

Hd. Qrs. 4th Me. Vols.
Near Culpepper Va.
March 15. 1864

Col. E. R. Spear.

Dear Sir

Your communication of
the 10th inst is received. And in answer
I would say - Otis G. Spear has rein-
listed and left the Regt the 17th ult on
furlough for 35 days. He has always
been a good and faithful Soldier and
is worthy of promotion.

The reasons of Spear not being fur-
ther advanced are, he has been a portion
of the time detached on duty with the
Balloon - but few casualties have occurred
in in his Co. "B" amongst the Officers - One
Resignation and Discharged -

I will send you a letter addressed
to John L. Hodsdon A. G. of Me. which
you can use if you desire -

It would give me great pleasure
to have I hear promoted in one of
the Regts now organizing: He is worthy.

Troops Officer by men who have seen
active field service will be much more
efficient in the field -

Nothing new of importance -

Warren visitors have been ordered to, &
have with few exceptions - left the Army.
Orders indicate an early movement -

My Officers are in good health & fine
spirits, - have not had an officer reported
sick the last two months - My men with
few exceptions are in good condition -

I have a few boys of 16 and some old
men 64 years old enlisted by Del. Prov.
Marshals who arrived last Jan'y bring-
ing with them the measles & small pox. They
have caused me much trouble and
ain't worth a d-m. The first hard
march they will straggle and fall into
the hands of the enemy with a full set
of arms and equipments -

If you think my Regt has earned
a reputation worthy of sustaining its
present organization. I would like to
have you use your influence to send
me some recruits - I want good able
bodied men or none -

By Gov. Cabell (who was styled by
one of his staff, an a-3) got an
order recinded which assigned 250 drafted
men to my Regt & had them sent to the 8th
This was probaly because he had a private peck
against me. Please see and let me know
what can be done if any thing towards
recruiting the 4th Me. Vol., & Oblige.

Your Obedt Servt
Elijah Walker
Col. 4th Me. Vol.

Culpepper, Va.

March. 15, 1864

Walker Col Elijah

Recommends Lieut Spear
4th Me. Vols. for promotion

Col. Walker
Recd. Oct. 3. 1864