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General

I wrote you yesterday enclosing a copy of Order No 18 'Army of the Potomac', Paragraph 5 speaks of "inspection reports" Enclosed I send you a form used in the 'Army of the Potomac'. You will perceive by that how the different grades of the different regts was arrived at. No regt was inspected by any officer belonging to his own regt. For instance "Military affairs" has 3 grades 'Good', 'Indifferent', 'Bad', and so on. Next which were marked in all of the high grades were those specially mentioned as good. You will perceive by this the manner in which the inspection was made. The form was gotten up especially for that inspection. The officer who inspected our regt was Col. Rip of the 20th Conn. Cal. a Capt in the 14th Regula. Infantry. No favoritism mustered in. I send you this so you can see how the thing was conducted.

To  
 J. S. Hodson  
 Adj. Gen.

Very truly yours  
 Lieut. E. M. Chaney  
 Adj. 10th