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Head Qs. 2<sup>d</sup> Maine Vols.  
near Yellow House Va.  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Brig. Gen. John A. Rodwin.  
Adj. Gen. State of Maine  
General:

Inclosed I forward an order from the Dept. in regard to the detail of recruiting parties. I beg leave to represent that this regiment - has been very little recruited - that it now numbers on the books only ~~five~~ hundred and fourteen. It has nearly a year ~~yet to serve~~.

I respectfully request that application be made to the Dept. for a detail of one officer from this regiment for recruiting service, or to secure a fair proportion of the drafted men, & if convenient, I should be exceedingly obliged to be notified of the action taken upon this request.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servant -

Ellis Spear  
Maj. Comd. Regt.