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To the Adjut Genl
State of Indiana
Sir

That portion of the 2nd Mass Regt
mustered into the service of the United States for two
years from Aug 3 1861. having been sent home to
be mustered out at the expiration of its term
I have the honor to make the following report
in reference to the two years portion of the regt
On Sunday Apr 26 in accordance with
orders from Corps Hd Qrs the two years men of
the several companies reported to me and
I marched them to H^q Qrs and reported to
Genl Stearns. I was ordered to receive
a portion of the 2nd Mass Regt then on
duty at these H^q Qrs and was informed
that the battalion of which I was in command
was permanently attached to Corps Hd Qrs for
provost and other duty. I sent C Fowler of
Co. A and C F King of Co. D and 2 Lieutenants
C Libby of Co. D. and C Haskell of Co. F

reported for duty with me Capt Adams of Co
A. was wounded at Cedar Mountain in
August last and has not since been on duty
but if he is ever able to do duty he will prob-
ably report here. Obedient to instructions I
organised the battalion into three companies
adding men to the old organisations of A & D and
forming a new Co B of the balance. Each of these
Companies have now eighty men present and absent
The total in the battalion present and absent was
242 men. Co B being without officers I Lieut
Haskell was assigned to the present command
of it. As we left here on the Rappahannock
campaign the next morning after this battalion
came to Camp #2^d it has been impossible for
me to report to you sooner and although I
now take the earliest opportunity to report I
can convey to you little more than the fact
that we are assigned to duty here and the
number of men. We have not yet been mustered for
March and April but will probably be so in a few
days and I will send you a copy of the muster
roll of each Co. This I fancy will put you
in possession of all necessary information

You will observe that to three companies we have for duty only five officers myself included. Being in command I of course cannot command any Co. We will be obliged to have a Lieut to act as Dr. Master and one as Adjt and we have not a cannot with our present number possibly detach one for either place. I would respectfully recommend that ^{1st} Lieut Edwin ^H Fowler of Co A be promoted to be Capt of Co B, the new Co, that 2^d Lieut Charles Haskell, of F in the old Regt be promoted to be 1st Lieut of Co B. That Orderly Sergt Henry H. Kellock of Co D. be promoted to be 2^d Lieut of Co B. This will promote for that Co. I would recommend that 2^d Lieut Charles E. Pierce of Co A. be promoted to 1st Lieut in place of 1st Lieut Fowler and that Orderly Sergt James F. Farr of Co A. be promoted to 2^d Lieut of Co A. in place of Pierce now 2^d Lieut.

You will see without my urging upon you the necessity of having more officers to carry the battalion on. The commissions should date from May 3rd and to give the officers promoted the benefit of pay for the duty they are performing ~~should~~ be sent immediately as our officers

Can draw joy from a date earlier than the
actual reception of his commission —

The March from which we have just ret^d
has been very long and fatiguing. The fighting south of
the Rappahannock was desperate in the extreme and
wile I think rank with any of the war. Our army
was not whipped or even worsted and I am
altogether unacquainted with the reasons for
withdrawing to our former position. This
battalion lost one man wounded by a shell
His name is Judkins. He lost part of his foot

Yours most respectfully

J. D. Beardsley

Capt. C. D. Command Battalion