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Cambridge 27 Sept '61

Dear Sir:

I received those bills per Mail last Saturday. As I said in my last that Volunteers were scarce but that I thought that I should be able to enroll a few so I send the names of two: viz:

Halvor Anderson

Peter Olson

Which you will please annex to those already on your list. I shall do all in my power for the Company so that there will be no difficiency on the part of me if we should fail to organize.

These persons wish to come soon as they are out of work so that Quarters may be kept in readiness for them. I shall procure conveyance for them from here. Hoping to hear from you again,

I remain Yours

B.I. Madson

The Pines near Quincy

Sept 29 1861

My Dear Sir

Arrived here last night. Shall be at Madison ready for business Friday Morning at latest if no accidents happen. The Chicago Company is in good hands and will fill up in time.

The Scandinavian Brigade shall not fail. Would it not be well to get out a handbill in Norwegian containing the address of Your Committee or any thing else you May think best to call out "the boys". A little Newspaper and handbill blowing helps in these days. Also say in it that all interested are earnestly invited to obtain recruits & send their names to you. It is my desire and I think good policy for me to appear as Secondary to your Committee until such time as Col Heg is announced as the head Colonel. Let it appear in all you do as tho I acted under orders from you. Heg _____ simply as a Military Man Carraying out your plans. This may prevent any one makeing a clamor or fuss because I am not so lucky as to have been born in old Norga. Also see the Governor and get our regiment numbered 14th. This is important and see to it. I also wrote Heg about it. If you want to send out recruiting officers go to the Adj't Genls offices for passes on the rail Roads. Will you also see that Andrew Torkildson Commission is sent to him at Chicago without fail. If not sent it is with the Adj't Genl.

Enclosed I send you an address which will explain itself. I wrote Mr. Mattson from Chicago about our Brigade and asked his cooperation. Will you also write him.

The Chicago Company the St. Olafs Rifles will be able to fill up in time and will be a fine Company. I shall be on hand earlier than friday next if possible.

Your friend

K.K. Jones.

J.H. Johnson
Madison, Wis.

Pension Agency
Milwaukee September
30th 1861

J.A. Johnson Esqr

Dr Sir

As my office is not furnished with any laws on the subject of Pensions I am unable to give You the information you seek.

This office is only furnished with such forms and regulations as make up vouchers of those who draw a pension. I have seen the law of Congress on the subject published recently in all the Milwaukee & I think Madison papers --- passed by the recent extra session --- By looking over the file of some Madison paper you will doubtless find what you wish.

Respectfully Yours

J.B. Selby Jr.
Agent

Newhall House

Milwaukee, Wis

Milwaukee, Sept. 30th 1861

Friend Johnson

You will perhaps have seen by the newspaper the position I have concluded to take. It is the only consistent course I can pursue, with any prospect of success.

I am going to stake a great deal in this matter, even to my own Life & why should I hesitate to begin right here. I have not yet sent up to the committee my Declination, but shall do so as soon as I get home. The Democratic Convention meets to morrow, and I find that my Brother is spoken of very freely here as the man for the place. Should he get the nomination, he shall have my influence, for the reason that I know no better man could be found for that place, and I hope you will use such honorable efforts to have him notified by the Central Committee if needed, as you think proper. The Regiment is very favorably spoken of every where. I have no doubt of success now, but we must all work. I think also that you must make up your mind to go in. We have but few such men as you amongst us and we claim you.

I am very busy & have not time to write as fully as I would like. I wish you would get out those circulars you mention of when I saw you. Send a lot to La Cross, & such other places as you think proper.

P.S. Horsin of this place is a good man to correspond with.

I will write more when I get home.

Very truly yours

Hans C. Heg

Don't spare any Efforts in blowing the horn now.

Cambridge
Oct. 6th '61

Hon. I.A. Johnson

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 28th is at hand and contents noted.
I am now hard to work for the Company devoting my entire time
to recruiting and prospects are favorable.

I see from the "Emigration" that your brother (Mr. O. Johnson)
has been commissioned as recruiting Officer with the rank of
Captain; and he shall be our Captain; now it is this I wish to
know, if I am working for the Company for a position or not,
since your brother will without doubt be elected Capt. I should
like to know if you together with your brother would use your
combined influence in my behalf for a Leiut. post. If you will
do all you can I will be elected. I think I shall muster about
10 from this vicinity --- a position I shall bring up this
week --- let me know today --- add to the list the names
of

Lars Nelson

&

Ole Norby

In haste yours

B.I. Maelson

P.S. You must mail your letter to-night or it will not reach
me until Saturday and I shall be up before that.

Office of State Prison Commissioner

Waupun, Wisconsin Oct 7th 1861

Dear Johnson

I was unable to make any definite arrangement with the Gov. about the appointment of recruiting agents & Co. He promised however to do what we wanted him to do provided Watson succeeds in his mission to Washington, which is to raise money.

I will try and come by the way of Madison when I return. I have written a letter to the Governor to day. I am well satisfied that, if we can have 10 good men appointed to travel through the state for the purpose of recruiting, with authority to send their men right into Quarters at Madison, we can fill our regiment in a very short time.

I appointed meetings for next week only at Cambridge and Pleasant Spring, for the reason that I could not see how I could get around from Perry, to Cambridge in the appointed time.

I will write you & yours as often as possible.

Yours truly

Hans Heg

Camp Halstan Oct 9 61

Dear Sir

I riceived a letter from H.C. Heg this Fall and hi says that a commission will bie sendt to me in a few days. I have seen our Capt L. Col Chapen, but they will not let me of befor I get my Commission. As Heg and I am in a hurry, I wald likke if you could send this Paper as son as you can. Heg wrote that the State pays only two Dollars & ten Cent per week for boarding. I went to see Raeinertian & Hausan & Raeinertian says that hee will take a few for that price, but Hausan will not board for les than \$2.50, pr week. Please write and let mee know what I am to do about the board.

Heg told mee that hi wold have som Handbills Printed for me. If you have got som, I wold bee glad to have you send mee som as son as you can.

Please write as son as time will admit.

Yours truly

A. Clement

Waupun Rifle Co.

10 Reg Wis Vol

Milwauke

Office of

States Prison Commissioner

Waupun, Wisconsin Oct 11th 1861

Lit. Col. K.K. Jones

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 9th Inst. is this day come to my hand to which I shall most respectfully reply, that I will do my best in recruiting men for Your Regiment as soon as my Commission is here.

Col. Heg come home this Afternoon, and starts for Chicago on the night train, and is expected to be back next Tuesday Evening.

I have just conversed with him about me going out to try to draw up as many good men for Your Regiment as I can & he also thinks that it is best for me to await until the Governor has issued a Commission for me so as to have full authority to recruit a Company. I prefer of course a Capt. Commission. At any rate, I shall start off as soon as my Com. is in my hand.

I am Sir with Submission

Your Obe. Servant

Carl I. Kraby

Red Wing Oct. 12th/61

Dear Brother:

I rec'd your letter last evening. Our Company is not yet full, but it will probably be full before long. I have been at the Fort and have been out recruiting and am now on my way to the Fort again. As soon as I get to the Fort I shall see our Captain about what you speak; he will undoubtedly be glad to go in with you if the Gov. will permit. At any rate I shall come if I can possibly get away.

I rece'd the Draft on \$20.00. After this you will address Fort Snelling, Minn.

L.K. Raker is Liut. of our company.

Write soon.

Hans Johnson

Fort Snelling, Oct. 12th, 1861

Dear Brother:

I rec'd your letter to day. I am happy to see that our folks are all well. I have been very busy for the last 3 weeks and consequently have not written home. I have a good many acquaintances here, among them are Raker, Halsted, Ole Henat, and others unknown to you. There are about 20 Norwegians in this camp. The rest are Swedes. We came here the 2d Inst. I staid here 2 days then went back again recruiting. I arrived here last night. The boys are all happy. Tell John that I have spoken to the Captain about what he wrote me. He does seem to favor the project. The reason I do not know. I have not time to write you now. Please write soon and let me know how you prosper. I write home to morrow.

Yours

H. Johnson

Black Earth, Oct. 14, 1861

Col. Hans C. Heg

Dear Sir:

Your much esteemed letter of Oct. 11 received, enclosing Hand-bills.. Yesterday I took a stroll up through Town Vermont, and posted some, and circulated there. I have the pleasure to day to introduce to you Mr. Andrew Anderson of their village, a brave energetic man; and a tried Soldier from the old country, when he participated in the Danish German war of '48. He says he is bound to enlist, and is profoundly enthusiastic for the War. I would recommand that you write him.

In regard to Meetings to be held, I would advise that you announce one at the Norwegian Meetinghouse in Vermont, 3 miles from this village, and it would be a very good thing to have one at "Smiths Schoolhouse", in Town Blue Mounds, about 12 Miles from here. And indeed, such a proceeding would be nowhere more wanted that is Town Perry, a district replete with green young men, who lack the wide awake spirit required to volunteer for the war. But as to the two latter meetings it is only a suggestion, and you may not have opportunity to attend to them at all.

One question is perplexing the people here-about just now. A few young men enlisted to Capt. Peterson, to join Fremont's forces in Missouri. Immediately they learned of Gov. Randall's proclamation, forbidding Recruiting Officers to enlist men for organisations beyond this State. This was issued the 3d Inst. and the enlisting occurred not till the 10th and 11th. Now they want to know whether they are bound to go to Missouri or not, the Officer

not being authorised to such proceedings. They are to meet the Captain at Monroe on Monday, Oct. 21st. I saw the old father of one Recruit yesterday, who said that his Son was under 18 years, and he should not let him go to Mo. but he would have no objection to send him into the Scandinavian phalanxes. I have promised to obtain some reliable information on the above question, and would be happy to have your opinion of it at an early day. I think it would be preferable to have a meeting on Saturday Night next, and Bills to this effect ought to be issued forthwith, and even if practicable, be provided with a picture or some other Sensation matter. These you may send me out, and I will have them posted up and circulated. I shall, God permitting, be prepared to go with you to the Meeting in Vermont, and I think Mr. Anderson will go further along, if you choose to hold more Meetings. If you get up Bills, you better term the place "Den no^rsske Kirke ved Rust" which is the most familiar phrase to it.

Remembering nothing more of Importance to communicate to day, and expecting soon to hear from you, I Remain

Truly Yours,

K. Eriksen

Fort Tillinghart Oct 20th 1861

Conel H.C. Heg Dear Sir

I lern from a letter from Ole that you have been appointed Conel of a sandinavian Regt. He says in his letter to me that he thinks that if I write to you that you will get me transferred into your Regt and he says to that he thinks that you might get me a comission as a seond Lieutenant. I understand the Drill perfectly well and can Drill a Company prety well. I sopose that you have not yet anny one that understands the Drill. Ole says that he has wrote to your Lieu. Conel about it. He says that he will do all he can for me towards it. Theire are several in this Regt that has been transfered in that way. Their is one young man in our Company a Son of Rev Mr. Barry of Racine that is going into the 4th Regt of Wis Vol. His Father wrote to Govener Randal about it and I think that he will soon leave us. I received a letter from Anton St. Coftad a week ago. He was well but thay have had a fight since that time and I hear that their is a Corporal missing in the third Regt but I have not herd who it was yet. Give my respects to your family. Write soon and let me know wether their is a Chance or not.

Yours J.T. Christy

My adress is J.T. Christy

To F 2d Reg Wis Vol.

It is hard to write here for we have to lay down on the ground and write on a board.

Chicago Ill's

Oct 22 1866

[Willich]

Maj. Gen. A. Willick

Honored Sir:

[5th]

The former members of the 13th Wis Inf have concluded to hold a Re-union of said Regiment in the City of Madison, WIS on the 31st day of December 1866. They would be much pleased, and would consider themselves highly honored, if you could find it possible to attend. It is unnecessary for me to reiterate the well known fact, that the members of the 13th Wis revered and honored you as it never did any other commander, and, in fact, as much as it is possible for any body of men to esteem, and confidence, their commander.

If you can attend the Re-union of said Regiment, you will confer a delightful pleasure upon those who had the fortune to serve under so brave and skillful commander, as was the one that lead them up the rugged hights of Missionary Ridge; who provide so well, and cared so kindly, for them on the arduous campaign of East Tennessee; under whom they had honor of being the first to scale the stormy cliffs of Buzzard Roost; and they were much pained, when they and the country were, for a time, deprived of so brave and so able a commander, because of the wounds you received at the hands of the enemies of human liberty at Resacca, Ga.

[Resacca]

Hoping soon to be assured of your ability and willingness to attend,

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant