

now obsolete weapons, the old "Brown Bess" with which the company was drilled; and a rifle range for practice was laid out in the ravine behind the college. The company was fortunate in securing as its first captain, Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) Robt. B. Denison, and under his zealous instruction it attained a high state of efficiency. The first inspection of the company was held at the old Crystal Palace on the 8th of February, 1862, the inspecting officer being Colonel Patrick L. MacDougall, the then Adjutant-General of Militia. The company turned out forty strong under command of Major Denison, appearing in uniform for the first time. The other officers present were Salter J. Vankoughnet, lieutenant; David Ford Bogert, ensign, and Dr. James Bovell, surgeon. The company acquitted itself so well as to call forth from the Adjutant-General the very flattering expression that it was "the best volunteer corps he had inspected." Amongst the interested spectators were the Lord Bishop of Toronto (John Strachan); the Provost, Rev. George Whittaker; the Rev. George C. Williams, the chaplain to H.M. forces; several officers of the volunteer corps, and a large number of ladies. His Lordship the Bishop delivered a most stirring address, alluding to his reminiscences of the war of 1812, in which he had borne an active part as chaplain to the forces, and addresses were delivered by others of those present. The following is a list of those who joined the company at its formation: John A. Ardagh, W. P. Atkinson, Fred Armstrong, Chas. Badgley, David Ford Bogert, W. D. Briggs, Jas. H. Ball, Chas. J. Bethune, James Bovell, M. D., J. L. Bradbury, Geo. T. Carruthers, Hugh Cooper, Wm. A. Dixon, John Douglas, Shirley Denison, Wm. G. Denison, Chas. C. Foster, J. W. B. Fraser, G. D. Farmer, T. W. Givens, C. S. Givens, S. Bruce Harman, George F. Harman, Robt. Henderson, A. Handcock, Elmes Henderson, James Henderson, Jr., Thos. H. Ince, C. M. Jones, J. Geo. Jessup, Thos. S. Kennedy, Jno. E. Kennedy, Robert Loring, A. Lindsay, Tullamore Murray, J. S. Macklem, A. Montgomery, George McMartin, M. M. McMartin, J. McLeary, George Nesbitt, Chas. W. Paterson, Alex. L. Shaw, R. Sandars, D. B. Sherwood, L. P. Sherwood, Edward W. Spragge, A. G. L. Trew, Salter J. Vankoughnet.

The company when first formed was an independent organization, but in the latter part of 1862 it was added to the strength of the Q.O.R. Battalion as No. 8 company, though it continued to wear the grey uniform and to be drilled as an independent company. Subsequently it took its place in that battalion for all purposes, when the grey uniform was abandoned and the green uniform of the Q.O.R. assumed.

One of the pleasing events in the early history of the company was the presentation of a handsome bugle by the lady friends of the college.

In March, 1866, the whole militia force was called out, in consequence of the then threatened Fenian invasion from across the border, and Trinity College Company, as one of the companies of the Q.O.R., was under arms until the 24th of May. On the evening of that day, a grand promenade concert was given in the Drill Shed, Simcoe Street, under the leadership of Mr. John Carter, and at which Mrs. John Beverley Robinson, who always so kindly gave her services for every good object, took part. From this date and up to the 31st of May the threatened invasion appeared to have blown over and drill ceased. The company had turned out to a man, and it was now hoped that, as the trouble was supposed to be over, the men would be able to resume their work which had been so sadly broken into; but, on the 31st of May, the battalion was again ordered under arms, and directed to embark for Port Colborne, as a report had reached the Government that the Fenians were crossing from Buffalo with the view of seizing the Welland Canal.

On the 1st of June the Q.O.R. left by steamer *City of*

Toronto, and on arriving at Port Colborne were billeted for the night. Early on the morning of the 2nd of June the battalion left by train for Fort Erie, but were disembarked about a mile from Ridgeway, as the commanding officer was advised that the Fenians were in the vicinity, and shortly afterwards they were discovered and engaged.

Trinity Company was actively employed during the engagement in skirmishing order on the extreme left, and were not relieved during the whole fight.

Major (now Colonel) Geo. T. Denison, in his account of the battle says, "The whole of the skirmishers pressed forward with the greatest gallantry, driving in the enemy's skirmishers on the first line and dislodging them from the strong position they had taken up behind a rail barricade."

Ensign George A. Whitney was transferred before the beginning of the action to the command of the Toronto University Company (No. 9), neither of the two officers of that company being present, having been detained in Toronto in consequence of their academic duties. Ensign Whitney behaved with the greatest gallantry and handled the company with very great ability.

The following day the battalion proceeded to Fort Erie, where it remained for a couple of days and was then transferred to Stratford, where the ranks of the company were augmented by numbers of Toronto men whose martial spirit was aroused by the news of the engagement. No further trouble being apprehended, the battalion on the 18th of June returned to Toronto and were met at the Drill Shed by Major-General Napier, C.B., who publicly thanked the officers and men for their services and relieved them from further duty.

The Roll Call at Stratford consisted of the following:

Capt. Sherwood, L. P., (a) (d)	Gamble, Clark.
Lieut. O'Reilly, John.	Garrett, Thos. (c)
Ens. Whitney, George A. (b)	Grasett, Henry J.
(d)	Green, R. W. E. (c)
Col. Sgt. Lee, C. Russell. (c)	Grantham, Chas. H.
Pay Sgt. Carey, Wm. B. (c)	Harman, W. M. (d)
SERGEANTS.	
Fletcher, Joseph, (c)	Harrison, Frank (d)
Jarvis, Saulter M. (d)	Hindes, Ralph W. (c) (e)
Harman, G. F. (a)	Heath, Stuart.
CORPORALS.	
Bethune, Fred A. C. (d)	Hagarty, J. H. G.
Evans, Lewis H.	Hagarty, Arthur E. (d)
McLean, Wm. A.	Holland, Henry F.
Henderson, Robt. (d)	Harris, Rusk.
LANCE CORPORALS.	
Capreol, J. L.	Jones, Chas. J.
Harman, S. Bruce (a)	Jones, F. O. (d)
Hagarty, George.	Jones, Beverley.
PRIVATES.	
Anderson, Allan (d)	Killaly, Robert (d)
Biscoe, Fred (d)	Kennedy, Wm. C.
Boswell, Frank E.	Musson, E. H. (c)
Brough, U. Allan.	Moffat, L. H.
Clark, W.	Nichols, Wm. Mortimer (d)
Clarkson, Benj. R. (d)	O'Hara, Geoffrey (d)
Cooper, Geo. E.	Pousette, A. P.
Crombie, David.	Russell, David McL. (d)
Denison, Alf. E.	Reed, H. P. (d)
Foster, Chas. C.	Robinson, Beverley (f)
Forlong, Arthur.	Robinson, Napier.
Forlong, Herbert.	Rae, Geo. M.
Ford, Ogden P. (c) (d)	Shaw, Alex. L. (c)
Fletcher, John H. (c)	Shaw, Duncan.
	Swainston, Chris. G.
	Taylor, Geo. I. (c)
	Turner, Geo. Rich.
	Vankoughnet, Philip (d)
	Walker, Thaddeus (c)
	White, John (d)

On the 18th of July a public holiday was proclaimed by the Mayor in honour of the Toronto Volunteers, a dinner

(a) Joined company at formation, 1861.

(b) Commanded No. 9 University Co.

(c) Since in Holy Orders.

(d) Dead.

(e) Taken prisoner.

(f) Struck on breast by spent ball which was turned by large coin carried in his pocket.