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To John L. Goddard Esq. Adjutant
Gen^r of the State of Maine Dear Sir
your Letter of April^r to Col^r Walker was
sent by him to me requesting me to Comply
with your request, to forward to you the
Photograph of my son Nathaniel A Robbins
I must ask an apology for not forwarding it
sooner that we were Expecting him home before
this to do it himself but as he does not return I
do it at this time he Enlisted in the Wiscasset
Company which I believe was Co G 4th Maine Regt^t
as a private in June 1861 in July 18 he was made
Private Sec^r to Gen^r Howard & was at the first Battle
of Bull Run & soon after was P^r Master serg^t
& served until some time in the winter of 1862
being with the Regt in all of their campaigns when
he was made Lieut^r of Co H & had command
of the Co & at the ^{battle} of Chancellorsville was wounded
in his left hand & had a finger amputated
then at the Battle of Gettysburg he was taken
prisoner & carried to Richmond & incarcerated

in the Libby Prison from this time to the first
of May being 10 months then he was removed from
there to Marion Georgia & from there to Charleston
S. C. where he remains yet as we suppose
he was made Dr Master of the Regt while in Prison
but I do not know the time, I don't know as
it was necessary for me to write as much as I
have but I suppose it will do no harm

Very Respectfully Yours

Willard Robbins