Military Toronto – 1936 – Spanish Civil War - 1936-1939

Between 1936 and 1939 over 1500 Canadian volunteers fought for the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War. In 1937 an all Canadian battalion was formed called the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion – the "MacPaps". The government's position was neutrality and they made it illegal for Canadians to fight in foreign wars. It is estimated that between 400 and 700 Canadian died in this struggle.

The FRIENDS OF THE MACKENZIE-PAPINEAU BATTALLION was located at 331 Bay Street in Toronto.