



Head Quarters,

Fifth Regiment, M. V. M.

Camp Preble, Portland, Me.

June 10 1861.

My dear Genl.

Yours of June 7th was duly rec^d and allow me to reply by saying in the first place that we are getting along well with our discipline & pay rolls. Payments will commence this afternoon. We shall labor to follow your instructions and obey in all things and as we have shown "temper" you will please excuse for our temper has been but an earnest wish to meet the demands of our men. We do need some things - like for example pants. Some of our men have been enlisted for six weeks and their shirts show

themselves in the war - We will hope for the
best, but I can hardly work to hold men by
the force of a naked promise - Many of our
men are yet without shoes - You will ex-
cuse for these facts should go to the Gov.

We should be very glad if we
could have a cannon here with which
to have a morning & evening gun. Also
the American flag should float ~~at~~ over
us. The cannon & flag could both be
had from the Arsenal. A flag-staff
and the powder would cost but a
small sum & they are allurements
with which men are held. Will you
not give us authority to get the gun, also
to get the flag staff & flag? All of the officers

request me to make this prayer.

We now understand clearly that
we are to have 90 guns in each Co. and no
more - Saturday is distributed our guns on that
scale & it does not make any one complain.
In many companies are men who will be thrown
away it is for the interest of the Govt. that are
examination be had as soon as possible - about
seven of the ten companies are full - and the
three remaining ones lack some 90. Now I have
authority - I can soon fill up these companies
but you do not say to me that a post will
be paid for ~~an~~ an accompaniment.

Yours Truly

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