

J. S. Karulin

Promotion of Mother

3rd Maine

Centre Lowell Jan 25/62

Sir:

It is with real reluctance that I trouble you for I have some idea of the difficulty of your position but the enclosed note must be my excuse. My brother is a member of the graduating class of Batesville College and as he was obliged to work his own way through he has had a pretty hard time and as is usually the case under such circumstances has got somewhat ^{wholly} unbalanced ~~or~~ I know by experience and I think you do it is almost impossible for me to avoid it. He would probably have received a commission and perhaps that of the captain in his company but he would not enlist until he had seen his father.

Wm. L. Garrison
Dear Sir,
I have been thinking of leaving, that
Saturday afternoon and by driving
night and day returned Monday
night or Tuesday morning and joined
the company when they had met
to elect their officers and of course
all the arrangements had been made.
There is only one sentence in the
enclosed note to which I take any
exception and that refers to you
as a politician, but the last years
of his life which he has thrown
away as far as his own affairs are
concerned and could not afford to
lose has made him terribly in-
correct. It seems from his note that
he has no money to pay his bills
and that he himself waits in the future
if he should ever return for I suppose
he cannot live as a lumberman and
people can do what is accustomed to
to break woods life. This there is

almost ruining his father's prospects
as he is intended to devote himself
to the law. Certainly living as
he does and doing nothing from
it is enough to cool the patriotism
of almost anyone but he never has
uttered a word of anything like
complacent excepting in some note
like the enclosed which we all see
excepting myself. I would not write
to you in this way but I know that
my brother is better for a commission
and I know too that a great many
who have the same note at the
battle of Bull Run he fought
till ordered to retreat and then was
rallying the remnants of his com-
pany to return where the rebel com-
mand drove them from the field but
in the hurry of flight he would not
leave a wounded comrade but supported
him from the field but then as

board an ambulance and saved
him. He acquainted himself with
infantry tactics and at battalion
drills frequently took charge of
one or more companies because the
officers did not understand the tac-
tics. He subsequently studied artil-
lery tactics and can now have any
recommendation that you wish for
my office in a regiment. He is now
the flag bearer of the Maine 3rd
and exposed himself without hesitation
in a march for the enemy's sharp-
shooters both days of that terrible
carnage at Fair Oaks.

I have written to you once before
and I called on you at your room
in the hospital last winter and
now I address you again in behalf
of my brother Samuel Hamblen
1st Sergeant Com. Co. Me. 3rd
who is ill and wishing to do his duty
in any situation which you may assign
him, but if you can do nothing
for him I shall use my personal
endeavors to have his situation changed
for the better in any way or another.

Yours Respectfully

D. S. Hamblen

I can not tell what is going
on in Maine as well as you now but I should
very much like to see in the new regiment
forming, I am tired and so far away that
I only hear of a thing after it is done, My
pay will not keep me comfortably and all
this time I don't pay the interest on my
debts. This at times gives me the blues
a little the first time I was ever so af-
flicted. The very meanest Commissioner
says \$105 per month and it seems
when I look round as if every ignorant drunk
scamp but one, Workhouse is a substitute
and must be approached on that side, I have
not eaten any bread except salt bread since
landing at Ft. Monroe and have had but little
else than beef excepting when I feel unwell and
then I sometimes buy a little cheese at the sutlers
at 50 per pound or figs two cents each—
Our Captain is very sick with typhoid fever
and I think will not live more than a day
or two. The rest are pretty well—

Lovell Ma

June 25, 1862

Hamlin J. S.

Recommends Sergt. Same
Hamlin 3rd Me Vols for
promotion.

Enclosure

J. S. Hamlin
in person