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Head Quarters 3^d Me Regt.
In the Field, near Hagerstown Md.

July 13th 1863.

Dear Sir:—

On account of our constant and hurried movements during the present Campaign, I have been unable to make my report of the part taken by my Regiment, or the loss sustained, but will take the earliest possible moment, after the present emergency, to inform you of our movements and losses during the entire Campaign.

I would add, that I am this day sending forward to the Tennessee Journal a list of our very severe loss in the engagements at Gettysburg, Pa., in order that the friends of those who have fallen, and others who suffered, may know the fate of their gallant sons, and husbands.—

The list forwarded to the Journal is an accurate one, and has been revised to the present date. -

I am proud to state that the Regiment, though very small, sustains its reputation as one of the best fighting regiments in the army. - they were chosen to open the engagement on the left of the line on the 2nd inst, and the heroic daring displayed by them, when confronting ten times their number, is the source of universal admiration by the Commanding General, and throughout the entire Corps, for myself, I cannot say too much in their praise.

I would also state that my Regiment is now reduced almost to the strength of one Company, - having but 10 effective men, 11 pioneers, 6 field music, and 13 line officers. - and having been constantly in the field, should very much like an opportunity to recruit, which indulgence, according to the service we have done,

I think I am fully entitled to, and by your assistance can be brought about.

Very respectfully

Your obt^d serv^t

W. F. Lathen

Col 5th Mevs.

John S. Hodson

Adj^t Gen. State of Maine.