

CATANIA WAR CEMETERY

Missing Soldiers died in Sicily during Husky Operation

From reliable news and witnesses, we believe that following soldiers are buried as unknown soldiers in the war cemeteries of Catania and Syracuse.



Alex Mill



Bristow

From Bill Cheall's memories: <http://www.grimdetermination.co.uk/#/photos-comrades/4536812975>



Charlie Lee

*... Next morning, we progressed up the eastern side of the island to make an attack on Sortino and during our advance we encountered stiff opposition at certain strong points and a number of our men were killed, among them Sergeant Harrington and John Ryan. My pal, **Charlie Lee**, was missing; Jack Ramsden and all his section were blown to pieces; Jack Betley was also killed. The 7th Green Howards were also having a rough time. We constantly had to be aware of booby traps and hadn't to touch any civilian property in case of the lethal traps the Germans had left behind.*

I vividly recall patrolling along a railway line, which ran through a massive lemon grove. When we came to search some buildings we found four naked bodies; rigor mortis was complete and they were on their backs on a large bench. The bodies were black and were starting to decompose; they were being eaten by maggots and showed signs of having been tortured. I hoped the perpetrators suffered the wrath of God. During war, one sees many things and forgets but it has to be like that. We were soldiers, but I can still, after these many years, remember the bodies lying in that hut...

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<http://www.grimdetermination.co.uk/#/photos-in-action/4537215873>

<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/36239/supplements/4912> CHARLIE LEE HARTNELL ??????



FRANCIS ALBERT HUETSON (Royal Marine)

MY UNCLE WAS KILLED IN ACTION JULY 20TH 1943 NAME FRANCIS ALBERT HUETSON IN OPERATION HUSKY. HE WAS 19 AT TIME OF DEATH HE WAS A ROYAL MARINE (7th battalion) AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT ETNA. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND IF HE HAS A GRAVE TO NO AVAIL, WOULD YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION AT ALL AS TO WHERE AN IF HE HAS A GRAVE PLEASE, THANK YOU.

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