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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Editor

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DEAR EDITOR:—One more letter I send you. It is interesting to me, and I think will be to the many friends of the glorious old 78th.—Bob is a good soldier, and a brave man. I knew that many would like to see him in a higher position than he is. He should have had a commission in the 78th.—But his modesty and circumstances would not let his worth be known. He has proved himself *the soldier*.—He is capable, as all know, for he served as Sergeant for two years in Mexico, and as the same at Bull Run. He is a man of good character. A man of *moral* worth, and a greater patriot will not be found in our army. At Brena Vista, Bull Run, Fort Donelson and Shiloh, was he found fighting for the glorious old Banner. Considering all these things, we think Old Muskingum would do this soldier wrong if she does not do what she can for him.—I know he would be liked by the men who would serve under him, and promotion would have no more effect in causing him to be “puffed up” than a change in the moon, and as long as he had a dollar his men would share it. I think all will concur with me in saying that he should have a commission. He has been tried, and like gold has come out *better* than before.

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