

Portland Aug 27th 1862

J L Hodson Esq
Agt Gen

Dear Sir
Rufus Heath who enlisted
in Company G 20th Me
Regt now in Camp near
our City, from Alna is
but sixteen years of age
and his Mother does not
want him to go as she thinks
he is too young to stand
the hardships. The boy is
anxious to go with his brother
who is in the same Company
but says he does not wish
to go against his Mother's
will - I saw Lieut
Monell about it & he said
he would write you

so I hope you will deem
it for the interest of the
government to order his
discharge as Albee
is bound to furnish
another in his stead
who is of sufficient age

Yours Truly

J. S. Carlton

Reply that the U.S.
Mustering officer, is
writter to y if not too
late he will be rejected
at the ~~the~~ final muster

Wm. T. Carter
Boston
May 29, 1862