



The Y.M.C.A.'s tea car the "Iron Duke" in Woodstock direct from the Battle of Britain - 1940

The "Iron Duke" was a mobile tea canteen that toured around the USA and Canada to raise funds for British War Relief. The British War Relief Society supplied people in Great Britain with non-military aid including food, clothes, and medical supplies.



Parade Held by the Woodstock Advanced Driving & Maintenance School—1940s

The Woodstock AD&MS was a militia training camp constructed on the Woodstock Fairgrounds during the war. Trainees learned how to drive military vehicles through difficult terrain; they also learned how to maintain and repair vehicles, and learned important skills for home defense such as defending attacks from the air and water. They also organized fundraising events like parades for the Victory Loan Campaign.



Mock execution of Adolf Hitler and Japanese Emperor Hirohito in Woodstock—1944.

In 1944 a mock execution of Adolf Hitler and Japanese Emperor Hirohito was held in front of the Woodstock City Hall as part of an event put on by the Woodstock Advanced Driving and Maintenance School in support of the 7th Victory Loan Campaign. Actors dressed up in caricature-esque costumes and a large crowd gathered to watch the “execution”.

*Note: The portrayal and physical representation of Hirohito seen in the photograph was based on racist stereotypes of Japanese people.