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In the late summer of 1939 some members of the Victoria Fish And Game Protective Association visualised the great need for protection of our Forests against what was then called our raiding enemy. This proposal was laid before the Attorney General, Gordon Wismer, who promised it every consideration, but it was evident that the Provincial Election superceded this very vital need.

However these huntsmen did not stop, they continued their survey, and enlisted others to this great and crying need. The entry into war by Japan at Pearl Harbour Dec. 7th 1941 and the following action on that Port proved these huntsmen visualised by instinct or otherwise the greater need for protection to our watershed, our railway lines on the Island, and last and most important, our Forests.

The matter was then brought before the Fish and Game Protective Association who carried on and finaced in a secretative manner this movement. This burden became increasingly greater for the Association, so great in fact, that appeals were made for assistance. The E. & N. & Canadian National Railways responded whole-heartedly giving 100% support and full use of their entire systems, including communications, trains, section houses, speeders and the allowance of an office in their main building.

As this War creeps closer to our shores, it is necessary to keep more Active Men in this 400 Square Mile, Military Assigned Area.

At a meeting held this Spring which was attended by Commissioner Parsons and Inspector Owens of the Provincial Police, Mr. Melrose and Mr. Gregg of the Forestry Dept. and Alderman Morgan of the City, these plans were enlarged and the scope of the original drafting broadened to include Sabotage, Fire Fighting and Contamination of Water Supply. With this increased objective it is imperative for us to seek financial assistance from those most vitally concerned.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES ADMIT

- (1) Hunters' Knowledge of area is essential for successful and speedy tropp movement.
- (2) Hunters' knowledge of area imperative for Military Strategy.

OUR PLAN has been authorized by the Armed Forces, in conjunction with Civic, Provincial and Departments of Natural resources to

- Corrélate with the Armed Services in the defence of our
  - (a) FORESTS
  - (b) WATERSHED
  - (c) POWER
  - (d) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

SPECIFICALLY this MEANS

- HUNTERS are now being registered to be on call to act as
  - (1) Guides to the Military
  - (2) Military data collectors for the Area
  - (3) Effecient patrolmen for the Area
  - (4) who will
    - (a) establlish bassets & cabins
    - (b) establlish caches of Food and equipment
    - (c) be equipped to meet the most trying emergency

PLEASE NOTE----- THIS UNIT IS TO BE SEEF SUSTAINING.

THEREFORE WE SOLICIT YOUR IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL HELP