

taken in October, 1813, which give most complete returns of the males in the district with a special list of all those under sixteen years of age.

The battle of Chateaugay on October 26th and that at Crysler's Farm on November 11th had a very beneficial influence on the militia and particularly on those from the Bay of Quinte. The main detachment to meet the enemy at Crysler's Farm was made up of about six hundred regulars taken from Kingston on November 8th and the fact that these men, who had been comrades of the Bay of Quinte men for many months, did such good work served to inspire the whole district.

After October, 1813, these Bay of Quinte men were used almost entirely in connection with the transport of the commissariat. As stated above, in the winter months there was a long haul between Kingston and York, through a district with very few settlers and over a very poor road. This problem became more serious the second winter, as the westerners, and particularly those about Niagara, had not much opportunity to raise crops in 1813. On November 28th, 1813, Col. Cartwright issued orders requiring a careful estimate to be made of all the horses, oxen, carts, wagons and sleighs in the district. He wanted to be ready to send what supplies he could to help the westerners. The men of the district did not take very kindly to this work, particularly under strict military discipline, and the majority of the orders for the following months dealt with difficulties encountered in making them do the work required. They had evidently lost interest in the war as they believed that American attack was no longer probable.

An order of April 10, 1814, tells of the importance of immediately forwarding a quantity of provisions to Burlington Heights and calls for forty privates with a steady officer who was "used to the water" to man the King's batteaux.

Another order which had considerable bearing on the Bay of Quinte men was issued April 24th, 1814. It tells of an arrangement made by the President for an exchange of prisoners. By this order all men who were prisoners of war on parole, with a very few stated exceptions, were released from their obligations from the 15th of May.

In June another careful return was made of all the men available for duty in the district.