

William O. Mead's Appointment to First Sergeant

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The Commanding Officer of the Regiment of Eighth Cavalry, M.S.M.

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye: That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of William O. Mead, I do hereby appoint him First Sergeant, in Company "A", of the Eighth Regiment of Cavalry, M.S.M., in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the First day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of First Sergeant, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do strictly charge and require all Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as First Sergeant. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me or the future Commanding Officer of the Regiment or other Superior Officers and Non Commissioned Officers set over him according to the rules and discipline of War. This Warrant to continue in force during the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the time being.

Given under my hand at the Head Quarters of the Regiment, at Lebanon, Mo. this Thirteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

By the Commanding Officer JJ Gravely, Colonel, Commanding the Regiment
David Hunter Adjutant of the Regiment

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