

Camp Lens Creek W Va.  
April 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

F. P. Pierpont Adj. General  
Wheeling, West Va.

Sir,

I received your orders of March 30<sup>th</sup> instructing me to not recruit my company to more than seventy five (75) men. I have seventy nine (79) men mustered into service (71) of said has been reported to your office. Eight (8) more was mustered in on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April making a total of seventy nine (79) in all. But in obedience to your order I will discard four (4) men, and reduce my number to seventy five (75). I suppose exclusive of myself and Lieutenant.

I will here make mention of a scout I sent out on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, ten (10) men in charge of Pemberton Cook, a reliable brave trusty confidential man of my company, which had the good luck of capturing four (4) bushwhackers, notorious horse thieves by the names of Peter Underwood, John H. Washop, Elijah C. Peters & James Acord. And turned them over to the Prov. Marshall at Camp Piatt. A receipt for said prisoners I herewith enclose two (2). good Infield rifles was captured with said prisoners. The above mentioned prisoners was captured in the marshes of Cole, Raleigh County W. Va. on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, turned over on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

Two (2) of my men was accidentally captured last night by guerrillas on their return from off of a scout which I sent out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. by names, And. J. Allen age 24 years and James Jarrell age 20 years. The squad that captured them was ten (10) men said to be Capt. Swinney's men in charge of one Winton Thompson. I have men now in pursuit which will in all probability relieve and liberate them from the guerillas the result I will comminute you soon as I am advised.

I have the honor to be &c. your obedient servant  
William Turner Capt. Commanding  
W. Va. State Guards