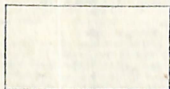


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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

February 20, 1903.

My dear Bigelow:

I hoped to find in your letter, which I received this morning, a statement as to your alternative preference, if you could not get the Fourth. It is not altogether certain that you will get it, as Lockett, Captain of the 4th Cavalry, must be assigned, and the policy has always been to assign officers, where it could be done and where they desire it, to their own regiments.

If you desirous of getting into a white regiment it might be well to let me know which one, as this matter of assignments is not in my hands, but those of Colonel Hall.

Very sincerely yours,

Major John Bigelow,
Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

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