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1865-02-16 Captain F.A. Cummings recommends Henry A. Ramsdell for promotion

Frederic A. Cummings

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I take this pleasure in recommending to any appointing power, 1st Lieut. Henry A. Ramsdell Co M 1st Maine Hvy Artillery. For promotion to an unblemished private character. He adds that earnestness of purpose is essential in the composition of an officer. While under my command I have seen in the actions of May 15th while he was highly commended by his returns to duty, May 29, 30th and 31st June 6th at Col. Hunter and Banker's Hill June 16th 17th & 18th in front of Petersburg June 22nd on the Nelson P. road.
and July 24th at Turkey Point
In three actions my Company
lost 70 men killed wounded and
missing. In all three actions
my Company suffered with
steady losses not to be excelled
was promoted from Captain today
for good conduct in the face
of the enemy and which should
entitle them to promotion when
prudence judgment and
personal bravery are the
criteria where by an officer
promotion is gained.

J. A. Cummings
Captain 14th U. S. Cy.
and Late Captain Co. 161st
Moore's Corps.

Whose order have here signed
General S. W. Smith

1848-7-11