## 1863-07-22 Captain R.B. Wiggin writes for an honorable discharge of D.H. Leavitt

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Bangor, July 22d 1863.

Hon Abner Coburn,

Governor of Maine,

Sir I rec'd yours of 20th inst this

morning in regard to the case of D.H. Leavitt formerly a private

of my company. The facts are as follows: Leavitt was

enlisted at Bangor on the 25th of April '61 and mustered

into the Service of the United States on the 28th of June/62 when

on account of sickness contracted while in the swamps of the

Chickahominy. He was sent away from the reg by order

of the surgeon. He had been absent from the rest over

three months without reporting himself either in person or

by letter when Genl Order No 92 current series (1862) War

Dept was promulgated and I was ignorant of his where-

abouts.

That order obliged all commanders of companies

to report all men whom they could not account for, as

deserters and drop their names from the rolls. If

however they should return to the regt. and satisfy the

three senior officers of the rest. that they were absent

from proper and sufficient cause, their names were to be

taken up again on the rolls and they were to be allowed their

pay and emoluments. In obedience to this order I reported

seven men of my company as deserters. Four of these have

since been discharged by surgeon's certificate in the Hospi-

talk where they were, two have returned to duty and

been taken up on the rolls and Leavitt's case is the

only one left not disposed of. As he was sent away

from the regt. by proper authority, and as he had always

performed his duty well up to the time of leaving, I have

no hesitation in saying that in my opinion he never

had any intention of deserting and that he is entitled

to an honorable discharge.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Ob.t Servt.

R.B. Wiggin

late Capt. Co A 2nd Maine Vols.

Deserters

Gov. Coburn.-

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