



The Oxford Rifles was a volunteer militia unit located in Oxford County. The Oxford Rifles was organized in 1863 by combining different militia units already active in the County. The first commander of the unit was Lt. Col. W.S. Light. Members of the Oxford Rifles helped defend Canada during the Fenian Raids (1866-1871) and took part in the Boer War (1899-1902), the First World War (1914-1918) and Second World War (1939-1945).