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1864-08-27 Major Russell B. Shepherd explains the regiment has no confidence in Lt. Colonel Talbot's military ability

Russell B. Shepherd

Near Petersburg Va.

August 27th 1864

Dear General,

It is with some hesitation I address you concerning the state of affairs in our Regiment. You are already aware, that we have been so unfortunate as to lose our brave and efficient Colonel. The Lieut Col. has never enjoyed the confidence of the Officers or men of the Reg't. He is a scholar and an upright honest man. but he has no military ability. Every Officer and Soldier feels it. He has been with us but a small portion of the time during

the Campaign, owing to
poor health and his management
during this time has tended
to increase the distrust
previously felt. And while
every officer and soldier
wishes him well, no one is
willing to trust himself
in his hands.

The officers of the Regt
have insisted on my
making a statement of the
facts to your excellency
and earnestly requesting that
you will not burden
us with a Commemorative
in whom we can have no
confidence.

Most Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
R. B. Shepherd
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