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**1861-11-18 Colonel Berry reports the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Nickerson and the new recruits from Maine**

Hiram Gregory Berry

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Sir  
Col. Richardson Arrived in Camp Yesterday  
about from Maine. The new Company came with  
him. It is a fine body of men & I should judge  
well Officered. For this kindness on your part  
for clothing these men, & for the interest you have  
manifested in the 6<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> please accept my  
warmest thanks - We are in good  
health & are contented in every respect.  
I hope to so continue - In regard to dis-  
-cerning to Col. Richardson - should he leave the  
Reg - I will advise you of it due time -  
any other state I will accept of your kind offer  
of Union Rifles and will make my arrang-  
-ements accordingly - We prefer here one kind  
of arm to such Regiments as One kind of Am-  
-munition is all that is safe to go into battle with -  
I therefore prefer all Union Rifles in lieu of  
Spent Rifles & Spent Enfield -

Yours  
Col. R. informs me that you  
are making arrangements to fit the bayonets to the gun -  
I would therefore suggest - that the Catch that occurs

the spring of & holds on the bayonet. be not only  
braided on but that two screws be put in through  
the Catch & into the band of the Rifle - Those Rifles  
we obtained from Col. Marshall were all right  
The bayonet Catch will secured by two screws. Those  
that the 3<sup>d</sup> Maine receive some iron fast - The  
Catch only braided on. & they are all coming off  
which secures the Bayonet of no use & the  
Soldier is consequently loses confidence in his  
piece - Do not allow the work on their  
rifles to be slightest in the least - The arm  
is a splendid one & in my opinion the best  
in use -

Maria is doing her best in this town  
You are doing success sending men here  
and such men too - better than those from  
any other state - Do not allow you  
allow your health to be impaired by over  
exerting -

My kind regards to Gen Wood  
Respectfully your servant  
Saml Washburn  
for me - Col. W. G. Berry

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