

D Company	124
E	„	118
F	„	110
G	„	140
H	„	119
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Total	995

Strength of battalion on December 31st, 1910:—

Officers, 29; Establishment, 29.
Other ranks, 986; Establishment, 986.

2 Medical Officers, 2 Chaplains, 1 Adjutant (Captain E. M. Atkinson). 8 Instructors stationed as follows:—

Chesterfield	.....	Colour-Sergeant	J. A. Sturges.
Chapel-en-le-frith	..	„	M. L. Jackson.
Ashbourne	.....	„	O. Wain.
Bakewell	.....	„	E. Pullen.
Wirksworth	.....	Sergeant	J. Turner.
Staveley	.....	Colour-Sergeant	W. J. Keery.
Clay Cross	.....	Act. Sergeant-Major	J. Shepherd.
Whaley Bridge	....	Colour-Sergeant	W. Seaton.

A FEW NOTES CONNECTED WITH THE HISTORY OF THE 6TH BATTALION NOTTS AND DERBY REGIMENT

The Volunteer Force in Derbyshire was raised in 1859, in pursuance of a requisition to the then Duke of Devonshire, signed by a great number of influential gentlemen. His Grace took immediate steps for the enrolment of volunteers.

As a result Derbyshire ranks sixth in order of precedence in the Volunteer Force. Until the Volunteer Battalions took the uniform of their county regiment, and to act as a constant reminder of this fact, the officers wore the figure 6 on their head-dress.

Companies were raised in Derbyshire as follows, and numbered accordingly:—

- (1) Derby.
- (2) Sudbury (2 Companies).
- (3) Chesterfield.

- (4) Derby
- (5) Derby
- (6) Buxton.
- (7) Chapel-en-le-frith.
- (8) Ashbourne (1½ Companies).
- (9) Bakewell.
- (10) Wirksworth.
- (11) Matlock.
- (12) Butterley.
- (13) Belper (1½ Companies).
- (15) Derby.
- (16) Ilkeston.

During 1860 the companies were formed into three provisional battalions as follows:—

1st Battalion under Lieut.-Colonel Sir Thomas Presley.

- 1st Derby.
- 4th Derby.
- 5th Derby.
- 12th Butterley.
- 13th Belper.
- 15th Derby.
- 16th Ilkeston.

2nd Battalion under Major Lord Vernon.

- 2nd Sudbury (2 Companies).
- 8th Ashbourne (1½ Companies)
- 10th Wirksworth.

3rd Battalion under Major Lord G. H. Cavendish.

- 3rd Chesterfield.
- 6th Buxton.
- 7th Chapel-en-le-frith.
- 9th Bakewell.
- 11th Matlock.

As organised above, the Volunteers were reviewed in Chatsworth Park on October 24th, 1860, by Lieut.-General Sir George Wetheral, K.C.B., and this event may be taken as the real birthday of the present Territorial Battalion. It

