

the Stonehouse Home Guard file
at the Home Guard Centre in SPARE

FIGHTING

He also asked the committee to make it clear to the people of Hamilton that they must carry identity cards at all times "as one cannot be too careful about the checking up on fifth columnists where there is any movement of troops.

Major Ross had some of his own questions for the committee, one of them being who would be responsible for rehousing people who the Home

ated to the local regiment the Cameronians, and this suited the Guards fine as many of them were old 'Cams' from World War One.

THREAT

As the war wore on and the Allies went on the offensive the threat of invasion diminished and the "Dad's Army" was stood down at the end of 1944.

Photograph: Courtesy of Mrs Helen Walker, Chestnut Crecent, Hamilton.

The ladies ran the fore-runner of today's Citizens' Advice Bureau at the WVS shop in Cadzow Street from 1940; carried out re-binding of books for hospital libraries; ran a

formed an '800' strong housewives' service to help with many and varied emergency tasks; set up an inquiry service to help people trace relatives in case of heavy bombing of the area.

They guarded Larkhall and Stonehouse



Our last line of defence

LOOKING very military, the men and officers of the Larkhall and Stonehouse Home Guard.

The men are (top row, left to right): William Millar, William Craig, Thomas Dick, John Clarke, J. Plenderleith, John Scott, John Kennedy, George Sorbie, Henry McFarlane and William Anderson.

(Second row) John Golder, Walter Mitchell, Walter Lang, William Dick, Hector McInnes, John Haddow, George McInnes, John Plenderleith, J. Henderson.

(Third row) George McInnes, John Wardrope, Robert

McInnes, Abraham Fortune, William Scott, Archibald Miller, John Fleming, William Weir and George Harrison.

(Front row) Matthew Steele, unknown, Robert Whitelaw, unknown, unknown, George Gourley, J. Mackay, unknown, Nathaniel Thomson, unknown and David Brown.

(Photo: courtesy Mr Robert Eadie, Lockhart Street, Stonehouse).