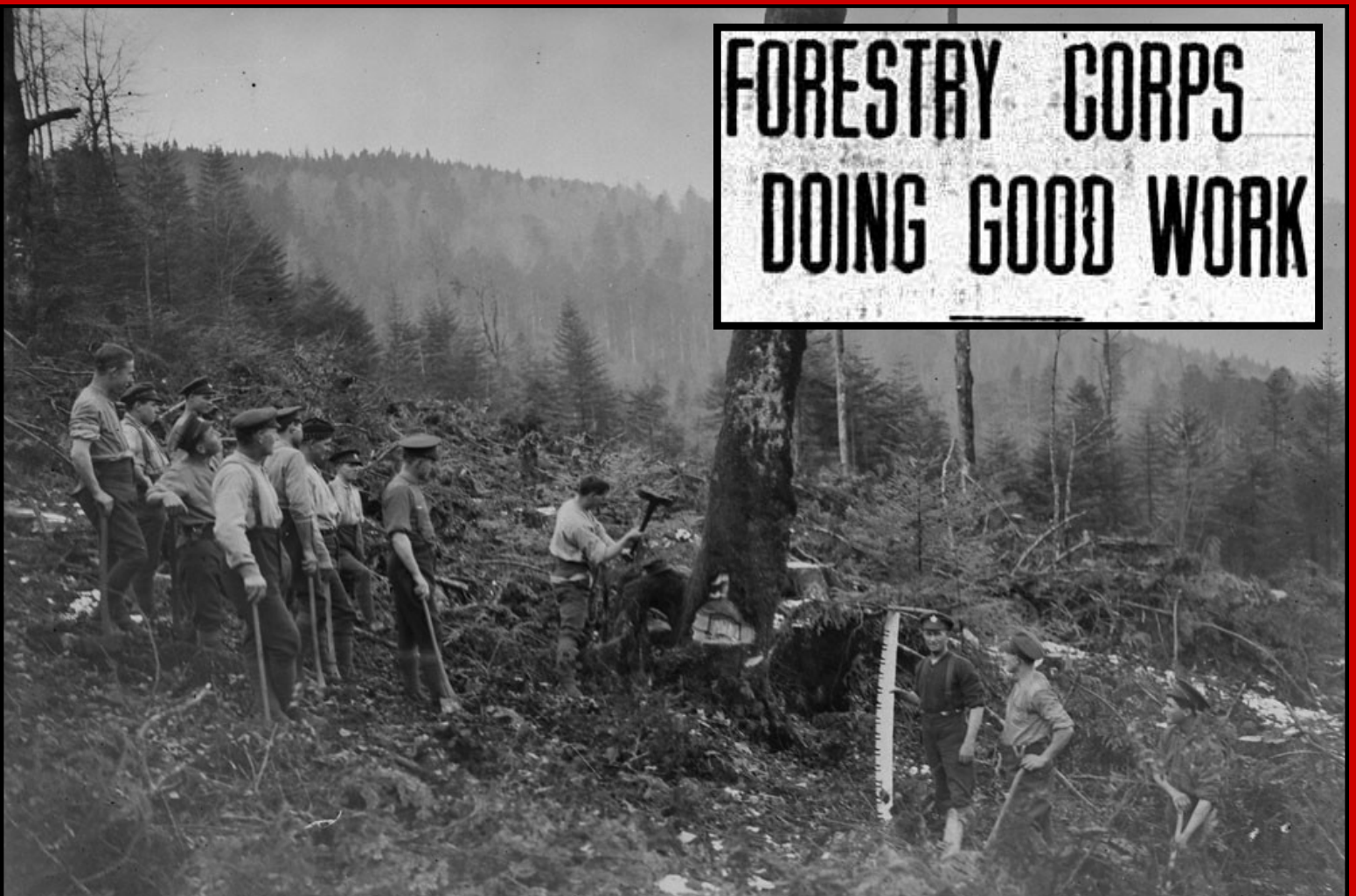


FORESTRY CORPS DOING GOOD WORK



The month of July 1917 was very quiet in terms of recruitment in both Fort William and Port Arthur. The Canadian Department of Naval Service continued to place recruitment advertisements in both Twin City newspapers seeking stokers, artificers and cooks.

On the last day of June, a very large number of Lakehead citizens gathered to say farewell to the 50 local men of the Divisional Signalling Corps leaving for Ottawa. It was reported on July 3rd that the men marched from the recruitment office on May Street to the Union Station for departure.

The Port Arthur News Chronicle published an interesting article describing the work of the Forestry Battalions in France. Over the past year many local men had joined the ranks of the forestry corps. As of July 1917, there were 22 companies of the Canadian Forestry Corps active in France.

To the relief of many newspaper readers, it was also stated that the 52nd New Ontario Battalion was still operational and continuing the fight in France. Many people thought that the battalion was no more, which proved incorrect. A wounded soldier wrote to Fort William explaining that there are more than 210 members of the original 52nd Battalion still in the thick of the fight.

**210 OF THE 52ND
STILL IN SERVICE**
A GOOD PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL
CORPS IS STILL ON DUTY
IN FRANCE.

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