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Bangor Maine
Feb. 16th / 1865

I take sincere pleasure in recommending to any appointing power Sergt Henry A Ramsdell Co M. I. Maine Bay Artillery for promotion. For an unblemished private character he adds that earnestness of purpose so essential in the composition of an Officer. While under my command he was in the actions of May 19th where he was slightly wounded but soon returned to duty. May 29th & 30th and 31st June 6th & 7th at Cold Harbor and Barpusville June 16th 17th & 18th in front of Petersburg June 22^d on the Nelson R Road.

and July 29th at Turkey Bend
In these actions my Company
lost 16 men killed wounded and
missing: In all these actions
Sergeant Bamseel behaved with
a steady valor not to be excelled
(was promoted from corporal to Sergeant
for good conduct in the face of
the enemy) and which should
entitle him to promotion where
prudence judgment and
personal bravery are the
criteria where by an officers
promotion is gained.

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