

Head Quarters 5th Maine Co.
April 8th 1863

Brig. Gen^l J. L. Hodsdon
Adj^t Gen State of Maine
D^r Sir.

Yours of
March 28th is in receipt this
day, in relation to Monthly
Returns; Returns have been
forwarded for the Months of
January February and March
which I think is all that
was needed to complete the
file. They would have been
forwarded at the regular time
had we been able to procure
the blanks. I think that
previous to this our Returns
were regularly forwarded and
in future will be forwarded
as promptly as possible

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Great care has always been taken to have the Returns correct in every particular in order that every soldier may receive his just dues.

I trust that I fully appreciate the importance of these returns and assure you that their deficiency was not on account of negligence on our part.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Serv^t

C. S. Covert

Col Commanding 5th Minn