

#7 The Lion of Little Round Top



Colonel Joshua Chamberlain leads the 20th Maine regiment at Little Round Top during the battle of Gettysburg.

Little Round Top was successfully defended by a brigade under Colonel Strong Vincent, who was mortally wounded during the fighting and died five days later. The 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment (under the command of Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain), fought its most famous engagement there, culminating in a dramatic downhill bayonet charge. The battle at Little Round Top subsequently became one of the most well-known actions at Gettysburg, and of the entire war.

Chamberlain was a college professor from Maine who volunteered during the American Civil War to join the Union Army. He became a highly respected and decorated Union officer, reaching the rank of brigadier general (and brevet major general).