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Bangor Oct. 5. 1864

Genl. J. Hodgdon

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to send me as soon as practicable a certified statement of the fact that Lieut. George M. Edwards of the 16th Maine Regt is dead or that so appear on the Roster of the Regt and that he was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg Dec. 12. 1862 and that the vacancy caused by his death has been filled and any other fact which will go to corroborate the hypothesis that he was killed at that fight which may be in the possession of your department. My reason for asking

you to trouble yourself about
the matter is that I had a
war risk on young Edwards
life in the Connecticut Mutual
Life Insurance Co. and up
to this time though often
requested they refuse to pay
upon the ground that they
are not satisfied that he
is dead. They intimated to
me a while ago that a
statement from the Adju-
tant Genl's office affirming
that he was regarded as
dead might have some
weight and if you will
take the time from your
official duties to prepare me
some such statement
you will confer a great
favor upon me and one
which I shall be most

happy to reciprocate when
an opportunity offers -

Yours very truly
N. Woods

Noah Woods

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