

Belleville, Ontario Oct. 29th, 1914.

Lt. Col. W. N. Ponton,

City.

Dear Colonel,-

I regret that such a long time has elapsed since you sent me a request for the names of the officers and men who left Belleville on Wednesday April 1st, 1885.

Since we moved up on Commercial St. all my papers in connection with the Rebellion of '85 have been stowed away in some out of the way place, but to-day there was a resurrection, and I have pleasure in appending the names, together with some other information relative to the "Midland Battalion", and as I write memories of those days come thronging back, memories of "the old heroic days", of crossing gaps, riding in open cars with the thermometer ranging in the 20's below zero, tramping through slush, sleet and snow "o'er Superior's frozen tide", sleeping in the open and with the morning awaking to find ones self covered with snow, forced marches, picket duty, of being "two weeks in the hold of the "Northcote" slow and old ", of joining Gen. Middleton, of crossing the battlefield of Fish Creek and our march on Batoche, our first baptism of fire, of Batochie's capture, of our relief of Prince Albert, where "A" Co. (15th) of the Midland Batt. had the honor of furnishing the advance guard of the Column that relieved the beleaguered garrison in that town, but I must stop as, as I write the memories come flooding back, and I might find myself ~~wix~~ writing on and on regarding a campaign which to the present war perhaps might be compared to a picnic but to those of us who were privileged to serve at that time was real war.

Yours sincerely,

"Chas. S., Chapp".

1885 CAMPAIGN - MIDLAND REGIMENT.

A. Company from 15th Regiment of Artillery

Capt.- T. C. Lazier. Col. Sgt.- Wrighton.
 1st Lieut.- J. B. Halliwell. Sgt.- Jos. Laiden.
 2nd Lieut.- C. Kenny. Sgt.- Alex Robertson.

Corporal Harry James.
 Corporal Joseph Belcher.
 Bugler John Hamilton.

Privates - S. M. Daly Wm. Afis Geo. Gerow
 B. A. W. Halliwell C. W. Brundage Andrew Thompson
 J. A. Corbett Wm. Livingston Jas. Brodie
 Edward Howard J. Young Harry Smart
 L. Wallbridge Lewis Venn. Geo. Cox
 Wm. McGuire. Hugh McCullough Jas. Coles.
 Wm. Haslett. W. Walsh John K. Fry.
 Wm. Morton. W. C. Kerr C. P. Burnham
 Thos. Hammond. W. H. Gordon W. W. Baker
 C. E. Henderson Geo. Hves. Jesse Barlow
 Wm. Herrington Jas. Keirl Chas. S. Clapp
 Geo. S. Wilson R. Hart. Jeremiah Connors.
Burton Palmer

Co. from the 49th Batt. afterwards "H" Co. of the
 Midland Batt.

Capt. - E. Harrison, Ottawa. Col. Sgt. A. H. Smith, Trenton.
 Lieuts. - Horace *(A)* Yeomans. Sgt.- Geo. Wilson, Belleville.
 " E. J. Bowen, Frankford.
 R. J. Bell. Corpl. S. J. Hilton, Trenton
 " Jas. Merrill, Belleville.
 " P. Howe, Trenton.
 Bugler J. W. Williams, Trenton.

Ptes.- L. Sager. Ptes.- B. Lott.
 Geo. Young. W. A. Street.
 Wm. Reid. Geo. Bay.
 Oscar Covert. W. A. Darch.
 Bernard Hudgins. Tuffield Defrain.
 W. Hulley. Geo. Wescott.
 H. Rogers. Geo. Winters.
 W. J. Ridley. Alfred May.
 Joseph Baize. Jas. Howard.
 J. B. Powell. Joseph Lorna.
 Geo. Seeds. Jas. Row.
 R. McSteven. A. T. Thompson
 J. Prideaux. E. Vincent.
 J. Thompson. Chas. Ayers.
 A. Brinn. N. K. Paterson.
 W. Anger. T. B. Patterson.

R. Parker.

*The Adjutant of the Midland Battalion was
 Major E. E. Ponton of Belleville*