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**1862-12-24 Captain Stephen Boothby inquires if William Harris  
has been commissioned**

Stephen Boothby

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Belle Plain Va.

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1862

General.

I have the honor to inquire if William Harris, formerly orderly Sergt. in Co F 1<sup>st</sup> Me. Cavalry, has been commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. in said company, and if so whether his commission has been forwarded, and in what way? I think, that previous to the last Muster for Pay, Col. Allen rec<sup>d</sup> a telegram from Gov. Washburn stating that he had been so commissioned, and that he was to take rank from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept. last: the day on which the vacancy occurred. It is very desirable that he obtain the commission or some evidence of it, on which he can be mustered in as Lieut. before our regt. is paid off, otherwise he will be likely to receive no pay for some months to come. Col Allen recommended him for the place, he is every way deserving and worthy of it, and he should be so commissioned if not already. An early reply will greatly oblige him and.

To John L. Hodsdon  
Adjt. Genl of Maine

Your Obedt Servant  
Stephen Boothley  
Capt Co. F. 1<sup>st</sup> Me. Cavalry