

Belle Plain Va.

Dec. 24th 1862

General.

I have the honor to inquire if William Harris, formerly orderly Sergt. in Co F 1st Me. Cavalry, has been commissioned as 2nd 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^d a telegram from Gov. Washburn stating that he had been so commissioned, and that he was to take rank from the 1st 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
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Your Obedt Servant

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