

Lundy's Lane, had been at Queenston and Frenchman's Creek and was presented by the Assembly with a sword of honor for his gallantry; Col. Allan McLean who became Speaker of the House of Assembly, and Col. Daniel K. Servos who guided a column at the assault of Fort Niagara. Col. Davis was formerly ensign in the Royal Newfoundland Regt., had been Capt. in the New Brunswick Fencibles and was present at Chrystler's Farm and was mentioned in despatches. There were also Lieut. Thaddeus Davis present at Black Rock, mentioned in despatches, and Ensign Hall Davis who piloted boats at Black Rock and was mentioned in despatches and became a Lieut. These with Cols. James Kerby and Daniel Servos were from the Lincoln Militia.

The 84th Regt. stationed here in 1844 recalls to some of the older residents the fragrant memory of Col. Osborne West, the popular Commander. Col. West was noted as a keen sportsman and encouraged all sorts of athletic sports with a liberal patronage. His establishment included four horses, which he often had hitched and drove "tandem" to the evident delectation of the soldiers, aborigines and numerous admirers. He encouraged the manly game of cricket, and under his direction the famous cricket ground was cleared, the former site of which is on the brow of St. Andrew's Lake below the Garrison, on the left-hand side of the Military Road going south, occupying a portion of the north-west corner of what was known as the Ayling farm, second concession of Tay. It was within easy distance of the Garrison, showing a taste for English art, "strong in exile," transplanted to a wilderness, and Penetanguishene thus boasted for many years of the rare spectacle of a cricket lawn in the depths of a Canadian forest. In 1885 the old cricket ground, still intact, surrounded by a forest hedge of second growth, was yet the cynosure of travellers and visitors. During his stay here Col. West was visited by his brother, Capt. West, a wealthy ship builder and owner in England.

The Royal Canadian Rifles seemed to have had a longer probation here than any other detachment, and it also enjoyed a greater variety in its commanders, in fact, it is the only Regiment of which the War office in London appears to have preserved a complete record. They were domiciled at the Garrison here from 1847 to 1851 inclusive, first under Lieut. James Black till 1848, then Lieut. W. H. Fitzgerald till 1850-1, lastly, Lieut. K. M. Moffatt, 1851. This Regt. appears to have been employed occasionally as marines and will be recalled