

# 52ND NEW ONTARIO BATTALION

## PORT ARTHUR TO GET MACHINE GUN TAKEN BY FIFTY-SECOND

Port Arthur is to be presented with a machine gun which was captured from the Germans by a patrol of the Fifty-Second battalion. A letter to the mayor from Major W. B. Evans, O. C. the Fifty-Second, says he has been instructed by the ordnance department to forward Russian machine gun number 2496. This is probably a gun captured by the Germans from the Russians and moved over for use on the west front. It is being sent to Port Arthur as a mark of appreciation of what this city did in building up the Fifty-Second.



## FORT WILLIAM TO GET MACHINE GUN CAPTURED BY HER OWN BATTALION

Fort William is to have a genuine war trophy, and, at the same time, a bit of ocular evidence that the old 52nd-battalion has not forgotten her. A letter to the mayor, from Major W. B. Evans, states that he has arranged with the ordnance office to have forwarded to Fort William as soon as possible a German machine gun, number 2,579, which was captured in a recent operation by a patrol from the 52nd battalion. Major Evans adds that the battalion has much pleasure in presenting the gun to the city of Fort William, one of the cities which it is proud to represent in the field.

In December 1916, the cities of Port Arthur and Fort William were to be recipients of unique war souvenirs. Major W.B. Evans sent a letter to each city declaring that a machine gun, captured by the 52<sup>nd</sup> New Ontario Battalion, would be presented to each municipality as a gift.

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