
To his excellency Gen. H. W. H. [illegible]

Dear Sir:

It is with the deepest regret that we, the undersigned, are under the necessity of laying before you the condition of the soldiers under our command, and the manner in which they have been neglected since the recent engagement at Bull Run; but our duty to them will not permit us longer to remain silent. A few days before the Battle of Bull Run, the hampers, containing all everything belonging to the soldiers except what they were upon their backs, were sent to Fairfax C H, and on our retreat fell into the hands of the rebels. Most of our camp and cooking utensils shared the same fate. Requisitions were in due time made for each articles as were wanted but week after week has passed, and we have received nothing except a partial supply of Camp and cooking utensils, and blankets.
In consequence of this neglect the soldiers have been several weeks with no change of shirts or stockings, and many are now without either one or the other or both. Many are also without coats, having rolled them up in their blankets on their march to the battle field, which they were ordered to throw aside before going into action, and consequently were lost. We have been promised from day to day that these wants should be supplied, but have waiteduntily for weariness ceases to be a virtue. You can imagine what must be the condition of our soldiers, with no change of shirts or stockings, many of them without shoes at all, some even without coats, and with not a half supply of camp and cooking utensils and dishes to eat from. We have the material for an excellent Regt. as good as has left the State of Texas, or any other State, but if the men are used hereafter as they have been used heretofore, the work of demoralization already begun will go on, until the Regt. will become unfit for service. Having exhausted
all our patience in awaiting some action in regard to the matter by the authorities here, we humbly pray your Excellency to see that these brave hearted, patriotic men, who have all the comforts of home, and the society of families and friends as the call of their country, to engage in this glorious struggle in defense of our Government, be treated as men, as soldiers, and not as beasts.

Very Respectfully Yours
most Ob. Srgs.

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Lt. H. S. Barrows, First Maj. C. D.
Lt. A. C. F. Stevens, " "
Capt. Dan. Handsom, " "

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Capt. B. W. Line
Capt. E. W. Thompson, Capt. Comp. D.
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Lt. H. N. Walker, Commanding Co. F,
George E. Allwood, 1st Capt.
Lt. R. M. Stevens, Commanding Co. B.

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Henry R. Pellett, Commanding Co. A.