

# MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE LAKEHEAD

## NOVEMBER 1917



### The Royal Naval Air Service

**A limited number of men are required for the ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.**

**Very high physical and educational standards are required, and applicants must be natural born British subjects, and the sons of natural born British subjects.**

**All the training is done in England. Usual age from 17½ to 23; extreme age 25th birthday. Pay on entry \$2.50 per day; while undergoing training \$3.50**

**For further particulars apply to the Chief Naval Recruiting Officer**

**305 Wellington Street, - - OTTAWA**

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In early November 1917, local soldiers attached to the Divisional Signal Corps training in Ottawa, returned to the Twin Cities on a short leave. After this leave the unit would return to Ottawa before mobilizing overseas. It was speculated that some in the unit would be used as reinforcements to other established regiments such as Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Lieut. J.P. (John Patrick) Mooney, former Mayor of Port Arthur, in command of local recruitment for the No.10 Railway Construction Corps left the Lakehead with his men in November. Mooney and the 100 soldiers, many of which were recruited in Fort William and Port Arthur, marched down the main streets of Port Arthur to the cheers and goodbyes of numerous citizens before embarking on their journey overseas.



Near the end of November a special train consisting of 100 soldiers arrived in Port Arthur to be billeted at the Port Arthur Armoury. Major Harry Ruttan of Port Arthur was placed in command of the unit. Major Ruttan's post on the Port Arthur Exemption Tribunal was then replaced by Mr. W. Hoskins Sara.

Also of note, recruitment continued throughout the month of November in the Lakehead for the Royal Naval Air Service.

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