

Camp near Berkely's Station July 7th

Gouverneur Washburn,

I thought there would be no great harm to any one, if I should write you a few lines to day, to let you know that by the mercy of God I am yet spared to live unhurt, I am now on a picket post to day, and have been reading the N. E. Herald, which states that you expect to raise some new regiments, If that is the case, after passing through what I have, I feel myself qualified to hold a commission, and should it be necessary, I think now I could get more recommendations from officers in my regt. I was promoted to third corporal for good conduct and had I got what belonged to me I should have had something higher, I would be glad to come home and recruit a company for a new regt. In your letter to me you promised I should be remembered, Therefore I take this opportunity to present myself again to your notice, I hope you may think favourable of me and give me an answer at the earliest moment. With my best wishes to you I remain

Yours Truly,

Jona. Newcomb, Jr.

Co. A, Maine 3rd Regt.

Camp near Berkeley's Station
July 9, 1862.

Mr. Newcomb Jr.

Applies for promotion

John Newcomb Jr.
Co. Regt.
Cm. in Mass.