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In memory of
Lance Sergeant
Ernest Johnson
July 25, 1943

Military Service:

Service Number: C/4639**Age:** 23**Force:** Army**Unit:** Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Additional Information:

Son of German Sylvester Johnson and Estelle Johnson; husband of Ivy Elizabeth Johnson, of Swansea, Wales.

Commemorated on [Page 175 \(/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/page?page=175&book=2&sort=pageAsc\)](#) of the Second World War Book of Remembrance. [Request a copy \(/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/book_form?bn=2&pn=175\)](#) of this page.

Burial Information:

Cemetery: [AGIRA CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY \(/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/cem?cemetery=2018000\)](#) , Italy**Grave Reference:** B, A, 133.**Location:** Agira Canadian War Cemetery lies in the Commune of Agira, Province of Enna, in the centre of Sicily. From the autostrada A19, Catania-Palermo, take the exit to Catenanuova. Follow signposts to Regalbuto, then pass

Regalbuto, going in the direction of Agira. The Cemetery is then signposted about 12 kilometres from Regalbuto. On 10 July 1943, following the successful conclusion of the north African campaign in mid May, a combined allied force of 160,000 Commonwealth and American troops invaded Sicily as a prelude to the assault on mainland Italy. The Italians, who would shortly make peace with the Allies and re-enter the war on their side, offered little determined resistance but German opposition was vigorous and stubborn. The campaign in Sicily came to an end on 17 August when the two allied forces came together at Messina, but failed to cut off the retreating Axis lines. Agira was taken by the 1st Canadian Division of 28 July and the site for the war cemetery was chosen in September for the burial of all Canadians who had been killed in the Sicily campaign. Agira Canadian War Cemetery contains 491 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War.

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