

Capt. Thayer
Co. A. Cavalry
recommending rates
for 1st Lieut.

Martinsburg Va April 11th 1862

Dear Col.

I hardly know whether this letter will find you at Washington, D. C. or Warrenton Junction which I hear is the head quarters of our Reg. but I hope that it will find you restored to your former good health and condition.

Co. A, of which I am now Captain, thanks to you and our Gov. is very pleasantly situated in this country town of about 3 or 4000 inhabitants. We have a very good house for quarters for the men and our horses are very well stabled and I think in a few weeks we shall have our horses in as good condition as when they left Augusta.

My principal object in writing you is to induce you to have our orderly Sgt. put into the place of 1st Lieut. which is still vacant. My reasons for it are perhaps

well known to you. He is a smart
active fellow, very diligent about matters con-
cerning to the Co., is very well liked by the
men and I think would make an excel-
lent officer. Personally I like him very
much and if he would only do as well as
he knows how, ^{he} would make a first-rate of-
ficer. If the appointment has not yet been
made please think of this and do what you
think would be best for the Co.)

Wednesday we had a regular down-
cast snow storm which left about six inches of
snow on the ground but under the warm sun
of yesterday and today it has nearly disappeared
and has left the roads very muddy.

Our principal duty here is picket
duty - we have out six pickets night
and day. As soon as the roads get better
we shall do some scouting. He is
under Major Walker's orders (of the 10th Maine
Reg), he is a very pleasant man and I
like him much.

Yours Truly S. W. Thaxter