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Gov. Washburn

Dr. Sir

I learn

that of the thirty-nine regiments of
volunteer infantry now called into the
service for three years by the President
one regiment is allotted to Maine.

I write to respectfully request that
the company here under my command
who have unanimously voted to serve
three years may be one of those to make
up this regiment. We are undergoing
daily drill and already have made
considerable proficiency in military
tactics. They are anxious for service
and fear nothing so much as being
left behind. I am confident they
will in action do honor to the Free
True State. If you can enroll us

in that regiment, which I suppose
will be the next called for you will
confer on me and my command a great
favor. I have just received an order
from Maj Chas A. Miller to see
if my company is willing to serve
three years, which I have answered
in the affirmative. It may be with
reference to this regiment.

I am sir most respectfully

Yours

Capt Frank S. Besectine

Gov. S Washburn Jr

Capt. Haseltine
Waterville

in that regiment
include the next order for you will
confide in me and my command a great
favor. I have just received an order
from Major Shattuck Miller to see
if my company is willing to receive
three years, which I have answered
in the affirmative. It may be with
reference to this regiment.

I am, Sir, most respectfully

Yours

Capt. Frank E. Benson

Gov. J. Washburn