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Gives reasons for his arrest of the men, Deal and Turner.
Headquarters Cavalry Division 16 A.C.
Memphis, Tenn. April 16, 1864

Lt. Col. J. H. Harris
Aid. Adjutant Gen.

Colonel,

I beg leave to report, that I base my suspicions against the two men Neal and Turner, who were sent to you this morning, upon the following facts: — While we were at Raleigh recently and the Confederate forces were within twelve miles of us, these men came through the Confederate lines and into ours, under pretense of recovering a mule. They came into Memphis, afterwards passed out to Somerville at which point they claim to reside and while the Confederate forces were still occupying that place. I think they have been in Memphis once since that time. This morning they were met by an en-
ployes at these Headquarters who recognized them and upon questioning them was
told that they had just arrived in Memphis
having escaped from Col. Heely's forces by
whom they were arrested. They stated that
they had been two days & nights in getting here,
only being able to travel at nights and being
obliged to hide in the day time. Their clothing
looked very neat for men who had been
obliged to travel in this way. They did not
come voluntarily and tell their story but
only told it upon being brought to these
quarters and closely questioned.

A member of the 3rd Illinois Cavalry, Clerk
at these Headquarters, recognizes Turner as a member
of an rebel battery, having seen him repeatedly
at Columbus Miss while a prisoner in the
hands of the rebels at that point about
a year since. I will investigate the
matter farther. But even though I may not
be able to get sufficient evidence to hold
them, yet I considered it my duty under
the circumstances to arrest them.
Very Respectfully
Your ob't Servt,
J. L. Woodward
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