

Union Battalion.

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Col. Hall Com<sup>d</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Artillery:

Col.

I have the honor to state that by yesterday's mail I was informed of the very low condition of my father, he being in the last stage of Consumption. Under these circumstances I am unable to content myself without some effort to behold his living face once more, or at least to show becoming respect to his name in case of death, a result that I feel sure can not be long deferred. Is it your opinion that an application for leave just long enough to visit Southington, Conn. for the purpose stated above, would be approved by Gen. Huntzelsman, provided it bore the signatures of yourself &

Gen. De Ruy? I am aware that  
our situation as officers of a temporary  
organization prevents us from  
appearing with that indorsement  
which in my case, I feel sure, would  
be granted by the Commanding Officers  
of the Regt. (20<sup>th</sup> Conn) to which I  
belong. But the emotions influence-  
ing me in asking your advice may  
possibly actuate Gen. Hrintzelman in  
his decision upon a formal application.

I have the honor to be  
Col. your most obedient servt  
A. W. Spooner, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut  
Com<sup>d</sup> Co B, 7<sup>th</sup> Mass Batta.

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An application  
on a letter sheet  
stating the  
circumstances as  
within will  
be approved  
and forwarded

By Comd of  
Col Hall  
W. Eddy  
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Head Quarters  
Union Battalion  
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Respectfully  
Forwarded

W. Eddy  
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