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**1862-09-01 R.L. Rich expresses concern to Governor Washburn
about Lieutenant Bird's conduct**

R. L. Rich

R. S. Rich,
Thonodike

Sept. 1.

Private

Co. H. 4th Regt.

Thonodike Sept 1st 1862
Hon Isaac Washburn Jr
my dear sir, there is quite a
dissatisfaction in Belfort because
that young Lieut. Birel of Co.
H. 4th Maine Regt. that was wounded
at Bull run does not return to
his Regt. they say his conduct
is not good prowling about
nights & keeping bad company. &
the first men in Belfort think
he ought to resign or return to
his duty. I saw him, & his health
appears good as any mans,
some of the most prominent
men of that town wanted me
to write you about him
Yours Obedt servt
Hon Isaac Washburn } R. S. Rich
aunt in }

Ms. A. 4. 10. 1862

Thorndike Ave
Sept 1, 1862.

Rich, Pa.

Concerning Lieut Bird, 4th Me Regt.

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