Head Quarters
Post of Tallahassee, Fla.
June 2 @ 1865.

Brig. Gen'l. Hoffman
Com'ty. Gen'l. of Prisions
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of 21st May 1865. I have the honor to state that on the 28th April 1865, an officer under flag of truce rode up to the outpost before Jacksonville, delivered a letter and rode off. Brig. Gen'l. Vogt, commanding Dist. of Fla. being absent from the Post, opened the letter and found it contained a simple announcement that about three thousand two hundred (3200) pardoned prisoners were on their way to our lines, and requested that transportation should be sent for about three hundred (300) sick. Shortly after, they commenced to arrive in crowds and continued coming in all the next day. They said the guard had left them about ten miles from our lines. I sent out all available wagons and a railroad train for the sick.
and made the best arrangements in my power for the comfort of the whole.

On the 30th April, Maj. Thompson Prov. Marshal Gen'l. Dept. South arrived at Jacksonville and under orders from Gen'l. Gillmore, took charge of the prisoners. He attended to the making of rolls, conveying the men north. Some men belonging to the 19th Const. Vol., 107th Ohio Vol., 108th Ohio Vol. were permitted to remain with their Regts. then stationed in the Dist. of Fla. All the sick able to bear transportation have since been removed.

I respectfully refer you to Maj. Thompson Provost Marshal General Dept. South for more detailed information as to the particulars of their being paroled, and to Surg. Applegate, Chief Med. Officer Dist. of Fla. for the names of any who may have been detained at Jacksonville from sickness.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.,

R. C. Silsman

Colonel 3d U. S. C. I.

Brevetd. Brig. General U. S. V.