

Head-Quarters 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Div.

5<sup>th</sup> Corps, A.P. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863.

Col. J. S. Chamberlain.

20<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols.

Brigade, 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade,

1<sup>st</sup> Div., 5<sup>th</sup> Corps, A.P.

Colonel:-

I desire to bear testimony to your gallant service while commanding The 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols. of The 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 5<sup>th</sup> Corps, at The Battle of Gettysburg, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> July.

You, and your regiment also, 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



reverse by a much superior force to your own  
that our position was held. Your skillful

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  
skill and gallantry.

Very truly

Respectfully,

Your friend

James Barnes.

Brig. Genl.

Comdg. 1st Div. 5th Corps.