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1863-05-13 Captain John D. Beardsley to Adjutant General regarding muster rolls

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To the Adjt Genl }
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Sir

Several days since I wrote you in
reference to the Battalion of which I have the honor to be at
present in command. I now enclose a copy of the muster
rolls of each of the three companies for April 30th —
This roll shows the state of the Battalion at that time. Since
then and during the battles of 1st 2nd & 3rd of May we lost from
roll, 1, one wounded in the foot by a shell, and three missing.
The missing men I fear are killed as they were on
duty at Genl Hooker's Hd Qrs and remained there assisting
to remove the wounded until the house became the subject
of a cross fire from our as well as the enemy's artillery.
There were eight men and three had been over a field
several hundred yards exposed to both fires. Five of the men
reported, one having his cartridge box shot off and
the other three are missing and I have very little
hope of ever seeing them again. When I wrote before I
sent some recommendations for promotions. I now
enclose General Blockens approval of the

the recommendations

The men of the Battalion are in good condition and spirits. The position in which they now are is much easier than in a regiment.

There is I believe nothing new in the army of the Potomac, the stories which fill the columns of the daily newspapers in reference to General Hooker's army crossing the River again are all canards. I don't think a man of our army except surgeons & assistants has been over the river since we recrossed on May 6th.

I am sir most respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John D Beardsley
Capt Comd'g Battalion 10th Me Inf

P.S. I also desire to recommend Dr H. N. Corvair Surgeon of the 10th Me Inf for promotion to rank of Surgeon. Besides the Battalion of 240 men Dr Corvair is required to prescribe for the Cavalry and other units attending 4th Div and as he has no assistants his duties are certainly more arduous and responsible than the Surgeon of a regiment who has one or two assistants. Dr Corvair stands high both as a soldier, a gentleman, and a professional man.

Respectfully

J D Beardsley
Capt Comd'g Battalion