

Executive Office, Iowa.

Iowa City, October 21st, 1862.

General.

At last the Iowa Officers taken prisoners at Shiloh are home on parole many weeks after those from other States have been discharged. It does seem hard that these officers and the men under their command who participated in the fight at Belmont and did so much to take the large number of prisoners captured there and who as many thought saved our Army at Shiloh by their stubborn fighting, should have been permitted to remain so long in captivity while others have been exchanged for the very men they captured at Belmont. Many of the prisoners are at Boston Barracks and have been punished severely because they would not do what in their judgment was a violation of their honor. They still remain there still, unless, and in a kind of captivity. Their officers are now home but on parole. Can they not be exchanged and the regiment reorganized. None are captured are in the "Union Brigade" near Corinth. They have no love for or pride in that organization & will not do any good there. I must insist that the Officers & men of the 8th 12th & 14th Iowa be exchanged & placed again on a fair footing. I hope you will consider this letter entitled to an early

consideration and reply.

Major Gen. H. W. Halleck,
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Very Respectfully
Yours etc etc
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Gen of Iowa

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