

Head Quarters 154<sup>th</sup> Regt N. Y. Vol.  
Long River Valley Team.  
January 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

General

I have the honor to request that a leave of absence be granted me for twenty five (25) days for the purpose of returning to Cattaraugus County in the State of New York - the County in which my Regiment was raised - for the following reasons

I am assured by the War Committee of the Citizens of this County that I can procure by personal efforts of my own, a sufficient number of men to recruit my Regiment, which is now reduced below the minimum - Four hundred and ninety two (492) men two hundred & eighty (280) within the Department.

Efforts have heretofore been made to recruit this Regiment, but the men procured by its Officers have been diverted to other organizations, and the Officers themselves retained in the State upon the General Recruiting Service. Large Counties for Volunteers are now being offered by the