arrested for treason on the 10 June 1540, he was beheaded on Tower Hill in front of a vast crowd on 28 July, the very day the king married Katherine Howard. His final

letter to the king is very telling: '...I am a most woeful prisoner, ready to take the death, when it shall please God and your Majesty: and yet the frail flesh inciteth me continually to call to your Grace for mercy and pardon for mine offences; and thus Christ save, preserve and keep you. Written at the Tower this Wednesday, the last of June, with the heavy heart and trembling hand of your Highness's most heavy and most miserable prisoner and poor slave. Most gracious Prince, I cry for mercy, mercy, mercy!'

The last word must be given to Edward Hall (c1496-c1547), the Tudor historian: Cromwell '...godly and lovingly exhorted them that were about him on the scaffold...patiently suffered the stroke of the axe, by a ragged and butcherly miser, who ungodly (sic) performed the office.'

Dover's Forgotten Commando Raid

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Remembering Seamen Angus Mackenzie and Cyril Pegg who set out 79 years ago, on the evening of 21st April, onboard Motor Gun Boat 312 "Knight" to tow the Canadian landing party for the Operation Abercrombie coastal raid. After the two Canadian Assault Landing Craft, containing the landing party were released a couple of miles offshore from Hardelot, the MGB awaited their return.

Whilst waiting, MGB 312 was ambushed by a German patrol vessel and a firefright broke out. Angus and Cyril, the gun crew, were killed by flying shell splinters. Angus is buried in Charlton cemetery, Dover.

Telegraphist Hugh McCutcheon was also killed following a hit on the wheelhouse of MGB 316 "King" which had towed Lord

Lovat's craft and the Canadian command craft. All were attached to the 14th Portsmouth MGB flotilla which provided the gun boats.



Angus and his grave at Charlton Cemetery. KIA 22/04/42