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## **Private Louis Macine Ethier**

**Pte. Joseph Louis Macine ETHIER**, son of **Edouard H. ETHIER** and **Celina DUPUIS**, was born on 4 Mar 1895 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario. He was the second oldest of at least 10 children. Louis' parents grew up in Westmeath Twp., and his dad was a carpenter.<sup>1</sup>

Louis Ethier enlisted into the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on Mar 19, 1915 at Ottawa, Ontario. He listed his occupation as tailor and indicated he had 1 yr. previous service with 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Field Engineers. He was 5' 3" and was described as having a swarthy complexion, brown eyes, and black hair. He had just passed his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.<sup>2</sup>

Pte. Ethier embarked for France on August 13, 1916. He was killed in action on 9 Jun 1917, aged 23, near La Coulotte, France which is south of Lens.<sup>3</sup> He was serving in the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division Machine Gun Corps who were involved in flanking operations towards Lens.<sup>2</sup> Pte. Joseph Louis Macine Ethier was buried in Villers Station Military Cemetery at Villers-au-Bois, Nord-Pas-de Calais, France.<sup>2,5,6</sup>

Pte. Louis Ethier is also commemorated on two monuments<sup>13</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Cemetery in Lapasse. His name is listed on his parents' gravestone as well as the monument erected in memory of those who gave the supreme sacrifice in WWI and WWII. His sacrifice is also commemorated on the Beachburg<sup>11</sup> & Westmeath<sup>12</sup> War Memorials.



Image 2: Gravemarker<sup>10</sup>



Image 1: Pte. Louis Ethier<sup>4</sup>

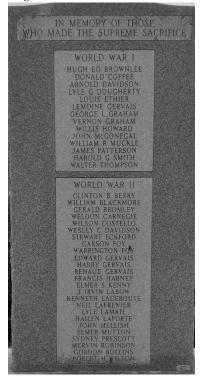


Image 3: Westmeath War Memorial<sup>12</sup>

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Image 4: Our Lady Mount Carmel Cemetery<sup>12</sup>

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