

James Jeremiah Casey

James Casey was born in 1922. His father, who was from Stockton on Tees, was Jimmy James, the comedian.

In 1941, James Casey enlisted into the Army and joined the Royal Armoured Corps but was soon offered Officer Training at Sandhurst Military College. James Casey was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 1942 and was posted to the Royal Armoured Corps.

In January 1944, Lieutenant Casey was transferred to the 9th Battalion DLI, then training for D-Day near Southampton. He landed with his battalion in Normandy on 6 June 1944 and came under fire for the first time. In August 1944, after the battle at Lingevres, James Casey was appointed Second in Command of the Carrier Platoon and served with the Carriers in the advance across France and Belgium, until the final surrender of Germany in May 1945. Lieutenant Casey was Mentioned in Despatches in March 1945.

After a period serving in occupied Berlin, James Casey was demobilised from the Army and returned to civilian life. He eventually became a successful comedy writer and producer for the BBC in Manchester.

James Casey was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum.