

Col. H. Borden
Mrs. Rowland } 5th Avenue Hotel

Col. Barker will please inform
himself fully in reference to the
following:

How many men shall the Co. ^{100-men} consist of?
Capt. 1st 2nd Lieut. Selected -
What officers shall be elected ^{by men} or appointed?

How & by whom & at what times shall
the Co. be uniformed? ^{by the state}

How & by whom equipped? ^{by state except}
the arms

What rifle shall be used, & where
obtained? ^{Obtain by U.S. State gov.}

What steps are recommended in regard
to filling up the Co. & testing the quali-

fications of members? ^{applicable to short breast 200 yds}
^{10 shot measure less than 50 inches from center of ball to ends of}
^{barrel 10-100 yds of only center to be used}
Inquire particularly into all the
details re re. re.

W. S. Rowland
Boston

July 24.

Hon. Sharpshooters

Boston July 24th

Hon. Excellency
Gen. Warren Brown

Augusta

Sir
Will you furnish one Comp
any of Sharpshooters at ex-
cess of State for the regiment
of Sharpshooters now being
raised under the authority of
the War Department.

New York Pa. Ohio Ind. Ill.
Michigan Wisconsin - Ph. de Land
Each furnish one Company. and as
soon as the Governor of Mass is able
he will cause a like order to be made
for one Company - I beg to refer
you to the letter & documents
forwarded you some 4 weeks
since by H. P. Gordon Esq of
N. H. regarding the matter

Gen Scott a very anxious
to have these men at once
and I am attached to
organize the Corps
Please reply at the earliest

Urges the raising of a Company
of Sharpshooters

possible moment
Each of the loyal states are
to be represented with a com-
pany ~~and~~ and at a very
assemble that you state
should send one company
who will be stationed on the
service at Portland.

of you again I wish
could Acquaintance on such
of you reply by the
Yours truly
W. T. Rowland

Boston, Mass,
July 24, 1861.

Rowland, M.S.

Leure House

J. Lottinot
N. York

Exp. the Ans. Noted

New York July 20/61

Dear Sir

Will Maine be represented
in the 1st. Borden's Regiment of Sharp
shooters? I trust you will excuse
me for making the inquiry, but as
I believe that Regiment will be
of great service to the country I
feel anxious that my native state
shall be represented in it. Most
of the 1st. State will have at
least a company of twenty five
in it and many of them more.

I understand you have been
fully advised of the plan of organization
the regiments &c - If men are
to be sent from Maine I shall be
most happy to do any thing in my
power to aid them or their officers
in this city in being admitted

New York City
July 28. 1861.

Lothrop.

Urges that Maine may be
represented in Bardans. S.S.

to the camp of Col. Bardan at Wehauken
We are fast getting over the
fright occasioned by the disaster at
Bull run and hope soon to see
treason crushed out and the country
restored to peace and quiet
to do this effectually we must send
our best men into the field and
have them properly commanded

Yours truly
J. Lothrop

Gov. Washburn
Augusta
Maine

Boston Aug 2nd 1864.

His Excellency
Gov Washburn

Dr Sir

I am telegraphed to come
to New York by the next train and therefore am
unable to remain until you arrive, which I regret.
I will however state upon from 3/4 fully regarding
the organization of your Maine Company - it would
be very desirable if your Captain could come to
New York and see Col Birdan and myself
and I would respectfully suggest that you at
once commission a suitable man for Captain & send
him to New York before he commences recruiting.

Gov Washburn sends the Captain to N.Y. on
Saturday and so does Gov Burry of N.H.

Your Captain by so doing will obtain the
necessary information to aid him in getting
together the proper material.

Please answer me at
5th au Hotel N.Y. the Head Quarters of the Regiment
and inform your Captain may report

Your Obedt Servt
Wm S. Ross

Head Quarters

Budans U. S. S. S.

Washington D. C.

Aug 8th 1861.

Dear Sir

You will please find enclosed the report from N. Y. Press of the exhibition of Rifle shooting made by the N. Y. Company of Sharp Shooters. It may be interesting to you. Col. Budan is very anxious to see the Captains of the Maine Co as soon as you select him - Your state possesses as fine shots as any in the Union. and the country expects much of "the Pine tree state"

Please advise as soon as possible of the election of a proper officer. I regretted not seeing your Excellency in Boston.

The Mass Co is nearly recruited and the New Hampshire Government organization are nearly completed

Thanking you for your kindness in so readily responding to the call

I am Your Obedt Servt

His Excellency
Gen Washburn
Maine

W. S. Rowland
5th au Hotel

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Headquarters
U. S. Sharp Shooters
Wehauken Co. J.
Aug 9th 64.

Sir

I beg your attention to
the enclosed report of trial
shooting of the N. J. Co of
the 7th Regiment U. S. S. S.

It may interest you
and others

Respy Yours obt Sir
H. S. Berdan
for W. S. Rowland

His Excellency

Gov Washburn

Augusta Me

Remond & Co
Dunbar Aug 28th 1861

Dear Sir;

I am unacquainted with the Captain of the Patten Company - and will you do me the favor to say to him (or hand him this letter) that one Simon McLain of Lowell who enlisted in his company on its way down river - is as much of a man as he looks to be - capable and energetic - (has worked for Morrison & Gilman and myself for some years) and would make a first rate Corporal Sergeant, or even a Lieutenant after he got acquainted with Military matters -

Mr McLain I suppose is a stranger to the Captain and Company and for that reason I have written

this letter -

Yours
H. Washburn Jr
Augusta
Maine

Truly yours
J. W. Foster

His Excellency

Gov Washburne

Augusta

5th au Hotel 44

New York Aug 31st

Dear Sir

I am very happy to inform you that after waiting some time the President has at the urgent request of Sen McClellan selected Capt Grover of the 10th infantry U.S.A a native of your state as the Lieut Col of the 4th Regiment of U.S. Sharp Shooters. and I doubt not you & your people will appreciate the selection of so energetic & valuable an officer for the important command of these valuable men. Will you be good enough to hasten the organization of your State Co as it would be very unpleasant should your State Co not be ready for the 4th Regmt. I recd last eve a dispatch from Head Quarter to collect the various Companies & forward Regmt to Washington at the earliest possible moment. This is the second dispatch of the same nature. Let your men bring all the Telescopic & Globe sighted Rifles they own. & the Rifle to be used as the Sharp Shooter arm in addition will be the new pattern of Sharps Rifle which they have been testing thoroughly with other guns. and is found to be just the arm

for the service. These guns are to be made all
once for our special use, are more perfect
having the regular rifle stock double trigger
guns. I am having a special interest
made in order to measure ^{as well as the ordinary way} the barrels, & shall
be able to furnish all the guns with
them.

I do hope most sincerely that the
Maine Co will be ready to go down
to Headquarters to be uniformed & equip-
ped by the U.S. thus saving the large
expense to the several States.

Yours earliest commiseration and greatly obliged
Your obt servant

H. B. Duran
Col Comd'g
W. S. I. Shovers

Head Quarters
U.S. Sharp Shooters
Wichawken Sept 4

His Excellency
Governor Washburn
Augusta

Dear Sir

Will you oblige by as soon as practicable informing me name of 5th Ave Hotel where your State Co of Sharp Shooters is to be rendezvoused in your State until complete and whether W. Barker of Portland is yet the Capt. I had heard that Mr B. had recd an appointment in the regular army.

It is quite important for me to know the name of the Captain in order I may send instructions etc.

I am your obdt servt.

H. Woodson
Col. Comd'g

M. H. S. -

Dep. Sec. of State
of New Hampshire
for New Hampshire
State



Office of the Secretary of State,

CONCORD, NEW-HAMPSHIRE, Sept. 5, 1861.

To His Excellency

Gen. Washburn

New Brunswick

In the absence of Gen. Perry of the occasion to answer your writing inquires relative to the Regt. of Sharpshooters.

We have in this State one company nearly full — the volunteers up to today being about 100. They will volunteer in Concord for a few days & the first of next week go to their posts to be equipped and drilled.

We have sent as diligently in exhibiting new for that aim of the service — paying them the same

Wm Cornwall N. Y.

Sept 5. 1851

Charles E. Y.

Answers inquiries about
Beakans Shanty Stores

bonety other recruits receive.
We have been for the last
few weeks exhibiting this Company
and now the exhibitions
are more rarely than at
first. I think we could
easily fill another company
of an good men and ex-
act shotes as those company
our first.

Any further inquiries
will be readily cheerfully
answered by Mr. Perry or
myself, at your pleasure
I am Sir

Very respectfully
Your obedt. servant

George W. Chandler
Adj. Secretary of 2d Regt

Head Quarters
U.S. Sharp Shooters
Wichita Kan
Sept 9th 1864.

Hon. Excellency
S. Washburn Jr.

Governor, Augusta Me.

Dear Sir

I am instructed by Col Budan to say in reply to your favor of 7th inst. that uniforms will be furnished here by the U.S. without expense to your State it will consist of Green frock coat army blue pants green cloth caps, grey over coat, &c. It is desirable that the men who have their own rifles will bring them; any deficiency will be made up by the U.S. until the New Rifle of Sharps. can be furnished by the government. As soon as 50 men are enrolled please have them sworn into U.S. service and form and them to N.Y. under an officer 1st or 2nd Lieut. with such as soon as they can be recruited.

The uniforms for your Co are now ready - they will go into camp of your location on arrival. Transportations will be paid by U.S. here on requisition of the Capt.

W. J. Rowland

It is very important yr ship. The
order should be early on the field

5 Companies have gone
forward. The N.H. & T. Company will
reach here on Wednesday -

Suit Col Grover will
receive them at Washington.

Thanking you for your
kind favor

Dear Yours etc

M. J. Rowland
Lieut

By order

H. Andrew

Col Army

U.S. Sharpshooters

Wichawken N. Y.

Sept. 9. 1861

Rowland, N. Y.

Relative to Organization
of Berdans Sharp Shooters

Wichawken
Sept. 9

W. J. Rowland

Packet and Sept 12 1861

Dear Isaac Washburn

This will introduce to you
Capt Lorenzo Hall who will explain
his business connected with the military
I will say Mr Hall is all right
a smart intelligent man and a
true man

Yours truly
J. A. Fenwick

Head Quarters

U. S. Army Station
Mechanics St 42nd

His Excellency

Isaac Washburn Jr.

Governor of Maine

Dear Sir

Please inform me if possible
at about what time your State Co
will be ready. To come forward
in order I may report to the War
Department

The uniforms are now ready
here for your Co.

Please see that the
Co are mustered into U. S. Service -
before leaving the State and send
them by Norwich & Worcester
from Boston.

Yours Truly,

W. H. Rowland

Major General

The U. S. T. Co's are now being
formed this week.

Head Quarters
Budaus Sharp Shooters

His excellency
D. Washburn Esq
Gov.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th inst. is before me and Mr Baker with whom I have had an interview allow me to thank you for your promptness and favorable response to the call for Sharp Shooters. I trust that the company from Maine will be ready to mustered into the 4th Regiment which is ordered by the war department to report as soon as possible at the seat of war.

Very Respectfully

H. Budaus

Head Quarters

U. S. Sharp Shooters

Behuawkeu ¹⁸ Spt

His Excellency

Governor Washburne

Augusta

Sir

I am just favored with your telegraph informing me your state Co would not be ready under a week. I can only say that we are greatly in need of all your the Sharp Shooters that can be raised and shall be greatly obliged to you if you will expedite the organization of your Co. I have three uniforms now ready here and am introduced by the Col Comd^y to forward them on to Washington without delay at this point

A post of honour awaits them

Very Resp^y

Your obed^t Serv^t

M. S. Rowland.

Major Comd^y

Wm W. Paul
Monday
Sep 18/65

Page 586 N & W
I am sure that you will
I have not met you in great
degrees in visiting the
States, and the Regt Co
in the Capt Comings is
now full of my school
I hope they be in some better lot
what that will bring on
the current and to reach
towards his office for me
& so much. he has done
very good after that
I have been since our men
I say who believe they have
more data for study, & have
three & try tomorrow
my opinion is that we all
know all the best States

do not seem to count very
earnest and that it is now
done covering him for them
I cannot remember that the
charts & finally the she charts
way & the what can be done
at all in the limits from when
I am looking for him is
I take horse rear & road &
go with my wife & youngest
them days since up the
circumstances but shall be
pleased to act according
to your judgment.

I am respectfully
your most Obedt Servt

W. A. R.

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270
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Dear Sept 20 & 1968

Your horse was
to have the price had

collected from young man
of the name and address

was applied to that

amount. I have been for

of those who have performed

the shooting as provided in

the order for check sheets

of the price had collected

and shown them before

coming to Bays or as it is

I do not feel it is my

authority to pay any of these

on any man until the full

amount is explained in writing with

the type I hope that you will

be fit to allow him the

R R Park
Whampoa
Sept 10/68

With of course which he may
have been (and will have
out with a whole pack).

Most Obediently

Yours

R R R

At the same time
of the several who have
expressed a desire

James D. Smith

Charles W. Smith

John W. Smith

Samuel H. Smith

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Banga, Bith 11 1861

My dear Mr. Wadsworth
I recd yours of the 19th inst. I have
examined several specimens from
of whom I had a letter. It is
not easy to get hold of many
specimens who are willing to try
their skill before entering, while
two offices are open on State
that making a great display
and advertising very largely for
specimens of specimens and sharpshooters
and will take all that comes
whether good or poor specimens
besides representing to applicants
that the company for which
I am entering are to be armed
with ordinary rifles. I presume
that Mr. Wadsworth can recd a note
from me expressing my views
as to the matter of the rifle.

way to procure the most
expedient reference.

I am Respectfully
Your most Obedient Servant
R. H. Cook

Portland Sept. 21, 1841

Governor Washburn

Dear Sir I have received your
memoirs so thank's for them as
that was all that I needed the
required thing I had some
hope or three or four for
best and I think that I
of them will be well to
the best I will look them
morning. I will send what
I have got on Tuesday Sept
23, you regard to the second
text the men are very im-
pious to see the same files
there that they did have I
told them that I thought
best would, commences
till the company was
full then I could bring

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Liz G.P.
P. H. W. P.
M. G. W. P.

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Portland Sept 21. 1861

Non Israel Washburn.

Dear Sir

I am sorry to have so unfavorable a report to give you but the fact is that I have not been able to find one man who comes up to Col Buda's standard, though there are many who approximate to it, and probably would reach it with a few days constant practice under the eye of a competent instructor. I have not felt at liberty to enlist ~~such~~ any who are not now up to the mark and consequently have made no enlistments. There are very few men in this county who own rifles sufficient to shoot with accuracy such a distance, and in that part

of Oxford which I have
caused I find, to my
surprise, scarcely any.
I shall start on Monday
on a tour through Ancho-
coggin and Oxford counties
in the hope of finding some
suitable persons to recruit.
but my present impression is
that unless the other recruiting
officers have met with better
success than I have, the
only way to form such a
company will be to select
the best shots that can be
found and forming a camp
of instruction at Augusta
gradually bring them up
to the standard.

Yrs Resp^t
James O. Stephens

Malton Mass Sept 28th /61
To His Excellency
The Gov of Maine
Sir

Allow me
to address your Excellency soliciting authority
to enlist in your state a company of
sharpshooters to be armed with best class
rifles, and to be attached to some one of the
Maine regiments. I am accustomed to the
use of the Rifle and propose to raise
a company already proficient in its
use. Should the above meet your Excellency's
favorable consideration, such evidence of
my fitness, as your Excellency may require will
be cheerfully furnished. I am a native of
the State of Maine, and prefer to be known
in this struggle as such. Your Excellency will
pardon me if I request a brief interview in case the
above is ~~accepted~~.
Yours Obedt Servt
A. B. Brown

Ojunga July 24th 1861.

You know how much
yours of the 22^d is at hand I
shall be a suitable person
to test Shortes, and forward
them to Head Quarters.

Will you please make
such arrangements as will
enable me to pack my
trunks & baggage. As I
can not send any more
until some provision is made
in that

Yours truly

R.R. Park

Bangor Sept 26/61
Gen Woodson
Dear Sir these two young
men Mr Edgely & Pratt
Shot ten consecutive shots
each at an average distance
of 37 1/2 inches from the center
of the balls eye to the center
of the ball. I shall
try all in my power to
obtain some of the neighbors
they are the right kind in
every respect.

I am Respectfully
Your Most Obedient Servant
R. R. Park

Portland Sept 30. 1861

Wm John S. Woodson
Adj General

Dear Sir

I am sending
various recruiting officers
through the different routes
in this section of the state
and should be glad to
receive some papers.

Some doubts are expressed
whether the state bounty of
\$22. is to be paid to those
enlisting in this company
Will you please inform me
on this point and oblige.

Yrs Resp
James S. DeFurter

Springfield Oct 30 1861

Gov Washburn dear Sir
in the Company from this town under command
of Capt. H. L. Army there is several men who
are some of the best hunters (and Rifle shots
in the State) I am personally acquainted
with you have tested them to entire satisfaction
I have taken great pains to look them up
and find that they are enlisted with the
understanding that they could go in to the
Company of Sharpshooters if qualified.
The Lieut. Mr. Clark who has been most active in
the enlistment of the Springfield Company
has promised me that the men should be
taken out at Augusta for Sharpshooters.
The names are Josiah Gray of Prouty
Simon McLam of Lowell - Thos. M. of
Lowell. M. C. of Benfield and
James H. O'good of Prouty who is properly
enlisted by me.

I am respectfully

Your most obedient servant

R. D. Wood

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Rockland Oct, 1, 1861

Governor Washburn

I have got five more recruits
for the sharpshooters and
will send part of them
on Friday Oct. 4 part of
them wish to say till next
week as they have some
business to settle before
leaving I start East
to morrow morning and
will wind up all that
I can do in about ten
days I will send them
as fast as I enlist them

Your obedient servant
J. McClure

Mr. Board Oct. 1. 1861.

Genl. Sanders:

Sir

The reason of this note is one of the objections which I send to my own view - viz. that Monday Oct. 9, who thought him with upon the matter to you

Our most obedient servant

J. M. Blake

Stoughton Oct 21 1861

Dr Sir

Mr Chase the bearer of this letter is an old Rifleman from Bingham - He thinks he can enlist some ten to twenty good men in his section - I saw ^{him} in Bingham but did not feel authorized to make any special bargain with him without first consulting you. My impression is that it would be best to make a bargain with them at so much a head and have ^{them} sent to the place.

I have enlisted two to day and shall enlist the third probably before night - I shall probably enlist this week from ten to twenty men as the cavalry are full and this is the place of all others in this section when the young men come from all parts to enlist.

Yrs. Respy

Gen^l Pierce

Recy Office

Genl John L. Hodsdon
Acty Insp Master Genl

Augusta Me

Skowhegan Oct 24 1861

Dr Sir

Yours of the 23 is before me. I cannot comply with the request to send what men I have as part of them have leave of absence until tomorrow in order to get more recruits and settle their affairs at home. I was not aware that my commission obliges me to furnish experienced riflemen as those are so very scarce in this section and I may ^{say} in this State that a company could not be formed in a year. But I will venture to put what men I have ^{against} any equal number of men in the Corps to make an equal number of shots with the same rifle on the same day. I had orders from Mr. Barker to get good healthy young men and to satisfy myself that they would make good marksmen and that I have done. Altho ^{there are} but two (I think) that shot the requisite string of shots I am satisfied the others would do it under the same circumstances and those circumstances are what every rifleman knows to be requisite to make a good thing. But - A good rifle - Good shooting ground - A good rest and a calm day - These requisites are not attainable at all times and it would cost the Govt a great deal of money to a man for the recruiting officer to wait for all these chances with the men in absence. I shall ^{send} what men I have to day and will come myself tomorrow and will then explain to your satisfaction whatever may seem necessary in my duty.

John L. Goodden Esq
Adj Genl - Augusta - Me

Very Respy Yrs
J. L. Goodden

Bangor Oct 17th 1861

Gen Woods dear sir
I send to day five Sharp
shooters. Shall be over on
Monday next with some ten
or twelve more. I think that
there can be readily enough
who are well qualified for
Sharp Shooters transferred from
those companies now on
the ground to fill up the
company of Sharp Shooters

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

R. R. Pike

P.S. please send by mail
papers for my Squad.

R.R.P.

Cherryfield Oct 19, 1861

Governor Washburn
 Dear sir I shall leave this section
 on Monday 21st for Augusta and
 will bring about fifteen recruits
 for the sharp shooters I have done
 all that I can do without going as far
 east as Calais, what men I have
 recruited more than fills my expectations
 and if the rest of the Company compare
 with them and I have no doubt they
 will, it will, in my opinion, ^{travel} be a better
 Company than ever left New England

I am your obedient servant
 Jacob McClure

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Augusta Oct 23 1861

Gov Washburn dear sir
The names of some persons
interested in the Auxiliary, Georgia
for Sheep Shooters are as follows
viz

Edw. Cook } Capt. Shaw
Solomon Chubb }
George Child }

Eben Jordan } Capt. Maynard
Augustus Daniels }

Respectfully
Yours truly
R. R. Park

At Boston
~~Boston~~ Oct 27, 61

Hon Israel Washburn

Dear Sir

I have obtained
a ~~business~~ that the uniforms
Arca ~~of~~ shall be forwarded
to Augusta probably by Wednes-
day next. I hope to be there
before that and would like
to confer with you in relation
to the other necessary articles

Yrs Resp

James D. Fiske

Camp of Instruction
Washington Nov 22nd 1861

You John S. Hodsdon

Acting Quartermaster General

Dear Sir

We came away
from Augusta without having
drawn from the State our complement
of some very important articles. We
need 15 Towels had 88 Towels

30 Plates Knives & Forks had 90 ea

30 Spoons had 90

~~2 Medals~~

30 Cups had 90
had none

and a rifle. If the State can I
will furnish us with the above,
which we cannot get here, please
direct them to. No Reply

James D. Buford

Capt Co D, 2nd Regiment

Budans W. S. Sharpshooters

Washington D.C.

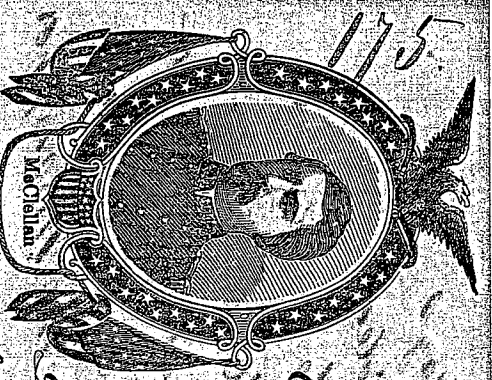
Over

P. S. - It may interest you to know
that our equipments, tents &c are
far ahead of those of any other
company of this brigade

Ys truly. J. W. F. F. F.

10. -
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Col J. F. F. F.
Camp F. F. F.
Nov. 22nd 1861
Washington D. C.



McCallister
Shackleton
Dec 24

Camp of Anshutein

Dec 24 61 (1857)

The weather was
clear this

with the permission of

Major Sherwin to take the

party to the mountains -

Went down every day by

back was full of snow & falling but

from the mountains and came to the

the first of the mountains was

named Alaska's highest peak

Denali that was not known as such

received their names in 1897

to the point that this place was the

place it was called by the

tribe that lived here and it was
not until the 18th century
again it came from the name
that Alaska was called

Shackleton and those from the

on the rocks and the others

was some of the others

they told about the snow

at the rocks and I will

with the snow and the snow

about the feelings of all of

and

Postmaster

has to Alaska

W.A.A.

Alaska

Alaska

Alaska

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Alaska

Alaska

for another two days
I was to be obliged
which I thought to be some
or perhaps better but
was to have them at all
that the news came that
had got to the Madison
light and was it is no more
is to consider that
he could not fight in
to expect that and
conductor for the
as they tell us
from the
not all
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more
and
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to think

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of
men
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to
how
was
that
out
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and
not

any tracks of the Vice-This
is what we consider very
rough treatment, and will
probably produce serious
dissatisfaction in our ranks.

We were informed when we
came here that we were
to be under the command
of Col Brown, a distinguished
officer, and a native of
France, and that this com-
mission included you to and
we here, I believe that (at
Brown is coming here, but
he is to command the First
Regiment, we are in the
second.

I think that the author-
ity of the respective states
is from which we came
ought to do that we are
just right in this matter,
and to pursue if possible
our way to peace and

upon. Of all events I wish
to call your attention to it
before it is too late,

But Jackson's chief idea is
to make himself President General
and I don't if his representa-
tions on the subject of arms have
much weight with the Depart-
ment. But on the other hand
agent of the Government, promises
made through him should
be carried out in good faith.

Yours truly,
Geo. Clokey
James D. Thompson

Washington Dec 21. No 1

Dear General, Boston

Dear Sir

I find that the United States have adopted a rule of paying recruiting officers with ~~the~~ some commissions from the fund when a certain number of men ~~are~~ reported themselves for duty at the general rendezvous. Whether ~~this~~ will apply to volunteer companies raised by the States, I do not know. ~~But~~ at all events I should like the money if it is to be had. Judge Conys pay roll shows that Sicut Reuter received private pay up to Nov 24. and I see no way for him to get his pay except by getting a certificate that he performed the duties of a Lieutenant ~~for~~ a certain time. from you, and obtaining

Yours
J. J. Ferguson
New Brighton
Dec 21

our order for the over department
for his pay. You will undoubtedly
recall that he was in charge
of the pendulum for approximately
an August for about two months.
Would you be willing to give
him such a certificate. If the
rule applies to our company, he
ought not to be included from
receiving the pay due to his work.

Ernie Bishop

James D. DeLeonard

E. S. I hope you have read
my monthly report. I put a
company roll by Lee Wilcox. It
you wish a report forward each
month.

Ernie Bishop

Camp of Instruction
of Regt Sharpshooters

Gen. John S. Hodson

Dear Sir

I send you by mail
to-day our company rolls &c.
They were not rec'd till yesterday
though I have had your letter for
several days. Mail arrangements about
Washington are very defective.

Please ask the Governor if he has
rec'd a letter from me regarding our
arms &c

If I can do anything further
to aid in any way I shall be happy
to do so

Yrs Resps

James A. DeFendu

Washington Dec 18, 1861

Hon John S. Fordson

Dear Sir

I sent you by mail
a Company roll, monthly
report and ~~all the~~ muster in
roll the day after I rec'd
the blanks. I send a company
roll to day by Col Wilder and
will forward monthly report
by mail as soon as I can
have it drawn up. The blanks
mentioned in your letter of
the 16th inst have not been rec'd.
Mails here are not very regular.
I hope this roll will be all
sufficient. I reported no changes
in my ~~monthly~~ report.

Yrs Resp

James D. Ferguson

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Camp of Instruction
Bureau U. S. Sharpshooters
Washington Oct 22^d 1864

Sir
Yours of 18th inst has
been received & in reply to
the enquiry whether the
sharpshooters are to have
a complete outfit I have
to say that they are.

Camp & garrison equipage
uniforms etc will be fur-
-nished here also Sharps
improved breech loading
rifle, in a word every
thing.

With regard to the
men you have engaged
send them on to Washing-
ton with the most com-

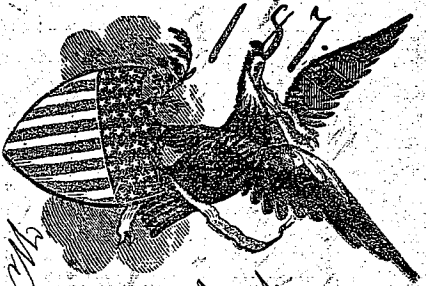
patent office you
have & retain some one
to continue recruiting the
rest of the Company
Very Respectfully

H. B. Woodman
Col. Comd'g
U. S. Sharpshooters

Miller
Aid. de Camp
Gov. State of Maine

I am for your most
cheerful consent
Saml J. M. Adams

P.S. We mean all consent
Masters like as they do
the one that was promised
them and are willing to pay
for them them before rates
there was never there



Committee of Investigation
24 St. Prop. No. 9, 9, 9,
Washington D.C. Dec 25, 1891

Samuel M. Adams
of our list
with the permission of our

Copy, throughout that I never let make
known, for your consent and
consent in this case since
our first request up to the present
time. It is your honor that our money
were related from the last will that
in the state and of a good opinion
with the understanding that they were
the knowledge with the last impression
with a Q. A. or a letter or a letter
and we have received since that
promising the last promise is that
are right too just seem our trust
for our will not be ready for
us for your consent, and in the
which we have say that our must
take what they call the property

Wm. Adams
Washington
D.C. 25,
1891

file which amounts to the
Army as a common right amount
his and men will never receive any
and a sum of the soldiers as
it may I believe that I know
my duty in regard to obeying
superior officers, and any thing that
will detract from the men will get
my support, and they are a step
of their that I know I must give
I suppose Army is over if I want
to look for me or any other man by
to father of any thing like a man
and men are willing to wait for
the the right case of Manpower
and they will not consent to
take a market for an hour for
so long as that is done we are
and a best with the military
and are no better and that there
is more expected of us than
we would expect to be in the
The Army report from other hands

of the Army and in fact I
cannot not say that we would
determine whether we get the
that every man expected to
do his duty but nevertheless we
approve to have some things in
the way of arms to do it with
and men have got the money
we have taken the best care we
of them under the circumstances
and that these had been seen and
able to get the provisions when
I know there was nothing that
could have been done for that
perhaps that was in Col. Bertram
provision we have lost and
man are well to do that you
do not know that we have got
in there is no better provision
provisions that we have provisions
that you will imitate and
right and do that ~~the~~ are not
that of with inferior arms No.

into service at once, in spite
of the objections of Col. Beckwith
who will allow no company
to be other armed or sent out
Action until he has received
orders. He is very anxious
to see the same piece which
would be just as accurate
and as very immediate and
action ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{of}
piece, manufacture those guns
very largely and probably
have the facilities for getting
them up very quickly. I think
that I could ascertain whether
the government would put me
into the field with several
guns, ~~if~~ you would.

Washington Jan 6, 1861

Dear Sir,

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Dear Sir,

I write you

again to day to ask your advice

and assistance in relation to the

future disposition of our Company

of Sharpshooters. It is very un-

desirous to me and to every man

in this camp that this Division

arrangement is a hindrance by

reason of the techniques and

incompleteness of the individual

at the head of it. I have held

on this this time with the

hope that the new department

or the command in chief would

ascertain this fact and place

over this really thousand only.

Of new some affair of experience

who would make of the sharpshooters

what they ought to be, But I find

that the "honors that he" have
no time to investigate such a
small matter. And that our
only hope of seeing any service
will be at the same time obtaining
our identity as Chaparristas. is
in being named by the state and
accepted as the name of
Chaparristas. or connected with
some of our segments with our
position status so distinctly under-
stood. If we could see our
our Executive's expectation with (of
Objects, or into Honorable (Burgade
with One (Bureau. I think that
we might be of great service. &
I understand that both Executive
& Honorable are desiring to have
some of these companies in their
command.

The next thing is the ques-
tion of arms. Government de-
cided ones to furnish us with

the Spencer rifle, an expensive
gun but very distinguished on
some occasions. The machine-
ry for making these guns has
got to be sold and the price
5000 will not be furnished we
are afraid it and the rest
for (1000) may be. Now I re-
solved that if this war is not
immediately decided by that
time the withdrawal of the merged
public will force the executive
action to make peace at
all regards. So that we shall
probably not be armed at all.
Trade manufacturing is making
comparatively enormous and counts
that long enough to make
it for those two segments
but they might separate out
enough for ~~the~~ for companies.
If we could get them I
believe that we could get

authorize me to make the in-
quiry on your account.

Now I hope that, as you
intimated in a former letter,
our state will feel willing to
arm us and put us on a proper
footing. I should like very
much to go on Ponce's expe-
dition with the maine ~~of~~ &
that I think would be the
first choice of most of us, but
if we can only go ~~somewhere~~ &
do something, we are not very
particular who we go with.

I do not believe that we shall
ever see any service under Pindar's
auspices, and I am ashamed
of being a useless tax upon this
overburdened country. It would
be a service to the country to with-
~~draw us from here for it would~~

in my opinion, cause the disinte-
gration of this costly and use-
less knubug.

I have no doubt that our
representatives in Congress would
willingly take any course in rela-
tion to this matter that you may
indicate.

One of our captains who has
just returned from the city tells
me that he is informed that
these two regiments are to be
sent to Fort Mifflin. If that
is so we may bid farewell to the
idea of being sharpshooters. For
we should never be sent down
there in such numbers to act
as anything but infantry.

Yours deeply
James D. Ferguson

Capt. J. D. Ferguson
Washington
D. C.

James B. Brewster

Portland,

Jan. 25.

Arthur Gray Oct 16 2

Dear Sir

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Your letter in relation to attaching no firm but Russian requirements was read to me the day before deep snowing so that I did not have it presented for some days after the new secondary book change of the Department. As you told my father, who presented your letter that he had no copies of the matter could make an application should be presented to Gen McEllen but that it had been decided that we were to be sent off in attached companies, and might if we returned it send out the troops of our respective states. This is all my news but the only question is when.

we shall get off.
But Russian says that Shuck
after some car last year or
dental for no cause that we shall
get them in the course of three
weeks and Leo Williams, told
me that we should probably
be armed before you left.
But I have heard that estimate
to many things why that I am
proud to think that there may
be some mistake about it.
Shuck's factory is worked to
its utmost capacity in manu-
facturing carrying business, &
as not see him he can do
anything in anybody else. He
could get better off, if the
Government would let us have
them. ~~which are~~ They are very
excellent rifles in some respects
but objectionable in others. If this
last report about the Shuck rifle

should prove incorrect, we
should think it best to take the
bait.

I shall be in Augusta next
week and ~~will~~ like to
confer with you personally on the
subject.

Yours very
James S. DeFountain

Camp of Instruction
 2^d Reg. M.G. Sharpshooters
 Washington Feb 23 1842

Governor Washburn

Dear Sir, As our Capt. is quite sick and has gone to the city, he requested me to write you upon the subject of getting our company out of this organization which I think can be done without any difficulty at the present time, if it could be done it would be the making of our company, but as it is now the men are all discouraged as they know perfectly well that just as long as we are in this Reg. we will be nothing but infantry, in fact the Col. told us some time ago that we were nothing but infantry, Genl Hancock wants us in his brigade and has sent Col. Bursum of the Maine Sixth over to see if we were willing to go into his brigade as an independent company, we are all anxious to go and I think a few lines from you to the Secretary of War would settle the matter and if you will assist it would be a great favor I am your humble servant S. J. McClure

Camp Williams March 30, 1862

Dear Sir

I take the opportunity of informing you of the fact that we have lost our capt. he has had an appointment as Genl. Hunter's ^{Staff} and he requested me to say to you that if he should be permanently transferred it was his wish that the vacancy should be filled out of the company, and the appointment of Sergt Hall to a 2^d Lieut. would be satisfactory to the whole company you will probably hear from the capt. in few days. The reason I mention the matter is that the Col. is inclined to have all vacancies filled by outsiders from A. S.

Yours very respectfully J. M. Chase 1st Lieut.
Comd Co. D. 2^d Regt. W. S. S. S.

~~Washington~~

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New York Apr 6. 1862

Hon. Isaac Washburn Jr

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter regarding allotment rolls I would say that my copy of the allotment roll has been lost and the Company has been hitherto paid without regard to the allotment. It is the general wish of the ~~to~~ men who signed the roll that it should be cancelled as they live at a great distance apart, and think that they can send their money home themselves with as much ease and certainty as it could be distributed from Augusta. On the whole I think that the roll had better not be com-

pleted, or at all events that it should not take effect till some period subsequent to the last ~~period~~ payment.

I have been assigned for duty on Genl Komtus staff, and Lieut McBlane is now commanding the company. This assignment creates no vacancy in the commissioned officers of our company, but should any occur I hope that you will exercise your prerogative and fill it, and not allow it to be done by any other authority.

Yours Respy
James D. Ferguson

(Swanville)

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To all Whom it may concern
know ye that John M. Maxwell a private of
Capt (Gentle) Company D, Second Regiment
of U.S Sharpshooters who was enrolled the 2^d day
of November 1861 to serve 3 years, is hereby discharged
at, 19th day of April 1862 at Gen. Hospital Judiciary
square, Washington, D.C. by reason of Debilitas
(light & Compeyion given)

given at General Hospital Judiciary square
Washington D.C. the 13th day of April 1862

Signed

Edw P. Latham

born in Burlington

Asst Surgeon

State of Maine 18 years old

in charge of Hospital

Soon would be able to join his Regt
health quite good

Camp near Bristol Station Va.
 April 13 1862
 Governor Washburn

Now Sir I shall expect a Commissioner
 as Capt. as soon as Capt. Fessenden is
 transferred, as I am situated I have all of
 the responsibility of a capt. and I think it
 nothing more than just that I should
 have the Capt. place as he told me
 that he would not probably return
 to the company a gain the health of
 our company is good, and we expect
 soon to have some service and I assure
 you that you will hear a good report
 from us I am your obedient servant

Jacob McClure

1st Lieut Cavalry Co. D.

2nd Reg. M. I. S. S.

Spring division

Argers Brigade

Samuel Rogers

My Dear Mr. Rogers

Dear Sir

I have recd

a letter sent to my father

regarding the abstract roll

of the Maine Shapshotters.

Our facts about it are just

these. After the roll had

been placed in the hands of

our clerk I was informed that

it had been mislaid, my in-

formation coming, if I mistake

not from the Paymaster General's

office. An complaint with

the governor next of those who

had signed it, I did not

make out a duplicate, nor

Capt. J. D. Fessenden
Fort Royal
June 15/62

did I enter upon the day
 sell the names of those who
 had allotted their pay. They
 of course would sell pay
 and the paymaster was right
 in withholding the money. Should
 he pay over to any master
 I should have to make up
 the deficiency and I noted
 in suppl of your faith I do
 not think that I ought to
 do so. The real is in fact a
 nullity by reason of the omission
 of the names of the masters and
 I think that in justice it ought
 to remain so.

I recall the attachment
of the property, the attachment is
revocable at any time at the

will of the attor. Inequity
 the person to whom the attach-
ment is made are not signified
 by the non completion of the
 bill. and it should be a
 sufficient and satisfactory
 answer to all inquiries on the
 subject. to say that the attor
 have shown the full amount
 of their pay and that consequently
 nothing is due on the attachment

Geo. Wesley
 James S. Stephens
 Capt Geo. W. S. S.

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Camp Portsmouth Va July 14th 1862

Hon Governor Washburn

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to give me a position in one of the Regt now being raised at home with a slight promotion that it may be done without the trouble of a transfer or interference of the middle W. Yorkers. I want to serve my Country but not under the immediate command of W. York White Field & postward Officers. I want to serve with & under men from my own State if you will be kind enough to do. please inform me soon & confer a favor

on your humble servant

Lieut J. C. Barker

Co D. 2nd Regt W. Y. H. Auger Brig
Hinds Division Washington D. C.

To Hon Gov. C. Washburn

Head Quarters U.S. Sharpshooters
Falmouth Va.
July 15th 1872

Your Excellency
Charles B. Bridgham
was been, for many months past, attached
as Hospital Steward, to the Medical Dept.
of this Regt. under my charge.
He is now desirous of obtaining a Lieutenant's
in one of the new Maine Regts. and although
I should greatly regret his loss here, I
most willingly bear testimony to his immense
fitness for the position he desires. I believe
he would be an efficient, and thoroughly competent
military officer.

Very Respectfully
Yours Vt. Servt
Chas. F. Hale
Surj. 2nd Regt Vt. Inf.

To His Excellency
Israel Washburn
Governor of Maine

Camp Near Falmouth Va.

July 15, 1862

Governor Washburn

Dear Sir I have known Chas B. Bridgman since Nov. 1st / 49 at which time he enlisted as a private in our Company, after arriving in camp at Washington D.C. he was promoted to Hospital Steward which position he now fills in this Reg. I can recommend ^{him} as being highly competent to command a Company, should your Honor see fit to commission Mr. Bridgman, I think that you never would have an occasion to regret it

Your obt servant

Serjt. Jacob McClure
Carroll's Maine Sharpshooters

Head Quarters
2nd Regt U.S. Sharpshooters
King's Division Falmouth Va. July 15th 1862

Your Excellency.

Sir—

I am aware that under the late call of the President—additional troops are to be raised by the State of Maine and I would respectfully ask of you a commission as Lieut. in some of the new Regts soon to be organized.

As to competency for such position I would refer you to the accompanying testimonials, and also to the fact of my having been a non-commissioned officer of the Regt since the first of Feb last.

To His Excellency
Israel Washburne Jr
Governor of Maine

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Servt
Chas. B. Brigham
Hospital Surgeon
2^o Regt U.S.S.