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## 1862-05-17 Governor Washburn requests the discharge of Jackson B. Darling due to deafness

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Answered by frame  
May 24.

Orms May 17. 1862  
Dear General.

My Joseph H. Hallett <sup>of Bangor,</sup> formerly  
My darling I suppose, as she is the  
mother of Jackson V. B. Darling,  
has been to see me to-day, to try &  
procure the release of her son  
J. V. B. D. from the army -  
He enlisted in Co. M. 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry,  
& some time last winter, while at  
Augusta, deserted, on account of deaf-  
ness as she says - He was deaf, appear-  
ed awkward, was sensitive & did not  
make his infirmity known, & in his im-  
plexity & mortification ran away to  
Canada, where he now is -

Will you see Maj. Gardner &  
learn what can be done.

I think the lady gave a correct  
version of the facts, & if there

in any way by that without injury  
to the service, he could be discharged,  
I hope it may be so -  
I have suggested his return & a  
medical examination.

Yours truly,  
W. Marshall

Genl. L. Hodson  
Adj. Genl.

If Darling will call on Maj. Gardner, he  
will cause him to be examined. if not fit  
for duty, will obtain his discharge,  
which can be had in about one week  
after application. -

Gov. Washburn

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May 17/62