

*Capt. W. N. Bowen*

VICTORIA HALL

BROCKVILLE.

DIRECTOR OF  
NATIONAL SERVICE

ONT.

## Old Soldier, Capt. Bowen Marks 94th Birthday

If it hadn't been for a fall on ice 14 years ago, Capt. William Nelson Bowen, V.D., Chemical road would probably have celebrated his 94th birthday today in a more active fashion. He broke his hip in the fall and has been crippled ever since. He gets around now in a wheel chair and he was seated in his wheel chair when the Recorder and Times visited him on his birthday.

The Captain, an old army man, has exceptionally good vision and reading is his favorite means of passing time. Although his hearing has failed he still doesn't have to use a hearing aid.

Capt. Bowen has an accurate memory, and to prove it, he still is able to recite poetry he memorized as a schoolboy.

For many years he belonged to the local militia which he joined when he was 18.

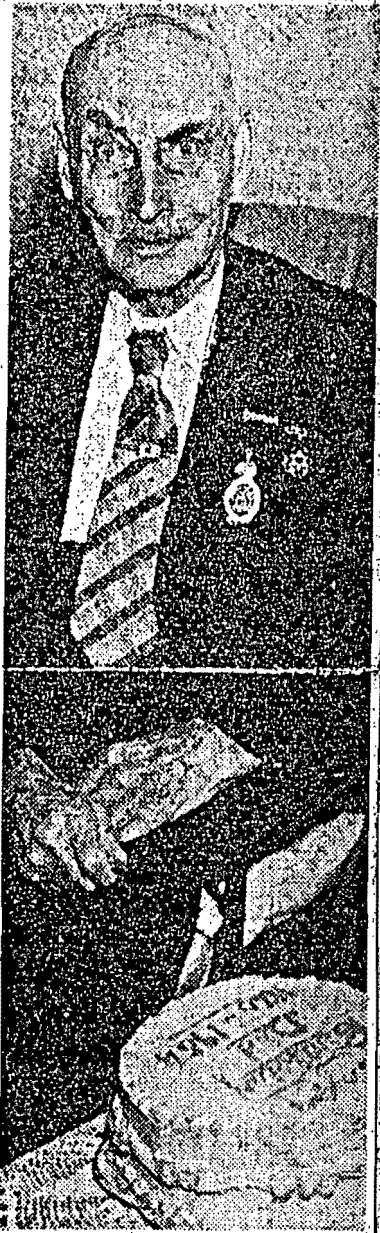
He has three decorations which he prizes very much. The Victorian Decoration, awarded for serving 20 years with the 42nd Battalion, 56th Regiment, was presented to him for his military service. He also holds a 25-year pin as a member of the Lansdowne IOOF Lodge, and a membership pin of the Brockville Orange Lodge. He has been an Orangeman for 77 years.

Born at Lansdowne April 6, 1860, he is the son of the late Israel Bowen and his late wife Elizabeth McConnell. He was married in 1888 to Martha McMullen at Gananoque.

The couple lived on the Lansdowne homestead, which is still in his name, until 1916 when they moved to Brockville. Over age at the outbreak of the First World War, he volunteered to assist in training recruits at Kingston and eventually became director of national service for Military District No. 3 at Kingston.

They lived in town until four years ago when they moved to the 2nd Concession. Two years ago he moved to the home of his daughter and son-in-law on the Chemical road, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellgh.

His grandfather was John Bowen, a United Empire Loyalist, who settled on Crown Lands at Lansdowne about 1812. The land is in the name of Mr. Bowen and is worked by his son-in-law, Wilfred Webster.



...with his 94th birthday cake

He has one daughter, Mrs. C. Ellgh (Ruby); a grandson, Eric Webster, Lansdowne; and two great-granddaughters, Lorna and Elizabeth Webster, both of Lansdowne. One daughter, Mrs. W. Webster (Gertrude), and one son, Ford, are deceased.

Paragraph 78 of "Regulations and Orders for the Active Militia, &c., 1887."

"78. When an officer commanding a corps is recommended for promotion, or resigns, he is to make a transfer of stores in charge to the next senior, or other officer who may be directed to receive them. The "Transfer Receipt" of such stores must be transmitted with the recommendation for promotion, or acceptance of resignation; as the case may be. Until the transfer papers have been received by the Adjutant General, no promotion will be made or resignation accepted. Forms of "Transfer Receipt" will be supplied on application to the Deputy Adjutant General of Militia in any district."

TRANSFER RECEIPT.

(INFANTRY.)

No. *H* Company at *Lansdowne*

*A R* *regt* Battalion,

Of Arms, Accoutrements, Clothing, and other Stores

from *Captain James Duross*

to *Lieut. Col. W. H. Bowen*

*22nd June 1891*

To be retained by  
Officer succeeding to  
the command

# TRANSFER RECEIPT.

(INFANTRY.)

Transferred from Captain James Dixon Commanding  
No. 4 Company (at Lansdowne) 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Staff to  
Lieutenant & Adjutant William Nelson Bowen the  
undermentioned Articles issued for the service of the said Corps.

ARTICLES.	(1) Number received over with additional Issue.	Number now Transferred.	Number Deficient.	REMARKS.
Rifles, Snider, Long, complete.	52	50	2	
Do Bayonets.	46	47		
Do do Scabbards.	52	82		
Rifles, Snider, Short, complete.	8	3		
Do Sword Bayonets.	3	3		
Do do Scabbards.	3	3		
Rods, cleaning.		48		
<b>Arms and Accoutrements.</b>				
Caps, Snap.	42	43		
Bolts. } Waist.	48	45	3	
} Pouch.	54	52	2	
Union Lockets.	48	45	3	
Frogs.	54	51	3	
Ball Bags, with Oil Bottle.	40	43		1 black
Pouches. } 40 rounds.	54	52	2	
} 20 do				
Slings, Rifle.	42	24	18	
Bugles.	1	1		unserviceable
Trumpets.				
Strings. } Bugle.				
} Trumpet.				
<b>Necessaries.</b>				
Knapsacks with Straps.	50			Unserviceable
Moss Tins, do	52			do
Haversacks.	42	24	18	
Water Bottles.	38			Unserviceable
Great Coat Straps—pairs for Knapsacks.				do
do do for Coats only.	42	34	8	10 incomplete
<b>Clothing.</b>				
Great Coats.	42	41	1	
Tunics.	42	42		Some worn & old
Trowsers, pairs.	42	42		
Forage Caps.	42	38	4	
<b>Ammunition.</b>				
{ Ball, rounds.				
{ Blank do		1 Keg		

Received the stores above mentioned as being "now transferred," for the safe custody and preservation of which I hereby hold myself personally responsible; and I hold myself liable to replace all such stores and property as may become lost or destroyed, except through unavoidable accident, or by fair wear and tear.

At Lansdowne, Ont  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1891

Witness to Transfer Wm Staehling Lt  
Adj. in D No 3-4

W. N. Bowen Lieut  
Adj. 42<sup>nd</sup> Batt

Brigade Major.—Brigade Division  
Mil. Dist. No.

(1) In this column is to be inserted the number of articles for which the retiring Commanding Officer is hold responsible. It should state what he had received from the previous retiring Officer, and what had since been issued to him, if any.

(2) When there has been a complete new issue of any article of clothing the number of the new issue alone is to be inserted in this column.

# SERVICE ROLL

Of the *No. 4. Co. 42 Batt*

Active Militia.....

Dated at.....

the.....day of.....189

NOTE.—One copy of this Roll to be carefully kept by the Officer commanding the corps, and the other to be forwarded to the Brigade Major of the Division for transmission to Head Quarters through the proper channel.

The attention of Commanding Officers is called to the following :—

### *Enlistment.*

(4) To prevent men from being enlisted in a Corps undersized, under age and too weak to perform the duties of a soldier ; the enrolling Officer, before permitting the recruit to sign the Roll of the Corps, is to satisfy himself that the man's height and age are as required by Regulations, that his general health is good, and that in all respects he is fit for the duties to be required of him.—*See Sub. Par. (4) Par. 23, R. & O. 1887.*

### *Actual Service.*

Should the Corps be called out at any time on service, the Commanding Officer will, without delay, forward a copy of his Service Roll to the Brigade Major of his Division, or should there be no Brigade Major, to the Deputy Adjutant General of the Military District. The service Roll should show names in full of all the men actually going out with the Corps, the other columns being properly filled in. This is necessary so that a correct record of the men called out may be on file at Head Quarters.—*Instructions in Sub. Par. (2,) Par. 547, R. & O., 1887.*

ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA.

Service Roll of the No. 4. Company 4<sup>th</sup> Batt.  
 County of Leds Province of Ontario

WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, declare that we have taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign  
 and that we voluntarily agree to serve in the No 4 Co 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Infantry  
 of the Active Militia Force for a period of three years under the conditions of service of the government of the Active  
 Militia Force of Canada, as set forth in the Militia Laws existing, and in the Regulations prescribed or hereinafter to be  
 prescribed for the same.

SIGNATURES OF OFFICERS AND MEN.	RANK.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	Whether Married or Single.	Date of Enrolment.	WITNESS.
<u>W. N. Bowen</u>	Captain.....	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>13 June 80</u>	
<u>Geo H. Darling</u>	Lieutenant.....	"	<u>38</u>	<u>S</u>		
	2nd-Lieutenant.					
<u>John B. Landon</u>	Colt Sgt	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>22<sup>nd</sup> June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>John Somville</u>	Sgt	<u>Morton</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>Thomas Bryan</u>	Corp	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>J. Barden</u>	Corp.	"	<u>24</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>R. Pritchard</u>	"	<u>Wentworth</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>H. L. Davis</u>	Pte	<u>Mallowtown</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>5 June</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>J. Canner</u>	"	<u>Sand Bay</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>22<sup>nd</sup> June</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>James Deir</u>	"	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>14 June</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>William Greus</u>	"	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>F. Taylor</u>	"	"	<u>19</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>22<sup>nd</sup> June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>J. B. Ryan</u>	"	"	<u>23</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>21<sup>st</sup> June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>George Kandle</u>	"	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>S</u>		<u>WNTB</u>
<u>Herb Putman</u>	"	"	<u>28</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>J. J. Mann</u>	"	"	<u>21</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>29<sup>th</sup> May 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>W. McCreedy</u>	"	<u>Sand Bay</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>19 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>J. Spindt</u>	"	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>R. E. Gray</u>	"	<u>Morton</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>20 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>G. W. Stacey</u>	"	"		<u>S</u>		<u>WNTB</u>
<u>B. J. Lakin</u>	"	<u>Caintown</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>27 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>G. W. Stacey</u>	"	<u>Warkenton</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>15 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>Thomas McDonald</u>	"	<u>Sand Bay</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>13 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>James McDonald</u>	"	"	<u>33</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>14 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>Charles McNeil</u>	"	<u>Lansdowne</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>20 May 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>L. S. Martin</u>	"	"	<u>29</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>19 June 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>
<u>D. W. McCleary</u>	"	"	<u>22</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>14 May 97</u>	<u>WNTB</u>

SIGNATURES OF OFFICERS AND MEN.	RANK.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	Whether Married or Single.	Date of Enrolment.	Witness.
W. Patience	Private	Lansdowne	21	S	3 June 97	W. W. B.
John Wilson	"	South Lake	42	M.	21 June 97	W. W. B.
Andrew Blane	"	Lansdowne	21	S	22 June 97	W. W. B.
John P. Quinn	Sgt.	Lansdowne	30	S	" 97	W. W. B.
Michael Tappan	private	"	22	S	" 97	W. W. B.
Frank Purden	Private	"	27	S	" 97	John B. Landry
M. R. McDonald	Staff Supt.	"	24	S	" 97	W. W. B.
John Stinson	Rand Master	Brockville	49	M	" 97	W. W. B.
E. J. Taylor	Bandsman	"	29	"	" 97	W. W. B.
W. Taylor	"	"	26	"	" 97	W. W. B.
Geo. E. Stenson	"	"	22	S.	" 97	W. W. B.
Fred Row	"	"	29	M	" 97	W. W. B.
R. Hutton	"	"	27	S.	" 97	W. W. B.
W. Bell	"	"	30	M	" 97	W. W. B.
H. Barigar	"	"	22	S	" 97	W. W. B.
A. McClair	"	"	18	S	" 97	W. W. B.
J. J. Donohue	"	"	16	S.	" 97	W. W. B.
J. D. David	"	"	28	S.	" 97	W. W. B.
H. Pinard	"	"	19	S	" 97	W. W. B.

*Staley of Preston*



# CANADA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN,  
Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To OUR Trusty and Well Beloved *Lieutenant William Nelson Bowen* GREETING:  
Reposing especial confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, We do hereby constitute and appoint you, during  
Our Royal Pleasure to be *Captain* in *No 4 Company*  
*42<sup>nd</sup> "Brockville" Battalion of Infantry*  
of Active Militia, of Our Dominion of Canada, taking rank and precedence in the said *Battalion*  
from the *Sixteenth* day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and ninety *one*  
and in the Militia of Our Dominion from the *Sixteenth* day of *July* one  
thousand eight hundred and *ninety one*.

Your are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Captain* by exercising and well  
disciplining the Inferior Officers and Men of the said *Battalion*, and We do hereby command them to obey you as their  
*Captain*. And you are to observe and follow all such orders and directions as you shall from time  
to time receive from Us, or any your Superior Officer, according to Law.

Given at Our City of Ottawa, this *Tenth* day of *August* in the year of  
Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety *one*, and in the fifty *fifth* year of Our Reign.

IN WITNESS whereof Our Right Trusty and Well Beloved, the Right Honourable Sir FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY,  
Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Knight Grand Cross of Our  
Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Our Governor General of Canada, hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day  
and year last above mentioned, at Ottawa aforesaid.

By Command.

*W. Powell* Colonel,  
Adjutant General of Militia.