

Armitage, Jasper Leathley**Private****7-E-3**

Jasper was born on July 10 1922 in Salmon Arm British Columbia, the son of Maj Charles Leathley Armitage (retired) and Dorothy Winnifred Armitage nee Snowden (both English) of Salmon Arm. They were married on July 8 1919 in Montreal Quebec. His sister was Marian Helen Armitage.

He was a farmer and member of the Church of England. He enjoyed in his spare time reading about and studying ornithology. His sports were handball and badminton.

He completed the Jr. Matric and he followed the Royal Military College in Kingston Ontario for one year. He served as a 2nd lieutenant from September 8 1941 till January 15 1942 with the Irish Fusiliers of Canada (of Vancouver). He received a RCAF attestation on September 29 1942 in Vancouver. He served the RCAF from September 29 1942- September 20 1943. He had to finish this RCAF service because of his restricted vision and poor flying qualities.

He enlisted then the army on September 21 1943 in Toronto and he went on May 26 1944 thereafter overseas to the UK. He went on July 23 1944 then to France and he was wounded on October 22 1944 afterwards and probably send back therefore to the UK. He went on February 17 1945 then again to NW Europe. He was involved thereafter with the further advance and fierce battles of his regiment through further NW Europe in the last months of the war.

Jasper was killed in action on Wednesday April 25 1945 age 22 during the battle of Friesoythe in NW Germany. He was temporarily buried there before being reburied on March 11 1946 in Holten.

He served with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada.

