



James Gordon Murphy was born on Oktober 27 1924 in Halifax Nova Scotia as the son of Francis Patrick (Irish) and Helen Murphy (French) of Halifax. They were married on September 8 1920 in Halifax. His brother John Francis Murphy served in the army too during his training in Canada. His sister was Alice Margaret Kline.

He was a stevedore and member of the Roman Catholic church. His sports were hockey, baseball, rugby, football and he was attending movies and he did some reading (fiction, history and news papers).

He enlisted on March 8 1943 in Halifax Nova Scotia and he went on November 26 1943 thereafter overseas to the UK. He went on February 19 1944 afterwards to Italy and he went on March 20 1945 then to France. He had during his training in Canada a hemorrhoid operation and he did much suffer from it then. He was involved with the advance of his regiment during the different battles in Italy and Northwestern Europe.

Thursday April 12, 1945 proved to be a fatal day for James. He was sitting in an army truck when it suddenly came to a stop. The shock made a rifle go off and the bullet hit James. He did not survive and died at the age of 20 years. An investigation by the army concluded that his death was accidental and was caused without negligence or improper conduct. He was temporarily buried then in Zutphen before being reburied on April 1 1946 in Holten.

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

His mother was awarded on May 19 1952 The Memorial Cross.

He served with the West Nova Scotia Highlanders.

