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#### Midlands Now All-Active Unit Ready For Enemy; Life In New Camp On West Coast Described

(As written for Bowmanville Statesman)

The First Battalion Midland Regiment has celebrated engaged in fishing, according to a great occasion. All home defence personnel, numbering reports received at Prince Rupert. over 50 and unwillingly acquired in Edmonton, left to join The general average on the Skeena another unit, leaving the Mad Midlands again with 100 has been some twenty or so fish per cent Active Service men so that they are from the best fishing per cent Active Service men so that they are free to go being outside, around Finlayson anywhere to fight and help end this war.

Naturally, there was a celebration because the Midlands were bements destined for overseas ser- been laying roads, or rather, float- the coast. vice. (Already 54 Midlands have ing them because the ground is ing some action as a unit.

The celebration took the form of Defence men who had all been not be of great value in an at- revert to the pormer position of given an excellent opportunity of tack but which will be invaluable assistant superintendent. going "Active" before they were in later life at home. sent on their way. Songs such as "Home Sweet Home" were sung to One of the most important points entertain the departing guests and of the training we are receiving is all in all it was quite a farewell that the entire group of men are which, I fear, did not raise the learning to live with each other spirits of the Home Defence boys. | with very little outside entertain-

But, enough of that. It was just ment. There is one theatre in the Home Defence personnel we have interested. had we took involuntarily and have only had them with us a lit- here until nearly 11 o'clock at night tle over a month.

Compare Unit to a Town

Lieut.-Col. J. C. Gamey, M.M., or second-in-command of the beds talking to each other about of "Jim." Battalion, Major F. L. Dudley, all manner of subjects. We won-Deputy Reeve, Clerk and Treasurer der how many young, active fel- Quite a number of people campcombined would be the Adjutant. lows at home could sit at home ed out across the bay during last Capt. H. R. S. Ryan, and the Com- almost every night and not think week-end. They claimed that the pany Commanders of Headquar- they were going crazy. We're doing weather conditions were excellent ters Coy., A, B, C and R Coys. it here regularly and liking it. , although they were sometimes would be compared to the councillors. Naturally the council has to have its staff of clerks, collectors, etc., and these are all contained from home. They'd enjoy themselves any place, but they also

in the Battalion Orderly Room and the Company Orderly rooms. have their days when they feel ab-From there on the unit breaks solutely dusgusted and downcast and that is when the letters from down into much the same items you find in a town. We have a home are a real help. You, at home, post office which distributes as without any sons in the army don't many as four bags of mail and and can't know what a letter or parcels every other day, a doctor a parcel means to a soldier. If he and staff who take care of as many doesn't get his mail regularly he as 30 patients a day, an intelligence worries and when he worries he section which prepares maps of is no good for anybody, not even the surrounding country and also himself, and quite frequently he acts as the town newspaper in gets into trouble of one kind and keeping a diary of all important another. So keep the mail comevents which occur. This group of ing and the parcels of home made men might be compared to the cooking and other delicacies which town newspaper office which tries let him know that you are still to find out everything about the thinking of him. people and country and keeps rec-

ord of it. Then, we come to the barber shop unveiling of the beautiful cairn at where one barber, and a good one. Edmonton; the farewell at the stacaters to the whims of about 30 tion by hundreds of people who customers a day at 15c a head. The were sorry to see the Midlands Quartermaster and staff might be leave the place; the difficulties compared to a jobber who orders encountered in our new location, the goods for all the different peo- the crazy antics of the lads having ple, for the kitchens and for all fun (one chap spent most of Sunbuildings. In a town this service day on the side of the road fishis duplicated so many times that ing in a pail of oil much to wonconsiderable efficiency is lost. Pos- der of passing motorists); the sibly this is because of the differ- water fights and a hundred and ence in prices. There is only one one other occurrences which are price for each article in the army. all in the life of an army unit, but

Men of All Trades we'll leave these for another time. We could go on and describe the The main purpose of this artiother services which are rendered cle was to let the people back a short summary, here are the home know that the Mad Midlands men you find in the Midlands: a lare again a 100 percent Active Ser-28-man band who also act and vice Unit with hope of getting inare trained as first aid men and to action too, as they say in Batstretcher bearers, cooks, carpen- the Drill Training, "Kill the enters, plumbers, police, road build-ers, butchers, sewer diggers, elec- emy." tricians, clergy, miners, engineers, truck drivers, mechanics and a dozen and one other jobs including teachers. There is hardly a profession or occupation which is

not represented. This last month we have found that the men who were considered overcome any lack of smartnes rie appointed to command the on parade. We have been literally Canadian Corps in succession to 2 dumped into a job for which we Sir Julian Byng. The King abol- 2 sible. were in many respects totally un- ished enemy titles held by memprepared, the building of a new bers of the Royal Family; British camp. There was no electricity, peerages conferred upon members waterworks, roads, sidewalks and of the Teck and Battenburg fam!very few huts here when we ar- lies.

about thirty-five fish while inside the river it was as low as ten fish. ginning to feel that they had been rived but gradually we are build- On the Naas River the average relegated to the discard and would ing the huts and the conveniences was quite satisfactory at about be used as a training unit for send- which will make it into a real town forty. There is gillnetting in proing drafts of men to other regi- of some 40 or 50 buildings. We've gress in all the areas up and down been sent to Hong Kong and 100 deep muskeg and we've been lay- G. A. McMillan, who recently reto England with other units.) Now ing sewers, something which ac-sumed the superintendency of they feel there is at least some cording to the pamphlets we read Canadian National Steamships

inserted to squash any rumors town and one-third of our popula- It was intimated at the meetwhich, we understand, have been tion may leave cam, very night ing of the city council held last floating around to the effect that to see it or go to the Y.M.C.A. The night that a new bylaw will shortly the Midlands are not an "active others must remain at home and be introduced by the city solicitor service unit" and never were. Any find something to do to keep them for the regulation of rooming houses, boarding houses and lodg-Incidentally, it doesn't get dark ing houses.

so that there is much time to be To show the esteem in which the spent after work finishes at 5 or fellow employees of the Grand We wonder what the people at 6 o'clock in the evening. The band Trunk Pacific held for J. B. home know about our unit. We holds concerts and sing-songs five Melville, they gathered together wonder if they know we are al- nights of the week. There are yesterday afternoon and presented most a complete town in ourselves. bingo games, quiz contests and him with a purse of gold. W. C. E spontaneous entertainment of all C. Mehan made the presentation D., could be compared to the Mayor kinds and sports such as you can and spoke of the regard in which of a town or village with nearly never imagine. And the men spend his chief clerk was held. He had 1.000 citizens, all male. The Coun- the rest of the time reading books, difficulty in adequately expressing cil could be made up of the Reeve writing letters and lying on their his sense of loss at the departure

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