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Lawrence Joseph Sullivan, son of **Francis Sullivan** and **Alice O'Brien**, was born on 19 July 1896 in Cobden, Ontario according to birth and christening records. He was the oldest of three children born to his parents however following his mother's death, his father married **Julia Mary Maney** on Nov 25, 1907 in Cobden. Another 13 children were born. His brother John also served in WWI. His brothers Maurice, Patrick & Eddie served in WWII. Many would know his younger sister, Teresa Moore.¹

Pte. Lawrence Sullivan enlisted into the 130th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on Feb 24, 1916 in Renfrew. He was 19 years and 7 months and at the time listed his occupation as railway brakeman, weight 160 lbs., and height 5' 7" tall. He had black eyes and black hair. On his attestation papers, his date of birth was listed as July 18, 1897.²

Pte. Sullivan was transferred to the 75th Battalion of Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) on Mar 19, 1917 and was en-route to France. Almost 3 months later, in action in France, he was dangerously wounded with a gunshot wound in the arm and chest on June 9, 1917. He was moved to the 7 Casualty Clearing Station but died there on the same day.² The 7 Casualty Clearing Station was a British unit and was situated in a school in Noeux-les-Mines. It was part of the casualty evacuation chain and was further back from the front line than the Aid Posts and Field Ambulances. It was manned by troops of the Royal Army Medical Corps. A soldier would be treated sufficiently for his return to duty or, in most cases, to enable him to be evacuated to a Base Hospital.^{4,5,6}

Pte. Lawrence Sullivan was aged 20 years, 11 months at the time of his death. He was buried in Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery on the edge of town.^{7,8} Pte. Sullivan's name was commemorated on the original Memorial Hall plaque, the Cobden Legion WWI Honor Roll⁹, and also on his parents' gravestone in Osceola.¹⁰



Image 1: Pte Lawrence Sullivan³



Image 2: Pte Lawrence & John Sullivan¹¹

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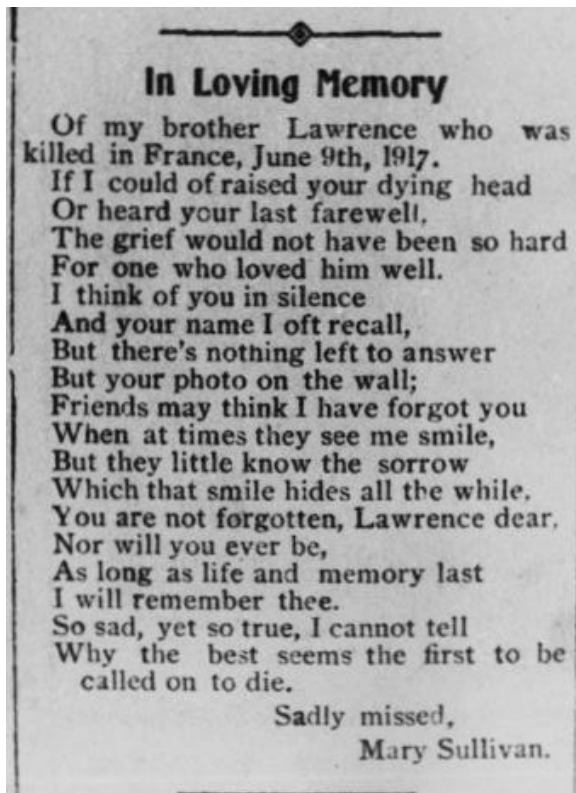


Image 3: In memorium¹²



Image 4: Gravestone¹⁰

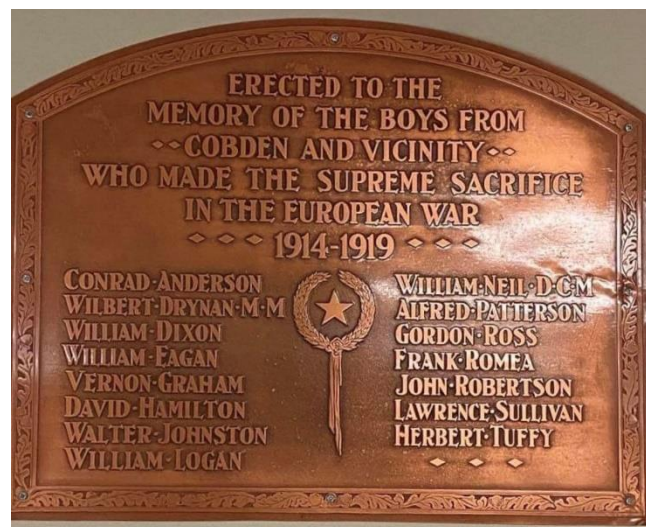


Image 5: Cobden Legion WWI Honor Roll⁹

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