

Ans

Boston July 29th 1864

General, I wish you<sup>d</sup> tell me  
what is to be done with  
Deserters if found now that  
the War is over, Oliver F.  
Brackley Deserted from Co D,  
3<sup>d</sup> Regt<sup>me</sup> Infantry in October  
1862 and is now in this City,  
I dont know exactly where he is  
but can have him found if you  
authorize my doing so, he was a  
mean C<sup>rip</sup> and I want to know  
if he is to go unpunished,  
please answer soon and give  
me the decision of the War  
Department concerning Deserters,

I hate to have Deserlers  
fling it up that they done  
better by Deserting than we  
did who served our time and  
and got an honorable discharge,

I am Gent yours  
most Obedient Servt,

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