

Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Regiment

**PLUCK OF CANADIANS PREDOMINATES ON
BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE WHERE THEY
WITHSTOOD WORST GERMANS COULD GIVE**

For Five Long Days in Most Miserable of Weather Our Boys Were Under the Fire of Krupp Guns With Snipers Everlastingly Trying to Worry Them in Trenches—Seas of Mud Only Thing That Held Them Back.



The citizens of the Lakehead received word from overseas in January concerning the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Regiment engaging in brutal trench warfare on the battle front. The Fort William Daily Times Journal reported that the regiment “in their first experience at the front, well upheld the honor of Canada, and won fame for their regiment.” For Five days they faced the full force of German fire amidst the most trying and depressing climactic conditions possible to imagine.” While there were conflicting accounts of casualties, the official report released by Ottawa on January 20, 1915 stated that three soldiers were wounded in action.

**Many Citizens Cheer Recruits
for the Princess Patricias**

During this same month, 500 reinforcements for the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Regiment were chosen from the second contingent, Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF), of recruits stationed at Winnipeg, MB. Five soldiers from Port Arthur were chosen out of the men training in Winnipeg to join this group of reinforcements. On January 13, 1915 the group of 500 passed through the Twin Cities by rail on their way to Halifax where they would embark for Salisbury Plain, Eng.

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Fort William Daily Times Journal
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Port Arthur News Chronicle
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