

Keith S. Bardwell. 1924-1944

By Rinad Saleh and Caitlin Gingell.



CPL. KEITH BARDWELL
KILLED IN ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT
NOVEMBER 1944

Corporal Keith Sherdian Bardwell was born on the 4th of May, 1924 in the Netherlands. He was the son of Arthur Lyle Bardwell and Enid Jean Fee Bardwell, of Westmount, Province of Quebec. He attended Westmount High School. In around 1943, he joined the army. His was ranked as a corporal and he was part of the Black Watch unit. He was attached to the 1st Battalion.

The 1st Canadian Infantry and the 5th Canadian Armoured Division went to the IJsselmeer River. They started the war April 12. After 2 days, there was intense fighting. Soon the Canadians liberated Alperdoorn on April 17th. Then on April 28th, Holland and the Canadian fought on the western front. The war went on until late 1944.



"Keith Bardwell Canadian WWII Casualties." Keith Bardwell. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.

The Black Watch
Affairs Canada. N.p., n.d. Web. 29 Oct. 2014.

"Canada - Netherlands." Veterans
Affairs Canada. N.p., n.d. Web. 29 Oct. 2014.

Corporal Keith Bardwell was first reported missing after the battle. He was found the next day dead on the battlefield. He was a hero that gave his life for us. He was declared dead on the 13th of October, 1944. They found the letter that he wrote to his father the day before he died. His name is now carved on Westmount High's memorial board.

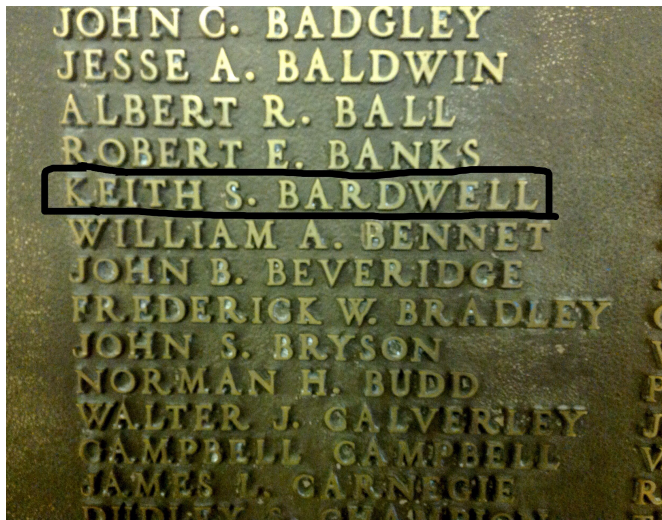


CPL. KEITH S. BARDWELL

● Previously reported missing in action on the Western Front, who is now reported to have been killed in action. Cpl. Bardwell, age 20, was attached to the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (R.I.R.) of Canada and is the son of Mr. Arthur L. Bardwell, who won the Military Medal in the First Great War, and Mrs. Bardwell, of 443 Prince Albert Avenue, Westmount, and is also survived by a brother Donald.

Cpl. Bardwell was well known in Shawinigan Falls where he spent the Summer of 1942, in the laboratory of the Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited. His father is a frequent visitor to this city.

Elsewhere in this issue we are publishing a letter written by Cpl. Bardwell to his father on October 12th., the day before he was killed in action in Holland.



The Black Watch is the oldest highland regiment in Canada.

Volunteers have served since the regiment's inception in Montreal on January 31st, 1862 as the 5th Battalion, Volunteer Militia Rifles of Canada. The rise of American military strength during the Civil War concerned Canada. The government authorized formation of militia regiments. Each of the six Montreal Scottish chieftains responded by raising an infantry company for the 5th Battalion. Eventually, eight companies were raised for border service. Since then, thousands of Canadian citizens have served in the Black Watch. In addition to Canadian border security, they have fought in the Boer War, WW1, WW2, Korean War; bolstered NATO operations in Europe and UN peacekeeping worldwide; and provided aid-to-the-civil-power, most recently during the Quebec and Eastern Ontario ice storm disaster.

