Head Quarters 23rd Iowa Regt.
Camp Dan Bureau Nov 29th 1862

Hon. John A. Nelson
1st Asst Postmaster

O. S.

Dear Sir,

I have written to President Lincoln and referred him to you and a few of my other friends, I ask for one Iowa Brigade of 5 regiments and 4 batteries to operate independent of other armies West of the Mississippi in pursuit of and destroying rebels, I want to fight till this rebellion is crushed out. I can make such a brigade do what will make the most daring and dashing of the Rebel leaders stare. They are beating us in activity and dash, I know we can beat them at that game, and I want permission to try it. I am a young man but I have an old experience I have been twice jailed for anything I ever committed.

C. H. E.

P.S. I am not sure if this is correct.
I am alive in taking a body of men (Regiment or Brigade) and making them a homogeneous mass approaching invincibility as near as men can. I can do it by my Company better in command of such a Brigade as I ask for than in my present command. And I ask you candidly and earnestly to help me get it.

W. H. Kinsman
Col. Command
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