

Dear Madam  
Heavy Artillery No 105  
Fort Alexander Va Jan 14 1863  
Gen John L. Hodson  
Adj Gen<sup>l</sup> Mans

Pursuant to your  
request send you the date  
of Major Shephard's Commission  
it takes rank from Dec 31/62  
Genl will you be kind  
enough to say to the Gov. that  
if practicable, I wish he would  
send a first Lieut<sup>l</sup> Commission  
to Stephen C. Tatboter now a  
2<sup>d</sup> Lieut in Co K. I have appointed  
him Adj<sup>t</sup> in place of Shephard.  
I am not certain whether the  
Company is allowed another Lieut<sup>l</sup>  
until it is filled but as he is

Appointed Adjt he ought  
to have the privilege of wearing  
First Lieut Straps and receive  
the pay of first Lieut.

I Am in hopes the Gov will offer a Bounty high  
Enough to induce Men to Enlist  
and file up this Reg immediately  
for I think we are in a good position,  
healthy, healthy, and fair Reputation  
(As Expt Lieut Shaw will  
have the arrangements all  
made for the immediate filling  
up of this Reg.)

There has been quite a lot of Maps  
made since we left, say Fermo  
Mundo &c of Bangor, and if this  
H Tallbot had been a Map of  
the same kind it would have been  
a Blessing on this Reg

Major Hamble is doing well and  
I think will make a good &  
Efficient Officer of Shephard  
the line has spoken in a manner  
unmistakable of the line I will  
not speak now but will some time  
give you an idea of them as  
they are arriving

I would like to know  
what the Gov's Ideas are in  
regard to the new Commission,  
whether he intends to appoint them  
all from the old Reg or whether  
some will be among the Recruits

The Reg is improving in health  
and are now in good condition

I Am Dear Sir Very Respectfully  
Your Most Obedt Servt  
& Chaplin  
Col (By Main activity)



Fort Alexander, Ind.

Jan. 14. 1863.

Chaplin Col. D.

Recommends promotions in  
1<sup>st</sup> Me Rec. Arty

See 9<sup>th</sup> Regt's Report for 1862.

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Col Chaplin 18<sup>th</sup>