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John L. Hodsdon

Adjutant General

I did not receive your last despatch 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 ^{stage} 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
Pittsboro. The meaning of which
I did not understand till
I read your telegram -

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

Please inform me at
the earliest date possible
whether or not I shall enlist
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