

Head-Quarters of the Army,

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Colonel John C. Kelton.
Asst Adjt Genl
And Chief of Staff -
Sir.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General in chief, that there are now at a equia creek seven Companies of my Regiment, the 1st Mass Cavalry, three Companies of the Regiment, being on board the sailing transport "Platan" where they have been since their departure from Hilton Head S. C. (about eleven days,) and where the horses have been unable to lie down - and the remainder ashore. During the month previous to the sailing of the above detachment, I do not think that the Regiment received one week's forage, and in consequence many horses died, while the remainder were left in an

exceedingly feeble and poor condition. It has been impossible to improve them during the voyage on the contrary, their condition is ^{now} much worse many of them being chafed very badly by the rolling of the transport. Since the Regiment came into service I have been unable to complete its armament. Until within the last ten days I had only received two hundred and forty Carbines, ^{and} no pistol holsters, or sabre knots. With the reception of the two hundred and forty Carbines, I have been able to issue now to any of the companies except those which have been landed at Aquia creek. My men and officers are well disciplined and instructed. If consistent with the interests of the service, I would most respectfully ask that some other Regiment may be ordered to the front, instead of mine for a week or two, until I can recruit my horses and equip my men.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Robt Williams

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