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**1862-08-07 Colonel Allen writes General Hodsdon that he needs recruits for the regiment**

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Ltd Gen 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry near  
Culpeper Co. Va. Aug. 7-1862

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo and would say in reply that I both need and desire recruits for this Regt.

After persistent effort I succeeded in obtaining permission to send home two Comd officers and three non-Comd, on recruiting service last week; Capt. Cowan & a Sgt will open an office at Biddeford; Capt. Putnam & a Sgt at Houlton <sup>and Bangor</sup>. 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 1 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 Stevens  
Adjutant

Gen. John C. Hodsdon }  
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