

Head Quarters Ninth Maine Vols.
Morris Island, S. C. Sept 12th 1863.

It is with more than ordinary gratification
that I render this tribute to a Meritorious Soldier Sergeant
Thomas, K. Holt, who for Extreme gallantry has earned a
Noble Name - and the Unanimous respect of his Regiment

Private Holt was attached to the Color Guard
July 9th at the Storming of the lower Batteries on Morris Island
he - Wounded - Caught the Colors from the faltering Sergeant
and with one hand carried them into the Enemies Works, On
the 11th of July at the first Assault upon Wagner Corporal Holt
Carried the Colors bravely through. July 18th Sergeant Holt
Carried the Colors to the ditch of Wagner and in the midst
of a tremendous fire maintained his position almost alone,
until ordered away by the gallant Strong. Faithful, brave,
Steady, daring, he has ever been found; and he cannot be
too highly honored. Sergeant Holt comes to Maine on

Furlough, Receive a brave Man and One who
in all the temptations of the Camps has been without
reproach

J. Emig Sheppard.
1st Lieut & Adjutant
Middle M.E. Vol. Inf.

Fryeburg, Oct. 12. 1863.

Gov. Coburn,
Dear Sir:

Sergeant Holt a native of this
Town, is now at home on a furlough granted for his
distinguished bravery by Gen. Gilmore — He
returns to Charleston this week. —

Holt wishes me to say, that when he left, the
only commissioned officer in his Company
(Co. K, Ninth Regt.) was a 2nd Lt., who he learns has
since been promoted — he desires that the appoint-
ment of 2nd Lt., may be delayed until he can have
time to forward the request of his Colonel & of his
Co., that it may be conferred upon himself. —

Can I add anything to the above recommendation?

Very respectfully,

Geo. B. Barrows.

Adjutant Shepherd

Sept 12, 1863

Recdy. Supt Holt
for Comd of the 1st Regt

5 enclosed

5 Recommendations Supt Holt
for the 1st Regt for promotion

Shepherd. Capt J.E.

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Morris Island J.E.
