## 1863-05-16 Brigadier General James Barnes writes to Lieutenant Colonel Sargent

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Head Qrs 1st Brigade 1st Div. 5th Corps

A.P. Camp near Potomac Creek

May 16, 1863

Lt. Col. D.F. Sargent

2d Maine Vols

Col.

As you are

about leaving this command with your

regiment in consequence of the expiration

of its term of service I desire to state

to you my regret at parting with you

and the Regiment which has so long

formed a part of this Brigade.

I shall hope however that the

country will not lose the valuable

service you have shown yourself

so capable of rendering and that

you may find some inducement to

return to a post of duty which you

have so ably & so honorably filled.

If any word of mine can be at

any time spoken when it may be

of any advantage to you I request

you to inform me for it will be

a great satisfaction to me to know

that I can in any way be instrumental

in preserving to the country such

service as your own.

With my best regards and a

hope that you may find in your

return home some needed rest

and agreeable relaxation from

the sterner duties to which you

and your regiment have been

so often called.

I remain

Col, Yours Very Truly

James Barnes

Brig. Gen'l [?]

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