

1901. Corporals, E. Craddock, W. H. Brown ; Sergeant, H. J. Taylor.  
1902. Corporals, Ed. Tune, B. Pelton ; Sq. Sergt-Major, B. J. Force  
Sq. Q. M. Sergt, Robert Balkwill.
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### The Burford Infantry Company.

During the summer of 1866, the Volunteer Force in Canada West was being largely augmented by the addition of new Troops of Cavalry, Batteries of Artillery and companies of Infantry and Rifles. For several months, a number of the most interested in the project had been working towards the formation of a Volunteer Company in Burford. The Minister of Militia, the Honorable John A. MacDonald, had been communicated with, and after some delay, the necessary authorization was given.

In July, a largely attended meeting was held in Hearn's Hall, when stirring addresses were delivered by Edmund Yeigh, late ensign in the 5th Brant Militia, Claudius Byrne and others. There was no difficulty in securing the number of men required to fill the lists, as more offered than there was room for. The first officers were selected by those who agreed to serve in the Company, and on the 17th August, the Burford Volunteer Infantry Company was added to the strength of the Canadian Volunteers. On the same date the officers were gazetted, as acting only, until further orders, as none of them were as yet in any way qualified to drill or instruct their men.

Mr. Aaron B. McWilliams, a passed candidate from the Toronto Military School, was appointed as Instructor to drill and discipline the members, who cheerfully and willingly attended the daily parades held in the school grounds, from 7 P. M.

In the month of September the belts and Sniders were received, and delivered to the new soldiers, from the old store of Benjamin Jones, situated where the Bank of Toronto now stands. In October, the clothing, so anxiously looked for, which had left Ottawa on Sept. 13th, arrived in Paris, and was carted to Burford and distributed. This, the first issue of Government clothing ever sent into Burford, consisted of 55 complete outfits of cloth Tunics, Trousers, Shakos and Great Coats.

These uniforms, manufactured in England, were of the very best material, and the "Shakos", a most servicable head piece, far surpassed the helmet in durability, and was most comfortable to the wearer—the only objection was the weight of the metal plate in front, which sometimes caused the "Shako" to tilt forward, with this slight defect remedied, the "Shako" has proved to be the best head piece ever invented for Infantry on active service.