

Cpl James Bernard MacInnis

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James was born on August 14 1919 in Sydney Cape Breton County Nova Scotia as the son of Daniel Francis and Mary MacInnis. He was the husband of Margery Ellen MacInnis-Lovell, of Rotherfield, Sussex, England and they were married on December 4 1943 in England. His brothers were: Joseph, Neil, Howard and Lloyd MacInnes and his sisters: Helen, Rita, Katherine and Josephine MacInnes.

He was a fireman at the Canadian National Railway and member of the Roman Catholic Church.

He was taken on strength with the NPAM militia in Canada on June 18 1937 and joined the Cape Breton Highlanders in Sydney Nova Scotia on September 2 1939. He went overseas to the UK on November 11 1941 and thereafter to Italy on February 20 1944 and he disembarked Italy on February 24 1945 and embarked France on February 26.

James was killed in action on Tuesday May 1 1945 age 25 during the battle of the Delfzijl Pocket and he was temporarily buried in Wirdum (Groningen) and he was then reburied on February 16 1946 in Holten.

At his headstone: Greater love Hath no man than this; He gave his life That we might live

His medals were: 1939-45 Star; Italy Star; France Germany Star; Defence Medal; War Medal 1939-45; CVSM & Clasp.

He served with the Cape Breton Highlanders.

