A number of men served in more than one regiment during the war. This was particularly true of the men in the 5th Lincoln and 2nd York Militias. Men from the 2nd York served with men of the 5th Lincoln under 5th Lincoln officers on a number of occasions including the Capture of Fort Detroit. Both regiments appeared to have been mustering from some of the same townships but the transfer of men between regiments was probably facilitated when both regiments were stationed at Burlington Heights. There are examples of men who were transferred between companies within a regiment to even out the number of men in the companies and it appeared that the same was done between these two regiments.

Pay amounts and certification statements were not transcribed. Daily pay rates were:

Colonel 17 Shillings Major 16 Shillings

Captain 10 Shillings 6 pence
Adjutant 8 Shillings 6 pence
Lieutenant 6 Shillings 6 pence
Quarter Master 6 Shillings 6 pence
Ensign 5 Shillings 3 pence

Sergeant Major 2 Shillings

Sergeant 1 Shilling 4 pence

Private 6 pence

Officer's Horse 2 Shillings 6 pence

The 5th Regiment of Lincoln Militia was drawn from men living in the townships of Ancaster, Barton, Binbrook, Glanford, and Saltfleet and the Grand River Tract. The townships later became part of the Wentworth County and were more recently incorporated into the City of Hamilton. The Grand River Tract became part of the Brant County.

Militia laws at times required all men from 16 to 60 to report for muster duty in the regiment in their area. The muster rolls therefore also served as a partial census of who was living in the area. However, a number of men received exemptions from service for various reasons. Over 700 men's names appeared in these payrolls from 1812 to 1814. Men did not always report for duty in the same company or even the same regiment.

Names may have been spelled differently on different payrolls and even on subsequent copies of the same payrolls. The assumption can usually be made that a given name belonged to only one man but there were a number of families with two or more generations of men with the same name. There were also a number of large families living in the area but all the men sharing that surname were not necessarily related.

A number of other problems had to be resolved in the transcription process because of the documents' deterioration, illegible hand writing, spelling errors, and