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Stafford Court House,
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To the Lieut. Genl.
State of Virginia.

Sir,

The portion of the 6th Regt.

instructed 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 three years portion of the Regt.

On Sunday, May 3, in accordance with
orders from Corps Hqrs., the three years portion of
the several companies reported to dive and I

marched them to Hqrs. and reported to

Genl. Ewell. I was ordered to relieve
a portion of the 2nd Mass. Regt. then on

duty at these Hqrs. and was informed

that the battalion of which I was in command

was permanently attached to Corps Hqrs. for

cover and this duty. I


1st Lieuts. and 2nd Lieuts.

6th Libby of Co. A. and D. Haskell of Co. F.
reported for duty with the Capt. Adams of Co. D, 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 probably report here. Agreeable to instructions I organized the battalions into three companies adding men to the old organizations of D & B and forming a new Co. B. Of the balance Each of these Companies have one eighty men present and about the total in the battalion present and absent was 242 men. Co. B being without officers Lieut. Haskell was assigned to the present command of it. As we left here on the Retrenchment Campaign. The next morning after this battalion came to Camp all 200 it has been impossible for me to report to you sooner and although I have taken the earliest opportunity to report I am sorry to tell you little more than the fact that we arereeived in duty fine and the number of men. We have not yet beenissued for March and will probably be as in a few days and I will send you a copy of the present roll of each Co. This I promise will contain in possession of all necessary information.
We will observe that to three companies we have for duty only five officers, myself included. Being in command of course cannot command my Co. We will be likely to have a Lieut. to act as Dr. Matza and one as Adjt. and we have not a man with our present number perfectly attached one for either place. I would respectfully recommend that Lieut. Edwin Fowler of Co. A. be promoted to be 1st Lieut. of Co. B. That Ordnly. Sergt. Henry H. Kellogg of Co. D. be promoted to be 2nd Lieut. of Co. B. This will free for that Co. I would recommend that 2nd Lieut. Charles E. Pierce of Co. A. be promoted to Lieut. in place of Lieut. Fowler and that Ordnly. Sergt. James F. Tate of Co. A. be promoted to 2nd Lieut. of Co. A. in place of Pierce now 2nd Lieut.

You will see without any urging upon you the necessity of having more officers to carry the battalion on. The commissions should date from May 3rd and I give the officers promoted the benefit of pay for the duty they are performing to act immediately as 2nd Officers.
Can draw joy from a date earlier than the actual reception of his commission.

The troops from which we have just retaken very long and fatiguing. The fighting south of the Rappahannock was desperate in the extreme and I think ranks with any of the war. My army was not whipped as even almost and I am altogether unacquainted with the reasons for withdrawing to our former positions. This battalion lost one man wounded by a shell. His name is Judkins. The last part of his foot.

Yours most respectfully,

J. D. Beardsley

Capt. C. D. Command Battalion