Air mail entry

Sir:

Camp of the 35th N.Y. Vol. New York Station

Oct 28, 1862.

My dear Sir,

At the risk of being considered presumptuous I beg leave to adduce upon in brief an article which may be of importance to the Government.

The said thirty-seventh regiment of Volunteers, consisting of the State of New York numbering from one to thirty-seventh inclusive were mustered into service for two years from about the first day of May, 1861, and are mustered by have only but about five months more to serve. In the Second Division, there are six of the said thirty-seventh regiments, namely the 31st, 42nd, 23rd, 44th, 50th, 55th. Of the said six regiments there are (aggregating in armament) 4,000 names to each. The said field of armament must be about 200 men. The said regiments should have 2000 names, and there are not 1500 names. To balance the deficit, it is necessary to order the Hospitality, to carry 1500 names to the field at least in the next few months.

If the six regiments named above can be made a criterion to estimate the strength of the balance of
than our month service which ends by any possibility be rendered by them. After 38 Regts.
are discharged now or ever on the 15th of January at least 3/5 of the effective men
would be back in the service leaving an equal number with them before they were at home three
months. 4. The Regimental organizations would number half less and would be full and strong.
If the Regts. are discharged in April, and but five of the men would again enter the service as
opportune, for employment would induce them to remain out of the army.
I do not make the foregoing suggestions
through caprice or a desire to lean the service. I am in for the war in our capacity, or another
and claim only the best interests of my country.
It might also be asked why not discharge
all of those who are now in Hospitals belonging to the 38 Regts. from 1/5 and consolidating the
existing force into a smaller number of Regts. But I would not trouble you further upon the subject until I know
whether I am permitted to do already or not.

Sam. Hill respectfully, your obedient.
W. H. Seward
23rd May 1862.
H. B. Lord.

To.

R. St. Germaine 17182

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For. A. R. C.

Cloverly Wrinkle.

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