

Camp of 16<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols.  
Near Belle Plain Va.  
April 22<sup>d</sup> 1863.

To His Excellency Hon. A. Coburn,  
Governor of Maine,

Dear Sir: - I trust you will  
pardon me if I again take the liberty to ask  
your attention to the matter of the vacancy of  
Second Lieutenant, now existing in the Company of  
which I have Command - I have previously recom-  
mended Sergeant Edwin C. Stevens of Waterville,  
for appointment to fill this vacancy - Sergeant  
Stevens has been returned from the Hospital,  
and is now on duty with his Company. And I  
now take occasion to renew the request, which  
I have before made, that he may receive this appoint-  
ment, of which he, in my opinion, has rendered  
himself fully deserving. Hoping that this request  
may meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be  
Your most obedient Serv't  
Wm A. Stevens  
Capt. Co. E. 16<sup>th</sup> Me. Vols

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Stevens Capt. W. A.

Recommends Sgt Ewin C.  
Stevens. 16<sup>th</sup> Me Vols for promotion