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## Arthur McKinstry to Mother

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Dunkirk May 27<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Mother,

I safely arrived here and am installed among as fine and gentlemanly a set of fellows as I ever have seen. Several from Forestville, Tom Brown, Frank Kemington and some others mean to join but they are too late for we are already over full and can take no more. I stand on the first rate and the exact position favors me. I have not yet been examined by a surgeon but I believe I can pass. I met Uncle Willard to day and I expect that he will give me a letter of introduction to the

Captain to-morrow and  
take care of my citizens  
clothes. I could not get  
my portrait to-day owing to  
the crowd of similar applicants  
but will try to do so early  
in the morning and send  
it with this in time for  
the mail. We shall not  
go before Wednesday.

I am much pleased with  
my situation. We stop at  
the Eastern Hotel and there  
is no distinction made between  
us and the most wealthy guests.

Your aff. son  
Arthur

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Mrs Austin Chapin  
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