

Thomaston July 31. '62
Gen. J. L. Hodgeson-

I herewith transmit
four morning returns of recruits
enlisted by me in Thomaston
& Warren.

If you ask why I have not
forwarded them daily, I
must answer by briefly
stating the circumstances
of their enlistment.

I applied last Sat. for enlistment
papers from Col. Sewall - I received
them Saturday, but in season to
go to work only on Monday July
28. - I had authority to raise
a company, & receive a Captain's
commission. Since that time
I have worked incessantly, from
4 o'clock A. M. till 10 P. M., talking
around coaxing, addressing town

meetings &c, half the time
without my meals, and all
the time working to the
extent of my ability - I have
canvassed the towns of Thomaston,
Cushing, Friendship, Warren,
South Thomaston and St. George.
The number actually enlisted
at that time I show you by the
returns. - But I have se-
cured the whole quotas of
those towns for my company
with perhaps half a dozen
individual exceptions. Not
to bore you, I will say
that the work is thoroughly
organized, the bounties are
raised, and the recruits
are coming in. I have the
promise of over sixty in-
dividuals for my company,
and when the rest of their
quotas enlist I shall, as

I have said, have them also.

To do this, you will see that I have had to work hard these three days past, particularly when you consider what an infernal secess hole we live in here.

I hope, General, you will pardon this statement. It is simply in justice to myself that I make it. I do not wish to be considered guilty of negligence.

Very Respectfully
Alexander Hall

Recruiting Off. 19.th Regt. Me. Vols.