

Portland Me.

Dec 8th 1863

I enlisted in the service of the U.S. the 31st of April 1861 and on the 10th of October 1861 I was promoted to 1st Lieut. Co. "G" 5th Me Vols. we layed in camp near Alexandria Va until the spring of 1862 when we began a very tedious Campaign under McDowell and then was sent to McDaniel at York town and at the evacuation of that place we were sent up the York river and landed at West Point Va. and on the ~~seventh~~ 7th of May we had a severe engagement I had charge of the skirmish line and was complimented by Brig^d Genl Stoenm. up to the 27th of June we were constantly up from the march or on picket or working ~~in~~ the trenches on the 27 we fought at Gans Mill we lost very severely Col J wounded Lt Col Heath killed and the Regt fell back ~~with~~ about 1/4 of mile except my company. I held my advised position until night and then fell back, and was very highly complimented by Gen Bartlett, for bringing my men in assist order.

Now began the change of base to Harrisons Landing, consequently marching and fighting during the time that the battle was being at Malvern Hill I was sent into the woods ^{with my Co} as skirmishes to protect the flank of the army I remained there until the whole army had passed and arrived at H.L. 3 hours behind the whole army, since then we have fought at Crampson Gap Md, Antietam Md, Fredericksburg 3 times, at Gettsburg and at Williamsport Me

The records of our Regt show 18 Battles and Skirmishes where some part of our Brigade has suffered

I have had the honor of being called upon
by Brigd Genl Wright, Mjr Genl Loomis, Brigd
J Genl Jackson, Brigd Genl Bottell to drill
my company, and it is known to be the best
in the Corps ~~as the~~ for skirmishing

A. L. Harris
Capt. 5th Me

Having thus served in various campaigns
as stated above, the subscriber asks to be pro-
moted to the rank of Major in the Cavalry Reg-
iment now forming in this State - and he
will endeavor to do his duty, as well as his
experience. If his term expires in a few months
in his present Regiment. The accompanying papers
show how he stands with his superior officers, &c.

Respectfully

A. L. Harris,
Capt. in 5th Me.

Portland, Dec. 1863.

To His Honor, the Governor of Maine.