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1864-03-15 Colonel Elijah Walker explains his recommendation of Otis Spear to Colonel E.R. Spear

Elijah Walker

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Col. C.R. Spear.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 10th inst. is received. And in answer I would say—This G. Spear has reenlisted and left the left. 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 for their advance are, he has been a portion of the time detached on duty with the Balloon. But few casualties have occurred in his Co. amongst the Officers. One resignation and discharged. I will send you a letter addressed to John L. Hadley in A. G. of Me. which you can use if you desire.
It would give me great pleasure to have them promote in one of the Regts New Organizing. Is a worthy.
Troops Officers by men who have seen active field service will be much more efficient in the field.

Nothing new of importance.

Women visitors have been ordered to leave 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 Col. Brice. Marshall who arrived last January, bringing with them the measles & small pox. They have caused me much trouble and ain't worth a d- in. The first hard march they will stagger and fall into the hands of the enemy with a full set of arms and equipment.
If you think my Regiment 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 at once.

By God! Calvin (who was styled by one of his staff, an A-8) got an order recanted which assigned 250 drafted men to my Kefet. I had them sent to the 85. This was probably because he had a private feud against me. Please see and let me know what can be done if anything turns recruiting the 85 to Mr. Widely of Abraham.

Your Obd. Servt.

Elijah Walker

Capt. 2nd Massachusetts
Culpeper, Va.
March 15, 1864

Walter Col. Elijah

Recommends Sergt. Spear
4th N. H. Vols. for promotion

Respectfully,

[Signature]