



# WE REMEMBER

## Leonard Armitage Ardiel

### Private with the Calgary Highlanders

**Killed in Action  
July 19, 1944  
Age 35**



Leonard was born and raised in Okotoks, the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. A.E. Ardiel. In March, 1943, Leonard enlisted with the army and served overseas with C Company of the Calgary Highlanders. In a letter to his father received Sept. 17, 1943, Leonard wrote from England: *"It was quite a trip across the ocean in which the ocean itself was very calm and as a result there were very few cases of seasickness. As for myself, I hardly knew I was on a boat and just felt fine all the way across. . . It will no doubt take some time to get used to the blackout here for just as darkness approaches out go all the lights."* Telegrams sent to his family first listed him as wounded and then missing. It was later confirmed he was killed in action on July 19, 1944. Leonard is buried at the Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery at Calvados, France. Most of those buried there died during the later stages of the Battle of Normandy. He was survived by his wife Dorothy and infant son, Douglas.