

DUNCAN CARSE BUST APPEAL

We are raising £3500 to purchase a bronze bust of adventurer, surveyor and broadcaster Duncan Carse and bring it to South Georgia.

In the UK he was better known as a broadcaster but in South Georgia he is known as the expeditioner and surveyor who led the South Georgia Surveys and made a very significant contribution to the Island. The incredibly accurate work carried out by Duncan and the South Georgia Survey teams between 1951-57 led to a new map in 1958 that has been the basis of all maps that followed, only recently superseded by satellite imagery. The maps, which proved especially important during the liberation of the Island in 1982, are still used today.

Duncan Carse made 8 expeditions to South Georgia. He first visited the Island in 1933 as part of the Discovery Investigations, returning in 1936 as part of the British Graham Land Expedition. In 1961, after the four South Georgia Survey visits, he returned alone to live on the south coast as part of a "personal psychological experiment", a venture that turned into a survival exercise after his hut was washed away by a freak wave. His last visit was in 1973, when severe weather prevented him retracing the Shackleton crossing. Despite the Island not always treating him kindly, he never lost his enthusiasm for South Georgia.

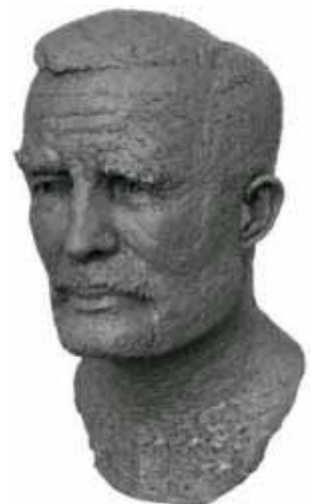
The slightly over life size bust will be given to the South Georgia Museum to mark the relationship Duncan Carse had with the Island, and to highlight the achievements and work of Duncan and the men of the South Georgia Survey. The bust is worth £6000, but the artist Jon Edgar is charitably disposed to getting the bust "home" to South Georgia.

The Duncan Carse Bust Appeal has had generous support from the South Georgia Association and the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands but needs your help to reach the target.

Please send cheques, payable to the "South Georgia Association", or make electronic transfers, to:
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"Duncan Carse's extraordinary contribution to the Island of South Georgia will remain as one of the most important in the history of the island. His toughness, endurance, single-minded determination, integrity, loyalty and amusing sense of humour will be remembered fondly by many South Georgia veterans."

Any surplus funds raised by this Appeal will be used in a way that further enhances our knowledge, understanding and record of Duncan Carse and the men of the South Georgia Surveys.