Before Gettysburg, C.S.
May 18, 1864

To His Excellency
Gov. C. S. Governor

I have the honor to recommend the following officers for promotion.

I do this at the present time to secure to deserving men positions which the casualties of this campaign may otherwise prevent their receiving.

I would recommend
1st. Lieut. Weston A. Keane, 16th. D.
the Captain of co. "A" vice Morell killed in battle.

2nd. Lieut. William K. Pickens of it
the 1st. Lieut. of co. "F" vice Morell promotes.
2 Lieut. Airam Morse Jr. "I" to the 1st Lieut. of Co "I" Wise
Linnett killed in battle.

Our chaplain has not yet reported.

We advanced our lines half a mile last evening with little loss.

I write this as we are lying in line of battle behind our rifle pit which only more than 600 or 700 yards from the enemy's works.

We have been exposed to heavy cannonading all this morning, but the 25th has as yet lost only one man. All gustus Ellis of Co "D" severely wounded in head. We are expecting a warm engagement.
I had a hard time to get relieved from that court hearing out to rejoin my command. The week of active shelling when it was kept out of the field was one of the most unhappy of my life. I am making the best of it here knowing Major Thayer is in actual command of the 20th still. As on my return I was placed temporarily in charge of the brigade near Antietam with.

The artillery fire is very hot now. Shells are bursting over us every second. The brigade is losing men fast.

We are holding us very stiffly. We are not pushing him in front but are moving...
to turn his right so that I
course bring us nearer to
Richmond.

There is no distinct
on your leave

As respecting
your first
account.

J.R. Chamberlain
Ed. Lincoln.

Let communique hence
as requested

Cambridge Sep 5th

J. T. G.

The President

Washington Oct 2nd

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