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1864-08-08 John Knowles, Jr. inquires about his son David A. Knowles who was badly wounded and is very sick in hospital

John Knowles Jr.

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David A. Knowles
Co. Hampden
Aug. 8, 1864

East Hampden August 8th 1864
General Worksden Head Qu
I have the

Honour to address you. They I have a
son that was wounded Badly in the
left arm about three in Below the
Elbow and fractured which he has
had two pieces abstracted from
it since he was in the first Alber
Theany Artillery in their first
Charge New Betty plain he was taken
to a Hospital and there and took
a cold and had a run of Fever
and from there he was taken to
Washington and from there to
All Druggal Hospital Fort
Washington New York Harter Ward
Section B and there he is very
sick and live with the Chronic
Diana and what I want to
tell you in this he was c-
volunteer in that Regt in May 1863 and after that the next fall he was Drafted and there was a notice left at my house to that effect and at that time of the Draft Colonel Reed received a letter from the town which he has not kept as he is not connected to the town where he was born and dead now. I wish for you to see to his care if you have a few spare moments for him and ask him to be faithful to him. Only the town is ready to pay over the sum of $7200 if he is in the town in this next quarter. He was there in Augusta a year until the last spring when he was ordered to his Regt and when there he was promoted 2nd Serg'lt Col. I was in the 4th Ohio Regt 22 infantry as a musician until I was honorably discharged which is something to say for a man of my
Age fifty. Here I should of stayed my indignation out. But I got a num
stroke on me that way. The cause of my coming home I was with
the Regt in all of them Marches & Battles till after the first Battle
Frederickburg. Not in a hospital at one day & dead is me. What soldier
life is Gen. O.H. Bery. Way there
man that gave me my discharge
and he told me when he gave it
to one they also knew how in
your discharge & you have proved
a good soldier every time. I wish it was so that you could
as you are on your way home
to call to Rockland & to my
folks and tell them what a soldier
life is. But as it winter you
cannot go that way without some
more expensive and time that the
Reynolds and all the present opportunities
to them and I wish it was 20
With me as it with you that I could go home with you. But my country called me here and I must stay here until the war is over or by her fiat. If I were to come home, come to my house to see me and stay as long as you have a mind to. When he saw me he gave me both hands and left me in the tent alone.

And Dear sir,

He was brave man and a true soldier. Why I say it—I mean it.

And now Dear sir, as my son is where he is I wish to go where he is and I have not the money to pay out the necessary expenses. I wish for you to be to my kind care.

His name—David A. Knowles

East Hamphal

Nov. 11

your humble servant,

Bricklay employer.

John Knowles, Jr.