

# GO WITH DRAFT OF FORESTRY BATTALION

LIEUT. H. DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND  
AND THIRTY-THREE MEN  
FROM TWO CITIES

A draft of thirty-three men, under Lieut. H. Douglas Sutherland, of Fort William, will leave Port Arthur this evening for overseas service in a unit to be known as No. 1 Independent Forestry Company, which will include twenty-seven men of the original 141st battalion, four well known young men of Port Arthur and two from Fort William. The Port Arthur four are Ptes. Crawford Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Andrew; Frank Berry, Ralph Manchee and George Pyett. Frank Tweedley and Herb Foreman are the Fort William representatives in the company. It is understood that the company will make a hurried trip to France.

Sergeant W. H. Lang has opened a recruiting station for the 223rd overseas battalion, which is located at Portage la Prairie, at 210 Simpson street, Fort William. This battalion has seven hundred men enlisted in its ranks now and it is expected that they will be moved before long. The members of this battalion is composed largely of men who are interested in and well known in sports circles, and while here the local battalion officers are willing to take on all comers in almost any line of sport. The season for hockey and ski running and jumping is past, but the time is ripe for sending in challenges for other lines of sport, and Sergeant Lang will be pleased to hear from any athletes or associations with a view to arranging a tournament. The battalion is under the command of Captain H. M. Haneson.



# RECRUITMENT IN THE TWIN CITIES

Even with the 141st Bull Moose Battalion leaving the Twin Cities for Europe, recruitment for various military units progressed throughout April 1917. While the 96th Lake Superior Regiment, Canadian Defence Force began seeking enlistments for its home guard, three other military organizations were also in the Thunder Bay area actively recruiting. The Royal Engineers continued their involvement in the Lakehead looking for potential recruits for the Inland Water Transport Service, which began recruiting Twin City men in February 1917. Near the end of April 1917, The No.1 Independent Forestry Company, which had been recruiting in both cities, had 33 men (including 27 men previously with the 141st Battalion) leave the Lakehead to go overseas. The final group recruiting in Port Arthur and Fort William in April 1917 was the 223rd Overseas Battalion, based out of Portage la Prairie. Sgt. W.H. Lang of the 223rd opened a recruitment office on Simpson Street, Fort William.

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