

Ans

Head Quarters 2nd Brig-
ade 1st Division 6th Corps
April 8th 1864

Adjt Genl Hadodon,
Dear Sir:

Is there any way that the
few remaining members of
the 5th Maine regt that enlist-
ed in the fall of 1861, & came
into the regt as recruits, to
be discharged with the regt.

No doubt you are well aware
that we were promised that
privilege.

There are only a very
small number of us left, &
if there is a chance ^{to} go home
with those we have fought with
so long it ^{would} be very gratifying
to us. There may be some-
thing to be done, to enable us

to accomplish it. & any information from you will be very gratefully received - as you are better acquainted with the matter than anyone holding an office in Maine, is the reason why I take the liberty to trouble you. It cannot be out of place for our officials in Maine to help the men home especially in cases like ours.

Please accept this from a dutiful Soldier who would be very glad to hear from you concerning this case.

Yours Annals Accts

John M. Swift

P.S. Should you write please direct to these Revd. ^{Quincy} ^{here} ^{as I am an}

John M. Swift

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