

WW I Enlisted Men & Women of Whitewater Region Project

Pte. William Emery Logan, son of **James Logan** and **Margaret McCulloch**, was born on 25 May 1898 in Ross Township.¹ He had six siblings when his mother died in 1902. His father remarried in 1906 to Mary Ann Richards of Bromley Twp. and 6 more children were born.¹ William's father James was a farmer but later went to work for the railroad after Wm's death. The family relocated to Cochrane.¹

William Logan was also a farmer at the time of his enlistment on Oct 14, 1916 in Renfrew. He enlisted into the 21st Battalion of the Canadian Infantry. His medical report indicated that he was 18 yrs., 4 ½ months old. He was 5' 5 ½ " with hazel eyes and dark red hair.²

Pte. Logan had served a couple months shy of 2 years when he was killed in action on 28 Aug 1918 near Vis-En-Artois, France, aged 20 years, 3 months.³ According to the circumstances of death register:

"Killed in Action"

He was killed on the afternoon of August 28th, 1918, during the advance on the enemy's position "Oliver Trench" near the Sensee River. A very heavy barrage was placed on our advancing troops which resulted in a number of casualties.⁴

Cherisy village was captured by the 18th Division on 3 May 1917, but lost the same night. It then remained in German hands until it was retaken by the Canadian Corps on 27 August 1918.⁷ Pte. Logan was most likely part of that freedom team.

Pte. Logan was buried in the Quebec British Cemetery at Cherisy, Pas de Calais, France.^{5,6} Quebec Cemetery was made by the fighting units, mainly men of the 22nd and 24th Battalions Canadian Infantry (both from Quebec), who were killed between 26 August and 28 September 1918. It contains 195 fall soldiers, 12 of whom unidentified.⁷

A site dedicated to the 21st Battalion indicates that the British War Medal, Victory Medal, Plaque (Dead Man's Penny) and Scroll were sent to his father, James Logan, Cochrane, Ontario. The Memorial Cross was sent to his mother, Mrs. Mary Logan, at the same address.⁸ Pte. Logan's name is commemorated on the original Cobden Memorial Hall Plaque.

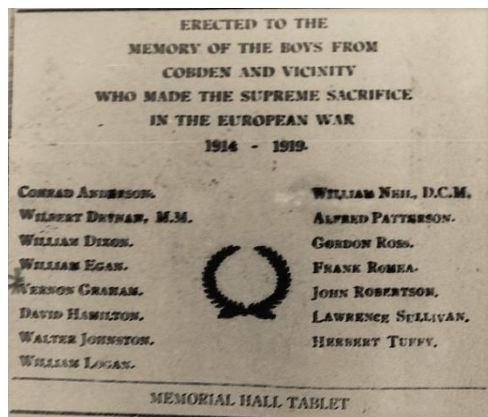


Image 1: Cobden Memorial Hall Tablet⁹ Image 2: Pte. Logan's Gravestone¹⁰

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