

Camp Harney. May 22^d '63

Mr Wilson. Dear Sir. Knowing you as one who takes some interest in soldiers affairs. I will let you know just how we are situated, and as we have no chance to speak for ourselves, perhaps you will see that a fair statement of the case is given to Governor Coburn. as you enlisted me of course you will wonder why I wish to be discharged before my 3 years term is expired, simply because I enlisted to serve in the 2^d R^e. and as there is no such R^e in the field, I have reasons for thinking myself entitled to a discharge. The officers in our R^e appeared to be doing all they could, before they left for our good. but since, circumstances have come to light that show a concerted scheme, to keep us in the service if possible, orders were rec^d. at regimental headquarters, and not read to us, because they declared that when a R^e was mustered out, the entire R^e was included, another very poor mean trick, was the way in which they left us. the

old members were ordered into line and
marched away. and no officer gave a
parting word to us. we number 118. most of
which have been in all the reg^t has seen.
except the 1st Bull Run. we were left without
arms. guard. officers. or rations. and have
had none appointed since. of our own
number we have appointed one to take
charge. and we have set a guard.

Gen Barnes. has sent word to us that he
shall transfer 70. into the 3^d Mass Battery.
and if we don't mind what he says. and
be good he will have us all court martialed
and sent to the 20th Dec. The men have been
very quiet so far but we consider all this
as humbug and are anxious to have
our case represented in the right light. and
to the proper authorities. if you will, use
what means appear to you the most efficient
you will have our thanks and I am author-
ized to say that any expense you may incur
will be paid by the members of. Co B.

T. L. Grindle;