

called at this period "Battalions" and the necessary field officers, preferably men of experience, appointed, without which no regiment can be successfully led in the field.

One of the first of the new Battalions to be organized was composed of all the existing or authorized rifle and infantry companies in the county of Brant, one of the latter however, authorized with headquarters at Newport, failed to complete its organization and the Drumbo Rifle Company, authorized by General Order of 3rd. June, 1863, was added to the strength.

The Paris Rifle Company, authorized by a G. O. dated June 26th, 1856, was the oldest in the county and became number One Company of the new battalion. The Mount Pleasant Volunteer Infantry Company, authorized 30th. January, 1863, under Allan Wallace Ellis, Captain, Wm F. Phelps as Lieutenant, Robert Eadie, Ensign, did not long remain a part of the 38th. Battalion. After the resignation of their first Officers this Company gradually became inefficient and was removed from the list of Volunteer Militia, in consequence of which No. 5 Company Brantford became No. 4 and No. 6, Burford, became No. 5.

The Regimental Staff Officers were selected, like the companies, according to seniority, Wm. Patton had been commissioned Captain of the Paris Rifle Company, May 20th, 1858., Captain William Grant, commanding the Second Rifle (Highland) Company Brantford, was the next ranking officer his commission dating from July 3rd, 1862, Captain Grant accepted the Paymastership, and Captain Hiram Dickie, commanding No. One Rifle Company Brantford, was promoted Major.

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### Camp Thorold.

Some weeks previous to the organization of the 38th. Battalion, the Militia Department had established a Camp of Instruction at Thorold, a number of provisional Battalions were formed out of the various units, who, when attending this camp, were commanded by officers temporarily appointed. The Camp staff were as follows:—Colonel Garnet Wolseley, Commandant, Lieut. Col. Jarvis, Volunteer Militia, Brigade Major and Camp Quartermaster. (Major Page Wadsworth M. I. relieved Lieut. Col. Jarvis.) Lt. Col. Haultain, acting Aide-de-Camp. Major Alger, Volunteer Militia, Camp Paymaster.

The Thorold Camp opened on the 20th day of August, 1866 and continued for seven weeks, the various corps called out serving consecutively, as previously arranged. The several units, about to be formed into the 38th. Battalion, had received Orders to concentrate at Camp Thorold on Sept. 22nd, the same date on which the battalion was offi-