

Lieut. Gen 1st Maine Cavalry near
Culpeper Co. Va. Aug. 7-1862

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your favor of the 31st ultimo and would say in reply
that I both need and desire recruits for this Regt.

After persistent effort I succeeded in obtaining per-
mission to send home two Com'd officers and three non-
Com'd, on recruiting service last week; Capt. Cowan &
a Sergt will open an office at Biddeford; Capt. Putnam
& a Sergt at Houlton ^{and Bangor}. Now if you will appoint an
officer or some person to open an office at Augusta
or near there I have no doubt recruits might be quite
readily obtained;

My monthly return for July - a copy of which will be
forwarded to you in a day or two - shows a total of 913
enlisted men, which deducted from 1126, leaves us
213 men short of our full complement, the 1st Band I suppose
will soon be discharged which will make a farther
decrease of 18 men, although of course their places I
could not expect to fill.

The large number of men absent sick - many of
them fit for duty no doubt - leaves the Regt quite low

in numbers and the recruits are very much needed
and I trust you will see the importance of filling
it up at once, I can safely say that the Maine
troops in the Army of Virginia stands very high;
hoping to hear from you very soon

I am General

Your Obedt Servant

S. H. Allen

Col. Commanding
per Stearns

Adjutant

Gen. John C. Hodsdon }
Augusta
Me.

Gen. Allen

Henry

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