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Stafford Conn June 10  
May 7 1863

To the Adjut Genl  
State of Indiana  
Sir

That portion of the 10th Me Reg  
mustered into the service of the United States for two  
years from May 3 1861. having been sent home to  
be mustered out at the expiration of its term  
I have the honor to make the following report  
in reference to the two years portion of the regt  
On Sunday Apr 26 in accordance with  
orders from Corps Hd Qrs the two years men of  
the several companies reported to me and  
I marched them to H<sup>q</sup> Qrs and reported to  
Genl Stearns. I was ordered to receive  
a portion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass Regt then on  
duty at these H<sup>q</sup> Qrs and was informed  
that the battalion of which I was in command  
was permanently attached to Corps Hd Qrs for  
escort and other duty. I sent C<sup>pt</sup> Lewis & Fowler of  
Co. A and C<sup>pt</sup> King of Co. D and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut  
C Libby of Co. D. and C<sup>pt</sup> Haskell of Co. F

reported for duty with me Capt Adams of Co  
A. was wounded at Cedar Mountain in  
August last and has not since been on duty  
but if he is ever able to do duty he will prob-  
ably report here. Obedient to instructions I  
organised the battalion into three companies  
adding men to the old organisations of A & D and  
forming a new Co B of the balance. Each of these  
Companies have one eighty men present and absent  
The total in the battalion present and absent was  
242 men. Co B being without officers I Lieut  
Haskell was assigned to the present command  
of it. As we left here on the Rappahannock  
campaign the next morning after this battalion  
came to Camp #2<sup>d</sup> it has been impossible for  
me to report to you sooner and although I  
now take the earliest opportunity to report I  
can convey to you little more than the fact  
that we are assigned to duty here and the  
number of men. We have not yet been mustered for  
March and April but will probably be so in a few  
days and I will send you a copy of the muster  
roll of each Co. This I fancy will put you  
in possession of all necessary information

You will observe that to three companies we have for duty only five officers myself included. Being in command I of course cannot command any Co. We will be obliged to have a Lieut to act as Dr. Master and one as Adjt and we have not a cannot with our present number possibly detach one for either place. I would respectfully recommend that <sup>1st</sup> Lieut Edwin <sup>H</sup> Fowler of Co A be promoted to be Capt of Co B, the new Co, that 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut Charles Haskell, of F in the old Regt be promoted to be 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut of Co B. That Orderly Sergt Henry H. Kellock of Co D. be promoted to be 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut of Co B. This will promote for that Co. I would recommend that 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut Charles E. Pierce of Co A. be promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut in place of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Fowler and that Orderly Sergt James F. Farr of Co A. be promoted to 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut of Co A. in place of Pierce now 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut.

You will see without my urging upon you the necessity of having more officers to carry the battalion on. The commissions should date from May 3<sup>rd</sup> and to give the officers promoted the benefit of pay for the duty they are performing ~~should~~ be sent immediately as our officers

Can draw joy from a date earlier than the  
actual reception of his commission —

The March from which we have just ret<sup>d</sup>  
has been very long and fatiguing. The fighting south of  
the Rappahannock was desperate in the extreme and  
wile I think rank with any of the war. Our army  
was not whipped or even worsted and I am  
altogether unacquainted with the reasons for  
withdrawing to our former position. This  
battalion lost one man wounded by a shell  
His name is Judkins. He lost part of his foot

Yours most respectfully

J. D. Beardsley

Capt. C. D. Command Battalion