

Portland June 17. 1861

46 Hon. L. Washburn Jr

My Dear Sir,

I am happy to report to you that the men of my Regiment are pleased with the idea of soon leaving for the seat of war - I shall take immediate measures to fill up the Regiment. No Company is much below the maximum except Capt. Briggs's

I desire to know whether all the Companies must be brought up to the maximum before we start, or may they range between the minimum and maximum.

It is your purpose to furnish 930 guns, coats, blankets &c. - Accordingly some Companies have already received 93 top coats

and blankets. ~~For~~ This was
done when the Company consisted
of 93 men. But there have been
some desertions. If, therefore, the
Companies are again filled up,
you will be obliged to furnish
some extra coats, blankets &c -

This is especially true
of Capt. Brady's Company, and
whether he remains in the Regiment
or goes out, from twenty to forty shirts,
topcoats, drawers, and blankets will
be missing in his Company -

So that I am
compelled to recommend that
seventy shirts, pairs of shirts &
drawers, seventy blankets
and topcoats be furnished to
meet this emergency.

If they are not all needed, they
can be used for the Sixth Regiment.

I will so manage that
no more than 930 hats, pairs of
shoes, pants, frock coats, &c. &c.
will be needed — for I shall
not distribute these until the
Companies are full.

I desire to know if our
Regiment is to be furnished with
horses and waggons, and if so,
by whom these horses are to be
purchased? My Quartermaster would
be a faithful and efficient agent
of the State in making such a
purchase. We should have not fancy,
but good, thriftily-work horses.

I will confer with Dr Robie about
these extra blankets &c. so that he
will understand you, & send your
order to him by telegraph.

Who will arrange about the
route we are to take? Are we
expected to attend to this ourselves?
I desire to know who is expected
to make all the necessary arrange-
ments from the time we leave
Maine until we arrive at our
destination, at Washington.

Yours truly,

W. H. Darnell,
Col of 5th Reg't
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