

Reginald Brown

Reg Brown lived at Fenton near Lidgetts Farm, and was the 4th son of Alan Brown. He served as Sapper 2110758 in the Royal Engineers. He died 14th August 1943 and is buried in plot 11.D.14 in Catania War Cemetery in Sicily.

Historical Information

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.

Catania War Cemetery contains burials from the later stages of the campaign, from Lentini northwards. Many died in the heavy fighting just short of Catania (the town was taken on 5 August) and in the battle for the Simeto river bridgehead.

Catania War Cemetery contains 2,135 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 113 of them unidentified.