

Belle Plain, Marshall Co Ill

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Mayville N.Y.

How Sir & friend

Since your

letter came to hand I have been
to Washington to see about my
claim I found that the Com
would not open the case but
he advised me to appeal to
The Secretary of The Interior
which I have decided to do
Now Sir your letter to me
is just what I want and I
Thank you for it. But will
you attach to it something
like this, Lieut Henry S. Miles
did officers duty while in

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The service and the fore part
of that service was very hard
and said Lieut was at his post
every time, only when he was
off duty by being disabled

If you will do this much for
me I think I will get a pension
I found when in Washington
that Col Hall endorsed on
my resignation that I never
had done any service for
the Government & I have
written for Col Perkins affi-
davit & Casfield's, I have
the affidavit of some 10 of
my men but the Col's official
statement outweighs them
all & I want yours, which I think
will weigh more than Col Hall
dead or a live. Now make
the letter a part of the sworn

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affidavit- for they would
not receive it as evidence
unless it was sworn to, & then
attack it at the bottom

Thanking you again for
your most excellent letter
I am Sir your friend
& Comrade

H. D. Niles

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