

The death has been announced, in Afghanistan on 24 September 2012, of Captain Carl Manley, Royal Marines. He died at Bagram Airforce Base from what are believed to be natural causes. Capt Manley (age 41) was a Royal Marines officer who had served his nation with dedication and courage for more than twenty years. His family has asked for their privacy to be respected.

His Commanding Officer said:

"His combination of ferocious work ethic and humility ensured that he made a sustained contribution to ISAF [International Security Assistance Force] operations on this and his previous tours of Afghanistan. A highly valued Royal Marine officer; he will be missed by all those who worked with him."

Capt Manley was devoted to his wife and three children, whose loss cannot be portrayed. Capt Manley's wife said:

"To us, Carl was the loveliest husband and father. We can't imagine life without him; we are so very proud of him and everything he has achieved, both professionally and for the family. Always smiling, he never had a bad word to say about anyone. Everything he did was selfless, at work and at home. The world has lost a really special person."