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Sept. 29. 61

John A. Hodson

Adjutant General

I did not receive your last dispatch till my return, or I should have cheerfully complied with it notwithstanding my previous arrangements -

As I told you in Augusta Allen informed me (as official from Augusta) I might forward the men at most convenient to myself provided the expense did not exceed the regular stage fare - relying on this and reasoning thus, as the Augusta <sup>stage</sup> leaves this place only every other day, it would take a week to send 20

men to Augusta in squads  
of 10 each - I send the  
Squad as I did -

This explanation is due  
me because I did not receive  
your dispatch till my return  
and also on account of the remark  
you made me in regard to  
Pittman, the meaning of which  
I did not understand till  
I read your telegram -

I shall send by Pittman  
Monday, eight men and wish  
you to see that Loring has  
no trouble in dressing & their  
blankets and bedsacks &c -

Please inform me at  
the earliest date possible  
whether or not I shall wish  
a full Company - I feel  
confident I can do it

in a short time and if  
you wish to satisfy yourself  
in regard to the kind of  
men I have enlisted, I refer  
to the last squad of light or  
to the men already on the  
ground —

Truly yours

J. H. Kelley