

Head Quarters 4th Reg Marine (Vol)
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The Company attached here is Co (H) I would say I have no feeling and any of its Officers, or else the feeling that grows out of ignorance.

I have a ~~complaint~~ here in my Regiment that the good of the Service requires it to be broken up its Members placed in other Commands - It is badly Officered and never has ^{any} ~~been~~ ^{been} been in a proper state of discipline - The Capt has continually talked to the Men of the Reg "the Three Months Idea" - He was one of the two men who found his way to Washington immediately after the ~~last~~ battle of Bull Run. I would suggest that - as the Service that makes men unhappy - The Company be broken up the men detached into other Companies & one full company sent out here to replace it in Regiment - It would be the easiest way to reorganize the Regiment - & the most satisfactory without doubt -

We are getting along pretty well - Hope to get clothed soon. When all over be well again -

Yours Yr Obedt Servt
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