

9-30-1863

**1863-09-30 William M. Harthorn of Company E requests a
commission in a Veteran Cavalry unit**

William M. Harthorn

W. d. 2^d Birney's Division
near Culpepper, Va. Sept. 30th /65

Wm. A. M. Coburn,

Kind Sir:-

I called upon you in person on the 25th of last March, and gave you a recommendation from our noble and lamented Berry. You told me at that time I "need not get any other recommendations as that one was as good as fifty." I was lead to believe, by what my friend, Capt Randlett, who endorsed the paper from Maj. Gen. Berry, and others said that I should receive a commission as soon as there was a vacancy. Of late hearing that you are organizing a Regt. of Cavalry I write to ask you if you cannot commission me in this Regt. I prefer cavalry to infantry and intend to serve my second term of three years in that branch of the service.

Since last spring I have been acting Com-
missary Sergeant at these ~~St. 2^d~~. I have now
eight and a half months to serve on my first
enlistment. I am bound "to see the war
out, rebellion quelled, the Union saved and
peace conquered." I think I am entitled
to consideration for a commission, as I have
staked my all for my country, and have
endeavored to do my duty, in whatever ca-
pacity I happened to be placed. I can
get recommendations from Maj Gen. Birney,
Brig. Gen. Ward, all of Gen. Birney's staff together with
officers in my Regt. if you ask or require it.

Hoping you will see fit to grant
my request, and that soon the time
will come when our beloved State will
have to commission no more for the field.
I remain as ever

Your humble subject

W^m M. Hawthorn

to His Excellency

Co. E. 4th Me. Regt.

The Governor of the State of Maine

Va. Sept 30, 1863.

Garthorn W. M. 4th Regt

Wants Commission in Va. Cavalry.

Wm. Hartson

Sept 30, 1863.

Wants Com^{rs} in Vet Coy.

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Please direct to me: - "Wm. Hartson.

Off. 2nd Birney's Division.

Washington, D. C."