

So. Mountville Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to you the bearer, Capt. Richard S. Ayer, of Co. A. - 4<sup>th</sup> Reg. of Maine Volunteers -

He has had command of said Co. for nearly a year past - is very popular with his men - & a favorite with the officers with whom he has been associated - & has been highly complimented for his bravery in battle.

He is now at home on a short furlough to recruit his health; & would like the privilege of enlisting a few men to fill up his Co.; & to have the privilege of taking them with him when he returns to his Co. It will be highly gratifying to me, & to Capt. Ayer's friends here, if you can permit him to do so - You can place the most implicit confidence in all that Capt. A. may say to you, & I earnestly hope you will be able to allow him to fill up his Co. with such men as may choose to go with him -

Yours &c

Hon. J. Washburn  
Gov. of Maine  
Augusta.

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