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I am late in entering this discussion as I did not know the Shubie cenotaph had been removed, When I saw it was missing I assumed it was some sort of vandalism as that is holy ground and no sane reason would ever occur to remove it.

My Uncle, Blanchard Gass is listed on that monument, and he died at Vimy in 1916 and is buried in France.

That Shubie monument is Blanchard's gravestone.

Blanchard had three Brothers and a Sister who also served in WW 1, one of whom was discovered to be 14

years old and sent back home to only to enlist in the second world war.

Another Brother, my Father, Cyril Gass, was wounded and sent home after a very long stretch in hospitals in France and England.

He survived after the loss of one leg, which is also buried somewhere in Europe.

Two other Brothers survived the war, Gerald and Robert.

A Sister, Clare Gass served as a Nursing Sister throughout the war and on boats bringing home the troops

after the war.

Most of Shubenacadie's history is lost or silent but there are descendants who still remember.

The removal of that cenotaph from it's original site is so wrong !!

PUT IT BACK !

John Gass

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