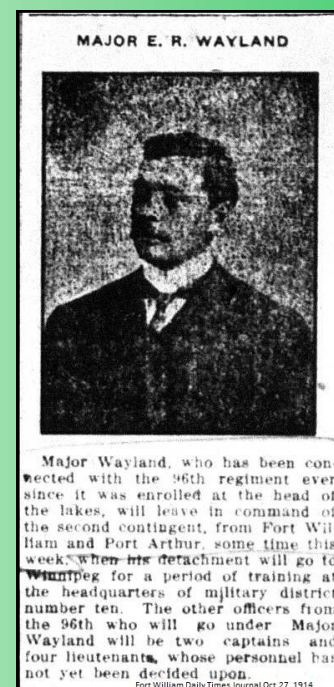


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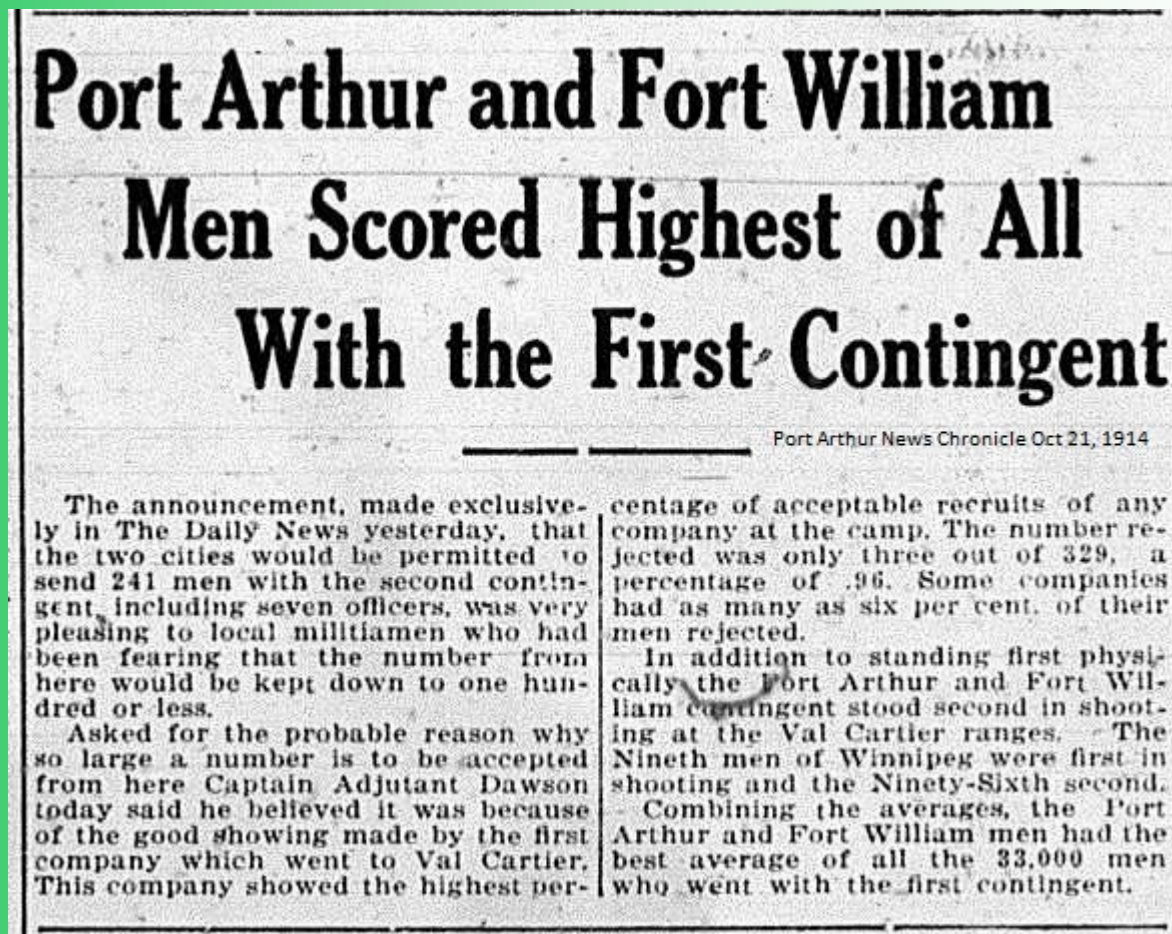
In early October, the soldiers (96th Lake Superior Regiment) from the Twin Cities attached to the First Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) left training camp at Val Cartier, Quebec and embarked across the Atlantic Ocean for Europe. Nearing the end of October the contingent debarked at Plymouth, England and made their way to the military camps throughout Salisbury Plain.



Soon after the First Contingent left for Europe, the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) began its recruitment of the Second Contingent of soldiers. Volunteers from both Fort William and Port Arthur began offering to enlist and by the end of October, 234 recruits and 7 officers left under the command of Mayor E.R. Wayland for the armories and barracks located in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Interestingly, the soldiers from the Lakehead who joined the First Contingent directly influenced the number of recruits wanted for the Second Contingent. With newspapers originally reporting that the Twin Cities would only contribute 100 or less soldiers to the Second Contingent, those numbers were then brought up to 241. When asked why, Captain Dawson stated that he believed the positive training results achieved from Port Arthur and Fort William men in the First Contingent had a direct bearing on the amount of soldiers to add to the next contingent.



Port Arthur and Fort William Men Scored Highest of All With the First Contingent

Port Arthur News Chronicle Oct 21, 1914

The announcement, made exclusively in The Daily News yesterday, that the two cities would be permitted to send 241 men with the second contingent, including seven officers, was very pleasing to local militiamen who had been fearing that the number from here would be kept down to one hundred or less.

Asked for the probable reason why so large a number is to be accepted from here Captain Adjutant Dawson today said he believed it was because of the good showing made by the first company which went to Val Cartier. This company showed the highest percentage of acceptable recruits of any company at the camp. The number rejected was only three out of 329, a percentage of .96. Some companies had as many as six per cent. of their men rejected.

In addition to standing first physically the Port Arthur and Fort William contingent stood second in shooting at the Val Cartier ranges. The Ninth men of Winnipeg were first in shooting and the Ninety-Sixth second.

Combining the averages, the Port Arthur and Fort William men had the best average of all the 33,000 men who went with the first contingent.

Patriotic citizens of the Lakehead were also strongly contributing to the war effort. Every Tuesday, 10 businesses signed up to contribute 5% of their sales to the Patriotic Fund. Numerous fundraising concerts and other events were held to provide for the war effort and individual donation amounts began to rise rapidly.



Port Arthur News Chronicle Oct. 15, 1914

A BOOST FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND



PATRIOTIC FUND

10 PORT ARTHUR MERCHANTS GIVE 5 PER CENT.

Of Their SALES EVERY TUESDAY for one Month

THIS IS HOW THE GREAT MOVEMENT STARTED

Some one, while raising the idea of a Patriotic Fund, resorted to one of the merchants who's name appears below, "I wonder how the Port Arthur stockholders could raise a little money for this splendid cause?" The answer came readily. We can GIVE A PERCENTAGE OF OUR SALES on one day each week—and that is the plan adopted by the leading merchants of Port Arthur to help the good work along.

THE FIRST
Patriotic Fund Day Tuesday, October 20th

You can lend your support to this great movement by dealing at the following stores on Tuesday:—

PATRIOTIC FUND

R. H. McFARLANE <small>45 Cumberland St. S. Dry Goods Our Motto: Ladies' Wear</small> <i>"Half the profit and twice as much business."</i>	<small>TRY OUR</small> HOME MADE CANDY W. D. Clark, <small>Baker and Confectioner</small> <small>Phone 1924 215 Arthur St.</small>	Norman Marshall <small>Jeweler and Optician WATCH REPAIRING</small>
WE SERVE <small>HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA, GOOD COFFEE, TOAST, DAINTY SAND- WICHES AND CAKE LYCEUM ICE CREAM PARLOR</small>	HARDWARE <small>BUILDERS SUPPLIES SPORTING GOODS, ETC. FALLIS-FOOTE CO.</small>	Miss M. P. Caisse <small>Millinery Parlors 223 Arthur St. Phone 561 N.</small>
<small>Pure Drugs, Prescriptions, Toilet Articles</small> CITY DRUG STORE <small>Phone 845, Masonic Temple, Arthur St.</small>	Marin & McKenzie <small>BOOKS, STATIONERY, PAPERS & MAGAZINES 222 Arthur St., Phone N. 180</small>	Drugs, Stationery and Cigars, Magazines A. L. SMITH & CO.
<small>THE DAILY NEWS WILL DONATE 20 PER CENT. OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR THIS FUND EACH TIME THE AD. APPEARS.</small>		



EVERY TUESDAY'S PURCHASE HELPS



Industry also began contributing to the war effort as 85 transport wagons were manufactured by the Port Arthur Wagon Works Company and sent overseas with the First Contingent. To supply this order, the company hired 50 extra employees to meet the demand of the contract.

On October 21, 1914, the Fort William Daily Times Journal reported that Fort William citizen James Blampy, a reservist in the Royal Engineers, was the first person from the city to become wounded in the war. In a letter to his wife he stated that he expected to be at the front again in a matter of weeks.