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The unit, under various nomenclatures, had been part of the web and woof of this country since pioneer days, serving loyally and well in both peace and war. The 1st Battalion Midland Regiment was raised during the early days of World War II and was at one time 1500 men strong. The majority of these came from the Counties of Northumberland and Durham but there were many who came from other areas of Ontario. After the war, an effort was made to locate former members and these came together to form a Regimental Association. We have found that a number of these men came from your part of the country and feel that this booklet will be of use in recalling the part they played in Canadian history.

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## WHEREFORE THE COLOURS IN ST. MARK'S

This outline history of the Midland Regiment, whose colours hang in St. Mark's Church in Port Hope, is our contribution to "Mark 72", part of a program established to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the church.

Some early accounts of the regiment were obtained from C. M. Chandler's "Outline History of the Militia in Durham County" and the personal experience and valued association with the regiment of C. F. Haultain over the past fifty years.

Ranks and awards have been omitted where accurate verification was not available.

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## IN MEMORY OF THE MIDLAND REGIMENT

The Midland Regiment, as it was known from 1936 - 1954, was a re-organization of the Durham Regiment and the Northumberland Regiment.

### PIONEER DAYS

To trace the briefest history of this fine regiment is to go back through the annals of the townships to the time of the early settlers in Port Hope and the surrounding district. In 1793, the Militia Act in Upper Canada required that all men from 16 to 50 years of age should be liable for service. This was the foundation for a regiment in Durham County.

We quote from Chandler's Outline History: "Little is known of what military training was done by our early settlers in Durham but we do know that they were enrolled and assembled in Port Hope for one day, once or twice a year. Each man was required to bring with him a musket, fusil or gun and at least six rounds of ammunition."

### WAR OF 1812

The difficulties of communication and travel can be imagined but in the War of 1812, a company of Durhams saw action with the York Volunteers and were amongst the troops who were captured at the fall of Fort York in 1813. It is also reported that Captain Thomas Ward of Port Hope was doing patrol between York and Presqu'ile. Mentioned as serving with the Durhams were Colonel Baldwin, John Smith, Josiah Haskell, Thomas Harris and others from the Port Hope area.

### MACKENZIE REBELLION 1837

The MacKenzie Rebellion in 1837 called forth



an order from Colonel Tucker Williams for a troop of cavalry and a rifle company from the regiment to be later increased to a full complement of 100 men each, including volunteers, to proceed forthwith to Toronto to take part in the suppression of the uprising. Without delay, the Port Hope area became involved.

As arms and uniforms of the volunteers consisted of what they could supply themselves, organization must have presented problems. It may well be assumed that the interest and diligence of the officers from year to year had kept the regiment at a fairly high level of efficiency to enable them to meet this emergency.

#### DUTIES IN PEACETIME

For the next 20 years after the MacKenzie Rebellion, the regiment carried on under loyal leadership. Peacetime activities consisted of training, reviews, parades and participation in official duties at historical events.

When King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, visited Port Hope in 1860, the Durham Light Cavalry under the command of Captain Robert Smart, acted as escort. Again, during the visit of the Governor General, The Marquis of Lorne and his wife, The Princess Louise, the regiment provided a Guard of Honour of 100 men. "Also in readiness was the Durham Field Battery with its four guns.(Arnold Craik)

#### FENIAN RAIDS

The next call to arms came with the Fenian Raids. The threat of invasion aroused the inhabitants to fear and indignation. Two companies of the Durhams were ordered to serve in the province. The rifle company under Lieut. Colonel Arthur Williams, was stationed at Windsor. The three officers and

sixty-five men remained there for four months.

Some well known family names that may be of interest in Port Hope, were on the nominal roll of the regiment at that time:

Robert W. Smart, Nathan Choate, W. W. Renwick, Joseph Gladman, F. A. Benson, George Garnett and many others.

#### RE-ORGANIZATION

After the Fenian Raids, peace followed again for about 20 years but the necessity for more intensive training of the Militia became evident. Training camps were held regularly and a drill shed was built in Port Hope at a cost of \$3,000.

Volunteer regiments were placed on a battalion basis and the Forty-Sixth East Regiment was founded. In 1877, Lieut. Colonel Arthur Williams was appointed to take command. The unit was affiliated with the British Forty-Sixth Regiment of Foot(The Durhams) and their motto "Semper Paratus" was adopted. Men were drawn from the area of Hope, Cavan and Manvers Counties.

Under Colonel Williams inspiring leadership, the battalion maintained a high standard. "It was frequently referred to in the reports of the Commanding Officer of the Militia in Canada, who praised its efficient showing." (C. M. Chandler)

#### NORTH-WEST REBELLION 1885

With the uprising in the North West Territories in 1885, Colonel Williams was authorized to recruit a battalion to take part in the suppression of the rebellion. It became known as the Midland Battalion of Volunteer Militia. On April 1st it was assembled in Kingston and left for the west six days later.



The story of this courageous battalion from the start of its arduous journey to Saskatchewan, the scene of action, culminating in the Battle of Batoche, to the death of their commander, is recorded in Canadian military history. The participation of the Durhams in the campaign is cited as a battle honour for the regiment and is styled "N. W. Canada 1885".

Lieut. Colonel Williams fell ill on the way home and died on July 4th. He is buried in Port Hope and a monument in the town park honours his memory.

#### BOER WAR 1899 - 1902

No complete unit from this district served in the Boer War but eleven officers and other ranks volunteered for the South African campaign. They included: Hector Reid, Wm. Walsh, E. Evatt, F. Davey, F. Outram, T. Kerr T. Sandercot, R. Gamble, Q. Ough and V. Hall.

#### FIRST WORLD WAR 1914 - 1918

At the outbreak of the Great War, militia regiments were notified that they would not be taken as complete units to serve abroad. Enlistments for overseas service would be voluntary. Overseas battalions were organized and identified by numbers. Officers and O.R.'s from the Durham and Northumberland Regiments (Militia) enlisted in the newly organized battalions, the 2nd, 21st and 39th. They sailed for England in the early months of the war.

In May 1916, Lieut. Colonel W. Smart was authorised to raise and command the 136th (Durham). Before leaving for Halifax and proceeding overseas in September, the Regimental Colours were deposited for safe keeping in St. Mark's Church in Port Hope. At about the same time, the 139th left for

overseas and their Colours (Northumberland) are in St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

Durham men were at Ypres, Mt. Sorel, the Somme, Courcelette, Arras, Vimy Ridge, Paschendaele, Cambrai, Valenciennes, Festubert, Hill 70, Drocourt-Quient and the Pursuit to Mons. The participation of the 136th in the Battle of Arras is recorded as a Battle Honour for the Durham Regiment as it perpetuates the 136th C.E.F. Battalion.

#### PEACETIME ACTIVITIES

After the Armistice there was little activity in the militia for two years. In 1921, the government authorized new units and the old regiment began to fill up on a re-organized basis. The roll of officers in 1921 gives a long list of those who had returned from overseas service in the Great War and some of these were to serve again in World War II. To these were added a number of newly commissioned officers. Lieut. Colonel E. E. Snider was the officer commanding.

#### DURHAM REGIMENT - Roll of Officers - 1922

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Major W. J. Hoar	Lieut. D. C. Warnica
Major P. B. Harris	Lieut. J. D. Graham
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Capt. V. H. Storey, M.O.	Lieut. L. E. Zavitz
Capt. G. C. Bonnycastle, P.M.	
Capt. Rev. F. W. Anderson, Chaplain	
Capt. J. B. Neal	Lieut. D. Johnston
Capt. F. Mitchell	Lieut. W. F. McMahon
Capt. Rev. C. H. Boulden (qualified)	
Lieut. G. L. Edmunds, Sigs.	
Lieut. H. M. Jakeman	Lieut. C. F. Haultain
Lieut. G. Adkins	Lieut. J. C. Gamey



## AMALGAMATION

The regiment carried on for some years without much assistance from the government but members of the regiment were loyal and interested. Camps were held in Port Hope and Cobourg. Parades and social functions were held in the best military tradition at some expense to the officers. In 1930, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey was appointed Honorary Colonel. In 1936, National Defence Headquarters reduced the number of infantry units and the Northumberland and Durham Regiments were amalgamated into one unit and became the Midland Regiment. Lieut. Colonel A. V. Thorn was appointed to command.

## SECOND WORLD WAR

On the outbreak of war in 1939, Lieut. Colonel A. H. Bounsall was in command. In the days preceding the Declaration of War, detachments from the Midland Regiment were posted for guard duty at the RCAF Base in Trenton and the Arsenal at Lindsay. Major F. L. Dudley and Capt. N. Brimstin were in command of these detachments respectively. Two officers and 125 O.R.'s went overseas with the 1st Infantry Brigade.

In July 1940, the Midland Regiment was ordered to mobilize to war establishment. Within three weeks, the battalion was up to strength and began basic training. Lieut. Colonel J.C. Gamey was recalled from England to take over command of the 1st Battalion. Lieut. Colonel Bounsall, being medically unfit for active service was appointed to command the 2nd (Reserve) Battalion.

For four months, the battalion remained in the home area. Battalion Headquarters was set up in Cobourg while the five companies were located in Port Hope, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Campbellford and Lindsay. The unit

was then posted to Ottawa where the battalion came together for the first time.

Anticipation that the regiment would see active service overseas as a unit was not to be realized until late in the war, when under the command of Lieut. Colonel R. E. Bricker, it was despatched to England to provide general reinforcements.

For the major part of the war, the battalion served on guard duty at Ottawa, Saint John, Niagara Falls, Edmonton and Prince Rupert.

Throughout this time, vigorous training was continued and the Midlands supplied reinforcements to many units and Midland personnel saw active service in most of the major theatres of war including Hong Kong, Italy and North West Europe.

Reinforcements were posted overseas to serve with:

1st Infantry Brigade	Winnipeg Grenadiers
S. D. & G. Highlanders	Queen's Own Rifles
Royal Montreal Regiment	Irish Regiment
Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa	48th Highlanders
Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment	British Paratroops
Canadian Armoured Corps	General Reinforcements

On the return to Canada, Lieut. Colonel L. N. Carr assumed command until his promotion to Brigadier. The responsibility then fell to Lieut. Colonel J. G. Leuty until the regiment was absorbed into the Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment in 1954.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1954

The regiment held the last church parade to St. Mark's in Port Hope, to deposit the Colours which now hang there.

From The Leader Post, November 25th, 1954:

"With impressive military pageantry and dignity embodying British traditions of a thousand years, the Colours of the Midland Regiment were formally placed in St. Mark's Church, Port Hope.

It marked the solemn end of a long and brilliant chapter in the military life of Canada."

The unit marched to the doors of the church where the Colours, escorted by one platoon, halted outside the main door. The adjutant advanced and knocked three times with the hilt of his sword.

He asked that the Regiment, under command of Lieut. Colonel J. G. Leuty, be admitted. The officiating clergyman assented and the battalion paraded into the church. The Colour Party came to a halt at the foot of the chancel steps.....

In handing over the Colours to the rector, Major the Rev. C. H. Boulden, Lieut. Colonel J. G. Leuty said:

"Sir, on behalf of the officers and men of the Midland Regiment, I have the honour to inform you that these are the Colours of their battalion and to request that they be deposited here for safekeeping as a token of their gratitude to Almighty God, by whom alone, victory is secured, for His providential care and gracious benediction granted them in the discharge of their duty. In so acting they also desire to provide a memorial to the men of all ranks who served under these Colours and to afford an inspiration for patriotic service and sacrifice to all who may worship here for all time to come."

At the conclusion of the service, Major H. K. Long assumed command for the last march past at the Cenotaph to pay the Regiment's farewell to those who had served and suffered and died.

".....Tell them of us and say:  
For your To-morrow, we gave our To-day."



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 TURNER, J.W. - Campbellford, Ont.  
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## FELLOW MIDS

A great deal of sentiment and not a little sweat has gone into the publication of this booklet. Its prime purpose is to help you to re-establish contact with chaps whom you probably haven't seen or heard from for thirty-odd years. Who knows? There may be an ex-Midland living around the corner or a once close friend a thousand miles away. Why not drop him a line?

It is also hoped that it will kindle a few memories and stimulate an increased interest in the Annual Reunion. This is a grand opportunity to meet old comrades and regenerate the spirit that made the Midlands what they were. Make an effort to attend.

This Directory is being sent to everyone on our present roll as well as to libraries and historical societies in localities where the Midlands will be remembered. It is a part of Canadiana that should be preserved.

June 1973

Roy C. Burness

## HONG KONG VETERANS

In 1941, fifty-two members of the Midland Regiment were posted to the Royal Rifles of Canada and were subsequently despatched to Hong Kong where they took part in the ill-fated defence of that territory. The British colony fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day and the survivors endured four horrendous years as prisoners of war.

We honour them.

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