

and

Battle Maine.
March 26th. 1864

Brig. Genl. John L. Goodson
Adjutant. General State of Maine.
Sir:

I notice in the papers this morning - a paragraph over yr signature - to the effect that officers who recruited men for the field prior to March 1st. are entitled to certain premiums for that service. I have the honor respectfully to inquire if I am entitled or not entitled to a consideration for services as recruiting officer of the 5th. Maine Regiment prior to that date. During the ~~last~~ last few days in Dec. '63., and a part of Jan'y, I recruited or recruited, eighty men (veterans), all of whom have been assigned to the quota of towns in this state. This was while I was Adjutant of the Regt., having been very recently honorably discharged the service from physical disability owing to a severe wound received in battle last year. Will you honor me with an answer to this inquiry.

I am, Genl.

Very Respectfully

Low Alt. Sent

Geo. W. Bicknell

Late Adjt. 5th. Regt. Me. Vols.

An officer can be paid no more than for wages & allowances as such, however numerous & diversified his services while in commission may be,