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Head Quarters  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

Sir

I received a note from you relative to privt William Swift of my Regt now on Western Gun Boat Flotilla.

Said Swift with forty others volunteered to serve on that duty for an indefinite period. I have received note from him he does not find the duties so light as he expected and therefore wishes to be relieved. He never was of any benefit to the regiment and while in the Regt spent most of his time in the Guard house. If he is of any use

Head Quarters 2nd Regt,  
May 10, 1863

Lakeman Col. 3rd Me.

Reclaiting to W Swift on Gun Boat  
Services

Wm W. Swift  
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Very respectfully  
Wm W. Swift  
Lot 286

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