

ASSIST RECRUITING FOR 141ST BATTALION

In April 1916, the cities of Fort William and Port Arthur would play their part in the recruitment of soldiers for another battalion. The 141st Overseas Border Bull Moose Battalion, from the Rainy River District/Fort Frances area, would look to the Thunder Bay area to increase its strength. The Sailors' Institute located on the Port Arthur waterfront would become the unit's local headquarters. It also opened a recruiting office on Victoria Avenue to enlist potential Fort William soldiers. The goal of recruiting in the Twin Cities would be to gather 400 additional soldiers, 200 from each Fort William and Port Arthur. Local newspapers reported that the battalion was around the strength of 600 men in mid April and by the end of April, the number neared 700 men.

ENLIST!

As many men of the Rainy River District enlisted in the four battalions which have already been raised in Port Arthur, the Port Arthur Recruiting League humbly request the support and assistance of the citizens, towards the 141st Battalion now being recruited in Fort Frances, and towards Major Stetham and the other officers new here recruiting. Any citizen who can suggest the names of any persons who can, and should enlist, are requested to place the names and addresses in an envelope and mail the same to Port Office Box 113, Port Arthur. We must keep on raising more men for the Empire until Canada has raised her 500,000.

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