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E. Hampden
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East Hampden August 8th / 64
General Medsden Dear Sir

I have the

Honor to advise you that I have a
son that was wounded Badley in the
left arm about three in Below the
Elbow one ^{bone} fractured which he has
had two pieces abstracted from
it since he was in the first Me-
Heavy Artillery in their first -
Charge New Betty plains he was taken
to a Hospital near there and took
a cold and had a run of fever
and from there he was taken to
Washington and from there to
McCoy's Hospital Fort ~~my~~
Whigton New York Harbor Ward
1 section B. and then he is very
sick and now with the Chronic
Diarrhea and what I want to
say to you is this he was a -

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 Drafted men
^{10 of 4000} ~~Reed~~ ~~1150~~ \$1150, or \$1200, Dollars from
the town which he has not Recd
as he is not Credited to the Town
quote of men and Dear Sir,
wish for you to re to his care if
you have a few spare moments
for him as I no him to be faithful
to his Duty the Town is ready to pay
over the sum of \$1200, if he is Enl
to the Town in this next quote
he was there in Augusta as guard
untill this last Spring when he was
ordered to his Regt and when there
he was promoted 2nd Sgt Co. M
I was in the 4th Mass Regt 22
months as a Musician untill I
was honorably Discharged which is
something to say for a man of my

of your fifty fine I should of stayed
my enlistment out But I got a
stroke on me that was the cause
of my coming home I was with
the Regt in all of these marches &
battles till after the first Battle of
Frederickburg not in a hospital
one day & dead I no what soldiering
life is Gen. O. M. Perry was the
Man that gave me my discharge
and he told me when he gave it
to me this Mr Knowley here is
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 & see my
folks and tell them what a soldier
life is But as it winter you
cannot go that way without some
more expense and time But be
sure and call the first opportunity
& see them and I wish it was so

With me as it with you that I could
go home with you but my country
calls me here and I must stay
here untill the war is over or I go home
but if I live to come home come
to my house & see me & stay
as long as you have a mind
to with tier in his eyes 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 see 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
expense I wish for you to
be to my care

My Name - David A. Knowles
East Hampden

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your Humble servant
Truly yours

John Knowles Jr₁₁

Please answer this if you have time