

Head Quarters 154th Regt. NY Vols
Look Out Valley Tenn.
Jany 8, 1864

General

Will you have the kindness to send me the address of Lt. C. S. Tripler of this Regiment and inform me whether he is mustered into the United States service. He is not borne on the Rolls of the Regiment because of an order forbidding the bearing upon the Rolls of any person not mustered into the service. If Lt Tripler has not been mustered into service but received his commission before the 26th of July last, he may yet be mustered. An order from the Adjutant General now may be requisite in his case not being in the service when he was promoted.

The 26th of July is the date when Gen Order No 182, War Dept. Adj Genls office Washington June 20 was rcd at Regimental Hd Qrs. it the reason why I refer to the date above

I suspect that Tripler has been mustered in and is serving upon the staff of some General Officer in another Department. If so and he has distinguished himself and you deem it proper that he be promoted I will acquiesce in such action as you deem necessary or right in his case most cheerfully. An officer should not lose his promotion if desired simply because on detached service. I will call your attention to him when I forward the next batch of Recommendations.

And if Lt. Tripler has not yet been mustered in as 2d Lt. and he desires it I will recommend him to you for a 1st Lieutenancy, for no more 2d Lieutenants can be mustered into my Regiment according to Gen. Ord. 182 above referred to, the Regiment being reduced below the minimum. I will be forwarding recommendations to fill vacancies this month some time or early the next month, as I will soon have about three vacancies if not more.

The reason this matter was not called to your mind before is my own absence. You will perhaps remember that I was wounded at Chancellorsville & picked up on the field by the enemy after the withdrawal of our forces, paroled and sent North. I was not returned to my Regt until November and only reached here the night immediately preceding the movement in front of Chattanooga after which we were ordered to Knoxville to raise Longstreets siege & returned to this place but a short time since. My absence from the Regiment will also account for the tardiness with which the Enclosed Reports & other documents were forwarded. If Lieut Tripler has been ___ by my absence I desire to make the amend now.

Hoping to hear from [you] with regard to the matter I am General Very Respty

Your obt Servt
P H Jones

Brig Genl Jno. T. Sprague
Adjutant Genl