

<b>Title:</b>	Photograph of Thorold's no. 2 Company of the Lincoln Militia, 1893		
<b>Creator:</b>	E. Poole		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1893, 1983	<b>Reference Number:</b>	RG 692
<b>Scope and Content:</b>	<p>One black and white photograph of the 1866 veterans of the Thorold no. 2 Company of the Lincoln Militia who helped maintain Camp Thorold in 1866. Their barracks were located at the corner of Pine and Albert Streets in Thorold. These are the men who survived until 1893.</p> <p>An article from <i>What's Up Niagara</i>, November 1983, written by Keith Dewar accompanies this photograph.</p> <p>The men pictured here are: A.H. Preston, bugler; James Doherty; James Wilkerson; James Dale; Isaac McMann; William White; William Martin; George Turner; H. Carter; A.K. Brennen; William Orr; Henry Boyd; Jonathan McNally; Peter Steep; Alex Hoover; James Weeks; Hugh James, Captain; James I Taggart, Colour Sergeant; William Winslow and John Pew.</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	One 18 x 24 cm. black and white photograph mounted on a board. There is some slight damage to the picture [scraping] and it is somewhat faded. This photograph was taken by E. Poole.		
<b>Biographical / Administrative Notes:</b>	<p>In 1864, the No.2 Company of volunteers was organized with George Baxter as the Captain and Hugh James as the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. In 1866, during the Fenian Raids, the No.2 company of Thorold and the Welland Canal Field Battery of Port Robinson were ordered to the front.</p> <p>In March of 1866, there was a rumour that Fenian raiders were hiding on the American side of the river. According to the rumour, they were planning on burning and plundering St. Catharines. Companies of militia came to St. Catharines to offer assistance. Company no. 2 from Thorold was included. On June 1, the Fenians attacked Canadian forces at Ridgeway, but St. Catharines remained untouched.</p> <p>At Collier and St. Davids Road on Keefer's farm, soldiers marched and drilled. Telegraph lines were connected to Montreal and Toronto so that the camp could keep abreast of Fenian activities. Many of the regiments in Upper Canada were trained here. It was a wet summer, and the rain fell for 58 days straight. On September the third, Sir John A. Macdonald visited Camp Thorold to inspect the troops and he was impressed by what he saw. Eventually, the threat of the Fenians began to fade and the weather turned cooler, so the camp closed on October the 6<sup>th</sup>, 1866.</p>		

	During the construction of the new canal, the company was called out to quell frequent riots that occurred. Company 2 was eventually made part of the 44 <sup>th</sup> battalion. In 1895, the company was disbanded.		
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