

Head Quarters 5th Regt. Maine Vols.
January 29th 1864

To His Excellency

Samuel Coney

Governor of the State of Maine
Sir;

I have the honor respectfully to most earnestly recommend the promotion of Sergeant Joseph C. Paradis of Co. F. of this command to 2nd Lieut. of Co. F. vice Lieut. C. B. Stevens promoted, and if not consistent with your will, to commission him as such in this command, to a position in some other Regiment or post, in the State of Maine.

He has formerly been strongly recommended by Genl. Seligwick and Wright to a Lieutenantcy in the Regular Army, but owing to existing orders cannot be introduced in as such.

He has been on duty as clerk in the Adj. Genl. Dept. of this Div., and the Genl. Comdg. Div. informs me he would make an excellent Staff Officer.

He is a man of steady habits, of good moral character, and is a person well worthy of consideration.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

W. H. Mearns
Col. Comdg. 5th Me. Vols.

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Recommends Lieut Paradies
5th Me. Vols for promotion

Col. Edwards 5th Regt.
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Ready for. C Paradies for
2nd Lt. Co. F.