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His Excellency
Gov. Washburne

Dear Sir

In relation to the Corcoran Co. — I forgot to tell you, or had not time this morning, that 9 of my men had been transferred to the 17th Regulars and that two or three others were absent without leave. The transfer to the Regulars I could not prevent: and a few of the remaining ones may not be willing to go with me — choosing some other regiment.

Ought I in those cases to lose the credit of obtaining the men? They are in the U.S. Service wherever they go: and the object is not to get men for a particular Regiment but for the service.

Col. Roberts may refuse to recommend me unless I actually carry with me into the 2d Reg. 25 or 30 men. Now ought I not to be entitled to a Commission for the number of men

I have obtained; and could I not receive a
Commission in the 4th: thus giving me time to
obtain more men before the Regiment returned to the
field.

I take this method of communication as one
liable to take less of your time.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.

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