

Head Quarters 154<sup>th</sup> Regt. N.Y. Vols  
Lookout Valley, Tenn  
Jany 4, 1864

General

I have the honor to recommend that the following promotions be made in the 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment N.Y. Vols. to wit

1. First Sergeant John F. Wellman Comp B 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment N.Y. Vols to be 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant vice First Lieut Isaac T. Jenkins, died in Richmond Va a Prisoner of War July 27<sup>th</sup> 1863.

I have examined this Sergeant in the Tactics and upon the general duties of an Officer and find him competent for the discharge of the duties of the grade to which he is recommended. His deportment and bearing is gentlemanly and his habits regular and good, comporting with the position to which he is selected.

In accordance with General Orders No 182 War Dept. Adjut. Genls. Office Washington D.C. June 20, 1863, to which I have the honor to refer, no more 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants will be mustered into Regiments having less than the minimum number of men

It therefore becomes necessary in this Regiment to promote enlisted men to the grade of First Lieutenant or leave the vacancies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant vacant. Therefore it is agreed and understood among the officers that for the present and until the Regiment is filled to conform with said order, that Sergeants will be promoted to First Lieutenant. Vacancies however occurring among the Captains will be supplied from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts. heretofore promoted, in preference to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants promoted from Sergeants in this emergency

I deem it necessary to make this explanation that my action in the matter [of] promotions be fully understood

I am, General Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
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