

**Private Conrad Cornelius Forbes Anderson**

**Conrad Cornelius Forbes ANDERSON**, son of **Winfield Scott ANDERSON** and **Helena CRONIN**, was born on 8 May 1892 in Cobden, Ontario. He had two younger sisters who were teachers – Eunice & Laura. After graduating High School, which at that time meant travelling to Renfrew by train, Conrad moved to Brockville and married **Marguerite White Rothwell** on 26



**PRIVATE CONRAD ANDERSON**  
Killed in Action.

Pte. Conrad Anderson, of the Canadian Field Artillery was killed in action on September 29th, 1918. Pte. Anderson was another of the young men of Cobden who was well liked, popular, and will be long remembered by many friends. After arriving in England he was transferred to the Infantry of the 38th Battalion. Pte. Anderson was a graduate of the Renfrew Collegiate Institute, and since removed to Brockville where he married Miss Margaret Rothwell, a school-teacher of that town. While in Brockville Conrad was the accountant for the National Manufacturing Co., and his loss will be regretted by the firm as well as his friends. The sympathy of the entire neighborhood is extended to his parents and sisters.

*Image 1: Pte. Anderson killed<sup>2</sup>*  
Mrs. Marguerite Anderson remarried in 1928 to William Niven MacLean. She died on 1 Oct 1986 in Shawville, Quebec, aged 94, and was buried in Brockville's Oakland Cemetery.<sup>1</sup>

Dec 1917 (just after he enlisted), in Brockville, Ontario. Marguerite was born on 27 May 1892 in Brockville. There, Conrad worked for the National Manufacturing Company.<sup>1,2</sup>

Conrad enlisted into the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, Eastern Ontario Regiment on Nov 9, 1917 at Kingston. His medical assessment describes him as 5' 11" and 145 lbs., with blue eyes and brown hair. He was said to be 23 years but according to birth records was 25 ½ years.<sup>3</sup>

Pte. Anderson was killed in action on 29 Sep 1918 in Cambrai, France aged 26.<sup>4,5,6</sup> The circumstances of death indicated that Pte. Anderson was ... "killed by enemy shell fire while advancing with his company during an attack on enemy positions. The Unit's location at the time was Douai-Cambrai Rd., South of Sancourt."<sup>7</sup>

He is buried at Bournon Wood Cemetery, Bournon, Pas de Calais, France.<sup>2,4,5,6,7</sup> The Veterans Affairs website has a description of the Bournon Wood Cemetery with a description of the events that lead to the capture of Bournon Wood Cemetery Hill. It is an interesting read (see sources).

*THE CANADIAN CORPS ON 27TH SEP. 1918 FORCED THE CANAL DU NORD AND CAPTURED THIS HILL. THEY TOOK CAMBRAI, DENAIN, VALENCIENNES & MONS; THEN MARCHED TO THE RHINE WITH THE VICTORIOUS ALLIES<sup>8</sup>*

Pte. Anderson is also listed on the Honour Roll at the Brockville Memorial<sup>9</sup>, Original Cobden Memorial Hall WWI plaque<sup>1</sup>, Cobden Legion's WWI Honour Roll,<sup>10</sup> the Renfrew Collegiate Institute Honour Roll<sup>11</sup> and the Bromley Township War Memorial, Douglas, ON<sup>12</sup>.

Other local boys also served with the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion and were killed that month. Pte. Wilbert Drynan and Pte. Alfred Patterson died on the same day, Sept 2, 1918. Cpl. David Hamilton was killed the day after Pte. Anderson.

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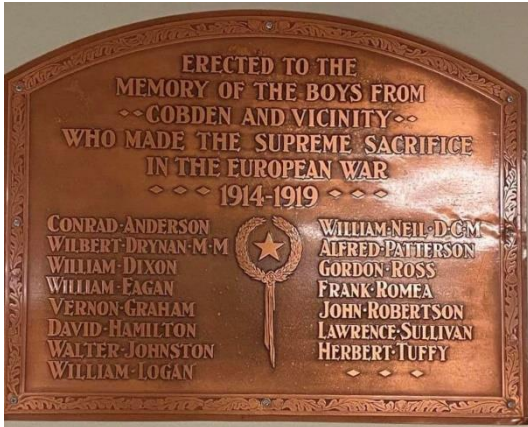


Image 2: WWI Honour Roll, Cobden Legion<sup>10</sup>



Image 3: Bourslon Wood Canadian Memorial<sup>13</sup>

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