

Love, James Garfield

Private

**Royal Canadian Army Service
Corps**

5th Infantry Brigade Company

G 48719



James (Jim) Garfield was born in Campbellton, New Brunswick on July 14, 1907. Jim was the oldest child of father Daniel Love, who worked as a railway technician. He was born in 1886 and died in 1955. Daniel married Elizabeth Jane (Lottie) Malcolm in Campbellton on April 23, 1906. She was born in 1885 and died in 1979. Both parents originated from Scotland and were members of the Presbyterian Church.

The family had seven children in total. One of the children, still a baby, died shortly after birth, on February 8, 1914. So Jim was the oldest. After him brother Pearl was born in 1909. Sister Isabel was born in 1912, followed by another daughter, Eva Grace, born in 1915. She died at a young age on December 13, 1938. Son Randolph, born in 1918, only reached the age of five, when he died in 1923. The last of the five children was Irene Bernice, who was born in 1923.

Campbellton, the family's hometown, lies on the south bank of the Restigouche River in New Brunswick, which is a province in the south-east of Canada and the only province in Canada that is officially bilingual, both French and English.

Jim spoke English and went to school up to and including Grade IX. He was then seventeen years old. After leaving school, he took a two-year course to become a car mechanic, but he did not obtain a diploma. After leaving school he started working as a Tallyman (bookkeeper) for Miller Company Ltd. in Campbellton. This was a wood manufacturing company. He worked here for two years before entering military service, but had already decided not to return to this job. After his military service Jim

would have liked to work at a mixed farm or as a diesel mechanic. He gained three years of experience at a farm in New Brunswick.

Jim met his partner Olive Nancy Sullivan from Campbellton and they married on July 20, 1927. Olive was born on October 11, 1906 and she died in Edmonton, Alberta in 1994. Together they had two sons: David Daniel (1-10-1928/2004) and Max Ian (1-3-1930/2016). Jim and Olive divorced. Still he brought his family back together before going overseas to Europe. The family moved to Sugarloaf Street in Campbellton.

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 2. Occupation Farmer
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12. Full name Olive Nancy Sullivan 912
 13. Occupation None
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Jim and his sons David and Max
 Photo: Margo Love

It was on October 8, 1940 that Jim voluntarily signed up for military service in Saint John. Prior to this, he had joined the Militia, a voluntary reserve corps raised for the defence of his own country. Initially, Jim was with 103rd Battery Royal Canadian Artillery of the Non-Permanent Active Militia. As from October 8, he was with the Canadian Active Service Force, No 17 Provost Company in Saint John. In his medical report he indicated that he was a diesel mechanic/lorry driver by profession. He broke his nose twice and had a tattoo of the American Eagle on his upper arm. Jim had ginger-coloured hair, green-blue eyes and medium brown hair. He was a well-developed young man, 5 ft 9 tall and weighed a little over 155 lbs. In Saint John Jim was promoted to L/Corporal on December 19. Occasionally, Jim had a week's leave and was paid as a Cook Group 'C'.

After his training in Canada he departed from Halifax to Liverpool, England on November 12, 1941. He arrived there on November 24.



Jim sitting on the Jeep on left on the photo at the right. With courtesy of Margo Love

On January 25, 1942 Jim was taken to No 1 Neuro Hospital. He had been involved in an accident with a motorbike and suffered a head injury. On that day Jim had borrowed a motorbike from a comrade in order to practise some riding. He had always been fond of motorbikes and had had an Indian Motor himself when he was younger. 9th Provost Company was stationed in Ashted, England, and here too Jim worked as a cook. That particular afternoon he asked the duty officer for permission to ride a motorbike, like the rest of the Unit.



He asked L/Corporal Butt if he could borrow his motorbike and together with L/Corporal MacLean, who rode his own motorbike, they went for a ride in the vicinity of the camp.

THIRD WITNESS

Lieut. J.H. Donnelly of 9 Provost Coy. being duly sworn states as follows:

I am the Officer in Charge of the Detachment of No. 9 Provost Stationed at Ashted. G-48719 L/Cpl. Love is one of the Personnel stationed at Ashted in the said detachment. L/Cpl. Love did ask my permission to train on a motorcycle on Sunday the 25th day of Jan. which permission was granted by me to him to train within the Unit Lines. I was not present when the Accident to L/Cpl. Love occurred. Following the Accident I learned that the said L/Cpl. Love had not worn a Crash Helmet. At the time of his requesting permission to train I had not warned him specifically to wear a helmet as the Unit had been warned, instructed and it was generally known within the detachment that no one was to train on or use a Motorcycle without wearing a Crash Helmet.

J.H. Donnelly Lieut.
(J.H. Donnelly) O i/c
No. 9 Prov Coy Det

FOURTH WITNESS

B-97761 L/Cpl. MacLean of 9 Provost Coy. being duly sworn states as follows:

I am attached to NO.9 Provost Coy. stationed at Ashted. On Sunday, January 25th 1942 at about 1400 hrs. I was taking motorcycle training on the private road which incorporates our Unit Lines. No. G-48719 L/Cpl. Love was also doing Motorcycle training. He was riding about thirty yards ahead of me and riding at approximately 10 miles per hour. His front wheel struck a hole in the roadway and L/Cpl. Love appeared to lose control of his motorcycle. It appeared to me that his motorcycle swung to the right and in attempting to throw himself clear he appeared to strike on the left side of his head and slid for about two yards. Immediately, I stopped my motorcycle and went to where L/Cpl. Love was lying. His motorcycle was lying on its side with the motor still running. I shut off the ignition. At this, two L/Cpls. Butt, and Fairholm, J.E. of this detachment of No.9 Provost Coy. arrived on the scene. I instructed L/Cpl. Butt to take my motorcycle and report the accident also to secure a doctor and ambulance. About three minutes later Lieut. MacLean of detachment of No. 9 Provost Coy. arrived in the station wagon driven by L/Cpl. Høglund, J.E. Very shortly after this we L/Cpl. Love in the station wagon and took him to No. 4 C.C. L/Cpl. Love was not wearing a crash helmet at the time of accident.

J. MacLean L/C
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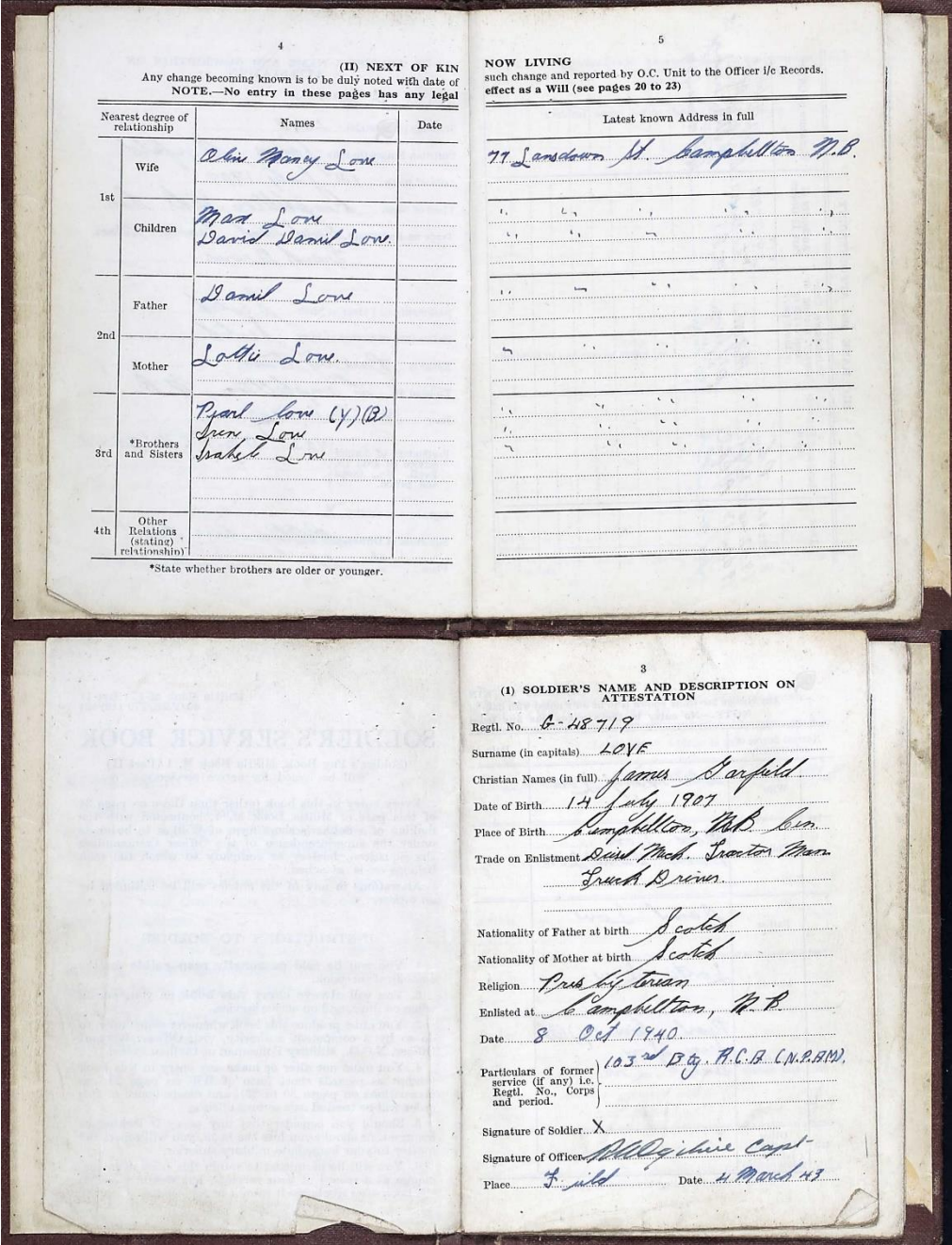
Jim was riding in front when he fell off the motorbike without knowing how or why.

He fell with his head on the ground and slid over the road a little further. It was only when he was in the ambulance that he regained consciousness and was taken to the hospital in Basingstoke. His head injury turned out to be serious, as he had not worn a helmet, whereas this was mandatory. Each motorbike rider had been informed of this, but no one had told Jim about this. Part of his ear had been torn off, he had cuts in his face and on his skull, bruises in his brains and a skull fracture. His recovery was slow

and it was unclear whether his ear would completely recover. According to MacLean, they were riding at a speed of approx. 10 miles per hour when Jim's motorbike slid into a hole. As a result, he lost control and crashed hard. He had to stay in hospital until March 7 and after a short recovery period he returned to his Unit in the Netherlands. From then on Jim was only active in the army as a cook.

From September 1942 he was an L/Corporal and from November 20 temporarily a Private again, still officially paid as a Cook 'C'. In April 1943 Jim was promoted back again to L/A Corporal. In July of that year he was transferred to 9th Company to #1 Canadian Army Service Corps Reinforcement Unit. In September he was officially a Qualified Cook 'C'

and joined 13th Canadian Field Hygiene Section. For his year-long service Jim received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp.



Two pages from his Soldier's Service Book

During and after the D-Day attacks in France, Jim also left for Western Europe and arrived there with 13th on July 9, 1944. Once in France there was another transfer, this time as a cook with 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade Company of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. At the beginning of January of the new year Jim was allowed to go to England on a short leave.

Royal Canadian Service Corps was a support corps that took care of administrative and transport matters. They made sure that sufficient food and ammunition were supplied to the troops and took care of the administration involved.

On February 8, 1945 Jim and his comrades were in the vicinity of Sint-Michielsgestel, Noord-Brabant in the Netherlands. What happened on that day is not known, but James Love got seriously wounded that day and was initially taken to 3rd Casualty Cleaning Station, a medical station near the frontline, where wounded soldiers got first aid before being transported to hospital. Jim was taken to 6th Canadian General Hospital, where he died of his wounds at the age of 37.

James Garfield Love was initially buried at a temporary cemetery for Allied soldiers near Sint-Michielsgestel, the Netherlands, row 1, grave 4.

On October 23, 1945 Jim was reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek, grave reference **XVII. A. 2.**

Words inscribed on his headstone:

HE GAVE HIS ALL FOR US
REST IN PEACE
REMEMBERED ALWAYS
OLIVE, DAVID AND MAX



Photo: Faces To Graves

James Love was awarded the following medals:

- 1939-1945 Star
- France and Germany Star
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp

The Memorial Cross was sent to his wife Olive and his mother Lottie, both living in Campbellton.



Life story: Liesbeth Huisman, Research Team Faces To Graves.

*If you have a photo of this soldier or any additional information, please contact info@facestograves.nl

Sources:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Library and Archives Canada
Margo Love, Jim's granddaughter, David's daughter
www.ancestors.familysearch.org

When sending her grandfather's photos Margo Love, Jim's granddaughter, mentioned that her grandpa was rumoured to have had another 'wife' in England, a woman by the name of Clara Young. According to Margo, it was commonly known that Jim was a 'ladies' man and that he lived a colourful life. His family did not like to discuss such matters and neither did they like to discuss the fact that Jim and Olive were actually separated. This, however, does not change anything about the man he was.



Jim's son David at his father's grave in Groesbeek, about 1955