

and Camp 3^d Maine Regt, Dec 14th 1863

Dear Sir,

For my own information, and many others who wish me to write I now make a few inquiries.

There are many in this regt ~~and~~ doubtless are in all the old Regt who are ready to serve their country as long as needed, but having served $2\frac{1}{2}$ years now without bounty, with the meager sum of 12 dollars a month we think that if we enlist we of right ought to have as much as those who have remained at home and in many cases played the Cofferhead - who now enlist. If we can go on the quota that you are now raising, and get your State, and town bounties we are ready to enlist - or in other words we think that we made all the personal sacrifices that the country can demand of us, and that after this we have as good a claim to the money as those that have done nothing. That is we claim a fair deal hereafter. We don't know where we get more than the U S bounty of 402. or not.

If you will inform me whether we can
get the State, and town bounties or not
and if we can if we can have the choice
of regts or have to remain in this one
or if we can select the town for which
we wish to go for, and any other inform-
ation that may be beneficial; you will
confer a favor upon many soldiers.

I knew of no one so likely to cor-
rectly inform us.

Sergeant Drew informed us that he
thought we would get it all.

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