

R. S. Rich,
Thondike

Sept. 1.

(Private)

Co. H. 4th Regt.

Thondike Sept 1st 1862
Hon Smeal Washburn Jr
my dear sir, there is quite a
dissatisfaction in Belfast because
that young Lieut. Bird 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 Belfast 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 Smeal Washburn } R. S. Rich
August 31

Concerning Lieut Bird, 4th Me Regt.