

Sergeant Douglas James VOLKS 06-B-03

Douglas James Volks was born on 8 June 1921 as son of Alfred James and Bessie Volks from Toronto. His father died in 1925. He was the 2nd child of a family of 3 children, Alfred Charles, was an older brother, Clifford was a younger brother. After the remarriage of his mother he got a ½ brother Rowland.

Douglas visited 3 years High school and became an Office Clerk for Robert Simpson Ltd. in Toronto in May 1937. He enlisted on 12 September 1940 in Toronto with the Irish Regiment of Canada. The reason of enlistment was duty and adventure. On 29 October 1942 he went to the UK, saw action in Italy from 1943-1945 and went to the western front on 23 February 1945. On 11 August 1944 he was promoted to L/Cpl and on 15 September 1945 promoted to sergeant.

In the notes of the interviewer was mentioned:

Douglas James is an alert, energetic young man who appears to be level headed and practical, of better than average ability. He have plans to marry Minnie McBride before returning to Canada. He has above average mechanical knowledge and ability.

Douglas James died on active service of accidental injuries, sustained when the jeep he was driving in struck a tree near Leer, Germany, on 14 October 1945. He was 24 years old.

