

Camp near Harrison's Landing  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Governor Washburn Dear Sir,  
I have served my Country faithfully  
for more than a year, I have been  
in every Battle that the 3<sup>d</sup> Maine  
has been in, and I have been  
disappointed several times in my  
Company, Others have been promoted  
by no matter now what cause,  
now will give me a Lieutenants  
Commission in one of the Regiments  
that you are now raising in Augusta,  
my wife is quite unwell, and I  
should be so pleased to see her and  
my children for a little while, as to  
my ability you may enquire of  
Sicut Colonel Sampson of Bath,  
I fear that you will be angry  
with me, but I can't help it now



this will be the last time that  
I will trouble you to grant me any  
pardon, and by so doing as long as  
I live you will have my sincere  
thanks and the best wishes of  
my friends, I am not tired of  
serving my country nor do I wish  
for a discharge or a furlough,

but I am anxious for the welfare  
of my native State and Country,  
I feel myself competent to hold a  
Lieutenants Commission and by  
giving me one you will forever  
oblige your humble servant,

William H. Higgins  
first Lieut.  
Company C B I Maine Regt

P.S. if it shouldnt be asking too  
much, please let me know soon  
if you can or cant,

Harrisons Landing Va  
July 12. 1862

Higgins W. H.  
Sergt 3<sup>rd</sup> Me Vols

Solicits promotion

Sergeant Higgins,  
30 Regt.

July 12

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Com. in new Regt.

William H. Higgins

Company C, 30th Maine Regt.