Headquarters 1st Brigade, 1st Division 5th Corps, A.P. Sept. 1st, 1863.

Col. J.S. Chamberlain
20th Maine Vol.
bound 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Corps, A.P.

beloved...
I desire to bear testimony to your gallant service while commanding the 20th Maine Vol. of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Corps, at the Battle of Gettysburg on the 2nd and 3rd of July.

You, and your regiment all, may well be proud of the manner in which you discharged your duty on that memorable occasion.

Your regiment occupied the left of the line of battle of your Brigade and it was owing to your successful repulse of the attack made upon your left flank and in
revealed by a much superior force to your own
that our position was held. Your skilful
management of your command, your gallant
charge upon the enemy—the evidence of which
is found in the prisoners and arms taken by
you—entitle you to my special commenda-
tion as commanding the Division and to
the most favorable notice of the Government.
It will give me great pleasure at
all times to speak warmly in your favor
and I trust it may be the pleasure of the
Government to recognize suitably your
brave and gallant

Very truly

Respectfully,

Your friend

James Barnes.

Brig. Gen.

Brig. Gen. 14th Div. 5th Corps.